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## STEDMAN CATERS: SOME NEW THOUGHTS ON AN OLD THEME

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More than a passing interest, therefore, is deserved by the short treatise (all too short, indeed) on Stedman with which Mr. David Parsons has favoured us. It happens that we may couple with this two new compositions of Stedman Caters sent recently to a correspondent by Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver. Both these gentlemen, working independently, have arrived, if not at exactly the same result, at least at the same conclusions, namely that new plans for peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques are not only possible but are long overdue.

The ringing of Stedman Caters (to confine ourselves for the present to nine bells) has in the main always followed a rather stereotyped plan. Tittums and Handstroke Home positions have predominated, and the fixing of a bell in 2nds place, found to be of prime importance to the composer, has become a convenience both for ringer and conductor. Quite early on it was recognised that the finest music in the Tittums was the 7689 course end, and that there was little virtue in the Handstroke Home without 7698. Both these pleasing manifestations depended on keeping the 6th in fifths place, or, as is sometimes said, behind the 9th in the Tittums and behind the 8th in the Handstroke Home. But to enjoy the course end music there was an inevitable sacrificing of any attempt at music elsewhere, and the middle of the course was, as it were, blank and devoid of melody.

It was Henry Hubbard who pointed the way to a new musical effect. He showed that by fixing the 6th in seconds place (instead of the customary treble) it was pos-

sible, in the Tittum position, to secure 68 dodging behind in the 7th six of the course and 96 dodging behind in the 13th six of the course. Here, indeed, is a very attractive musical effect, and there can be no doubt that it brightens in great measure the rather dull passages of the middle of the course. But the price has to be paid. The incomparable 7689 is gone, and the nearest we can get to it is 7589, a sequence not unattractive but falling short of the quintessence of bell music provided by the presence of the 6th.

Sir Arthur Heywood, that great authority on Stedman, gave much thought to the music of Stedman Caters, and in 'The Bell News' of July, 1891, he wrote at length on the construction and musical possibilities of peals in the method. He deprecated the use of the treble as seconds-place bell and strongly advocated the Hubbard plan. He recognised quite openly the loss of the 6th at the course end, making use of the next best, the 5th, but clearly considered that the all-round gain was sufficient to justify his plan. Not content with this, however, he suggested the placing of the 5th alternately in 5ths and treble's-place at course ends, so that one might secure, during the moving of the 5th, the termination 975 at the 11th six.

During the last 60 years we have seen many bold experiments in Stedman Caters, and among them there comes readily to mind the splendid 5.009 by Stephen Wood, that gallant gentleman who gave his life on duty in an air raid. Mr. Wood's peal, with its four sets of twin bobs in the main blocks, is a thing of great beauty and a challenge to the conductor; and if it does not solve precisely the problem of the music in the middle of the Tittum course, it provides novel effects in the Handstroke Home courses, where, in addition to the normal 7698 at the course ends, we find 9876 in the 11th course and a 68 in the 12th course.

This brings us back to Mr. Parsons and Mr. Cleaver. The latter, discarding a fixed bell in seconds-place, is clearly occupied with the possibility of musical positions other than Tittums and Handstroke Home. The former, also anxious to get away from tradition, says: 'I should like to see the use of fixed 2nds place bell compositions come to be regarded only as a stepping stone for first peals.' There is much to be said for this view, and much to be said for a new look at Stedman Caters. Perhaps someone may yet produce us a course that gives us 7689, a 96 and a 68 all in one block, if only to show that there is life in the old dog yet.

E. C. S.



## TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALAN ROGERS .. .. . Treble	STEWART F. KIMBIR .. 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. 7
ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 8
JACK S. DEAR .. .. 4	†JOHN D. ROCK .. 9
*BRIAN DOWNES .. 5	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.  
\* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 WELLSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	*JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\* 650th peal and 200th on the bells. First in the method, and rung without previous practice.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER .. .. Treble	STANLEY JENNER .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVLS .. 2	DORIS E. COLGATE .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 8
JOHN R. COOPER .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. Treble	†VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 6
GWILYM F. SALMON .. 2	‡MICHAEL J. STONE .. 7
AUDREY M. SHORT .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT .. 8
*F. A. KEITH PRIME .. 4	§PETER C. WRIGHT .. 9
*HOWARD COLLINGS .. 5	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First on ten bells. § First of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 38½ cwt.

MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS .. 6
*DAVID HAWKINS .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 7
†KEITH R. SCRIMSHAW .. 3	FRANK V. GANT .. 8
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 9
BRIAN DOWNES .. 5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (141). Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.  
\* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

PETER F. BORER .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 7
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. 8
THOMAS E. SONE .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 9
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
First peal of Royal as conductor.

WELLSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 1450 x 16.78.90

L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

*ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD T. JONES .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
*RONALD K. RUSS .. 3	ARTHUR SAYERS .. 8
*DENNIS BROWN .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 9
FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.  
\* First peal on ten bells. 675th tower for a peal by the tenor ringer.  
Arranged to give ringers in the area the chance of ringing a peal at Winchester Cathedral.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In two methods: 1,248 Little Bob, 3,840 Plain Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 6
RALPH ELKINGTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 4004 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. WHITE .. Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 2	GEORGE W. BISHOP .. 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 3	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.  
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
DENIS MADDOCK .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
*JOHN S. DEAN .. 3	*ROBIN J. LEE .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5024 ROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALISON M. MANN .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. 7
IAN R. PANTON .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.  
Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and in the county.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.  
\* First peal.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

*CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 6
BRIAN MILLS .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.  
\* First peal.



# MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	PAUL MARTIN .. .. . 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. . 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 700th peal. First in the method. Rung without previous practice.

## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. . 2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. . 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. . 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

A birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barr and the ringer of the seventh.

## NOTTINGHAM.

### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*HELEN B. NEVIN .. .. Treble	COLIN W. REED .. .. . 5
†MRS. C. W. REED .. .. . 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. . 6
*MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. . 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 7
*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

## PENN. STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. . 2	*CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. 6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. . 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method away from treble.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. R. Gaskell, M.A., Vicar of this parish.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
J. KEITH WARD .. .. . 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. . 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. . 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

## PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

### A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. .. Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. .. . 2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 6
ERNEST WHITING .. .. . 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. 7
HARRY B. FULLER .. .. . 4	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to A. C. W. Roope and S. Calton; also to welcome the Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Wood to Pulham Market.

## NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 78

L.-c. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 24365, 36245, 42563, 26543

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5
*LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. . 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
ALMA M. GREAVES .. .. . 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. . 7
†ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. . 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. HOBBS .. .. Treble	PETER M. GILES .. .. . 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. . 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. .. 3	HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .. 7
TERENCE J. MILSON .. .. . 4	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all.

Rung on the occasion of the ordination of Roger O. Fry, past tower master of Twerton-on-Avon.

## WARWICK, WARWICKSHIRE.

### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

SHIRLEY E. STROUD .. Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. .. 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. . 3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7
*ROGER HARRIS .. .. . 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and the anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

## HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

### A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

KEITH ABBOTT .. .. Treble	GORDON ROTHWELL .. .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. .. . 6
MRS. G. S. MILLS .. .. . 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. .. . 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung to mark the silver jubilee in the ministry of the Rev. G. V. H. Elliott, M.A.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DAVID W. STENSON .. Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. .. 6
†MARK G. WOOD .. .. . 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 4	BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas, A. and M., Patron Saint.

## MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER .. .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH .. .. . 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 2	*IVAN KAY .. .. . 6
KEITH ABBOTT .. .. . 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
ROGER LEIGH .. .. . 4	GORDON ROTHWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

\* First touch of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Rung to mark the silver jubilee of the induction of the Rev. J. Calderley at Moorside, and 25 years as local captain for Mr. Ivan Kay.

## CHURCH CLOCKS

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## RUSPER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*SUSAN RAWLINGS .. .. Treble	†WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 5
ANNE GARNETT .. .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 6
†KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 7
†ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire. † 100th peal together The conductor's 75th peal of Yorkshire Major.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

CECIL RADDON .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	*JOHN RYDER .. .. 6
*ROY FOSTER .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 4	HARRY HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.  
\* First peal in the method.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 2	CECIL H. WOOD .. .. 6
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.  
\* First peal in the method.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St Botolph.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford and St. Clement's, and 1,440 each of Kent and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. Treble	DAVID H. BUXTON .. .. 4
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss Lily Pratt, whose funeral took place that day at Grundisburgh. She had been organist at Burgh Church for over 30 years.

## BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*TREVOR SILL .. .. Treble	ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 4
GARY MASON .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
JUDY A. M. COX .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcome home to Ted Clements, who has returned from Canada.

## HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4
GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. 2	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

## BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*JOHN WOOLLEY .. .. Treble	†KENNETH W. PRICE .. 4
†DAVID OALEGE .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5
ROBERT E. DAY .. .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

\* First peal. † First of Minor, and in three methods.

## LUDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Catherine.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ANDREW HARVEY .. .. Treble	JOCELYN GARDINER .. .. 3
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

## CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London and Wells S., (2) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (3) Norwich S., (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) D. Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE Treble	TOM BIRD .. .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT .. 5
ROGER J. PALMER .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

## STEBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4
ALFRED H. LITTLE .. .. 2	PETER L. WOOD .. .. 5
MARIAN H. MILLS .. .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. WOOD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. P. W. Mills.

## FINDON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
JAMES R. MAPLE .. .. Treble	JEAN HORTON .. .. 4
*J. RICHARD WILSON .. .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* 50th peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to James R. Maple and Joan E. Elliott, both local ringers.

## BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) and (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) and (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	DAVID E. PAPWORTH .. 4
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

## STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the STOULTON CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 107 lb.
ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. Treble	JOHN MOULE .. .. 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
MRS. A. A. JOPP .. .. 3	DEREK PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. L. Jopp and Mrs. John Clements.

## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.
TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First 'inside' in seven methods. 25th peal as conductor.



BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS .. Treble	BRIAN MILLS .. 4
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 2	*ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. 5
*REGINALD W. REX .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

\* First peal of Bob Minor.

Rung as a belated welcome to the Rev. Peter Ince, Rector of Burghclere, after two previous unsuccessful attempts during the year.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

\*Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 4
C. DOUGLAS LININGTON .. 2	ANTHONY LOCKE .. 5
DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 3	CHARLES W. LININGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

First peal on the front six.

Rung on the eve of the twelfth anniversary of the consecration of the church and formation of the parish.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEOFFREY DAVIS .. Treble	*LEONARD BRIGHTON .. 4
MRS. JOAN PARKER .. 2	†GILBERT COWLIN .. 5
*PRIMROSE RIDLEY .. 3	MICHAEL PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Miss Peace Wilkinson, in whose memory a stained-glass window was dedicated in this church.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In 18 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) London and Wells; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) York and Durham; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

IAN R. PANTON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
*†ROGEE L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	*†LESLIE N. MELTON .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

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

Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Terry Earle and Wendy Richards on the occasion of their marriage at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone.

CHARING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Single Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob: each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

PATRICIA A. TURK .. Treble	PETER F. T. SMITH .. 4
ELIZABETH ROGERS .. 2	*PHILIP E. DEVERILL .. 5
*PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

\* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being nine extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and 11 of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*JEAN L. BATTIN .. Treble	J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 4
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.

\* First peal.

Rung for the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Evans as Rector of Dunkerton.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN G. CULL .. Treble	PETER J. COLES .. 4
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2	DONALD C. PRICE .. 5
GERALD PENNEY .. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.

STEBBING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Double Court Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MARIAN H. MILLS .. Treble	FRANK W. J. ROPER .. 4
WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN .. 2	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 5
ALFRED H. LITTLE .. 3	PETER L. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. WOOD.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. THOMAS' DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. 4
PERCY AMOS .. 3	.. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging (September, 1960).

Rung for the Christmas Festival, and within the octave of the Festival of St. Thomas.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings).

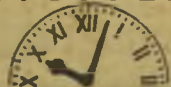
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

MARY SOLOMON .. Treble	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 3
MICHAEL UTTON .. 2	*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
*On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: One each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*S. CLARKE WALTERS .. Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	†CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First in six methods. ‡ First in six Minor methods 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, being two 240's (Morris's arrangement) and two extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 3
†NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	†MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 4

\*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

\* 50th peal together. † First in seven methods.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Netherseale, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. Treble	*COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2	*ROY R. TIFFIN .. 5
*JOHN L. FENNELL .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in 14 methods.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours.*

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4	*BRIAN M. SMITH .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: MARK G. WOOD.

\* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.*

AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4
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\*BRIAN M. SMITH .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.*

AT 29, FOREST DRIVE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. 1—2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3—4
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DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5—6

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., Dec. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT 24, MANOR STREET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5—6
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JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8
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\*BRIAN M. SMITH .. 9—10

Composed by WILFRID F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal on ten bells. 100th peal of Plain Bob as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Shirley Burton, on voyage to New Zealand.

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## HALF PEAL

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, F. S. Parsons 2, Miss J. Peel 3, D. Feek 4, W. Moore 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the Christmas Festival.

## DATE TOUCH

**HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,960 Doubles. In four methods (480 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and 520 Plain Bob): A. E. Mason 1, D. Cubitt 2, G. R. Drew (cond.) 3, P. Adeock 4, G. E. Larier 5.

**ABERDARE, GLAM.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jones 1, David Kerley 2, Desmond Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, Geoff. Kerley 5, George Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Turner (first quarter) 1, G. Hopkinson 2, Desmond Kerley 3, Geoff. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, W. Harford 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Cork 1, C. H. Macve 2, J. C. Perrin 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. F. McGill 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Wills (first of T.B.) 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, J. I. Dear 3, M. Hopkins 4, J. Dear 5, P. Flack 6, R. Castledine 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Wills (first of Major) 1, C. Wills 2, J. Dear 3, M. Hopkins 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. Harwood (cond.) 6, R. Castledine 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8. Rung for the Sunday school carol service. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Hughes 1, P. Salisbury 2, J. I. Dear 3, R. Castledine (cond.) 4, D. Salisbury 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, C. Harwood 7, J. I. Dear 8. Rung for carol service.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Warnes 1, R. D. Flowers 2, B. Brant 3, W. Ilston 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling 6. Rung for the silver anniversary of the conductor's father and mother.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill D. Andrews 1, Janet D. Randles 2, Mary Heath 3, M. C. Cuthbert 4, J. H. W. Harrold (first as cond.) 5, B. S. Holdaway 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Halford 4, W. Baggett 5, L. Busby 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rowe (first on eight) 1, V. Griggs 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, Miss F. Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. Wren, interred this day.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda Harris 1, Kathleen North 2, Sylvia Woods (first 'inside') 3, Diana Harris 4, G. Gibbs 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, E. E. Gosling 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung for Confirmation service, taken by the Bishop of Reading.

**BRECON.**—At St. David's Church, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. T. Johns 1, Miss S. Roderick 2, T. H. Owen 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd-Davies 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

**BROOKLAND, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Dye 1, J. D. Faircloth 2, A. M. Macve 3, D. C. Manger 4, N. J. Martin 5. First non-conducted quarter by all. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

**BROUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Jolles 1, Mary Crossthwaite 2, J. B. Pickup 3, P. Morgan 4, K. M. Durow 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung for the second anniversary of the opening of the Parish Hall and for the Festival of Christmas.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Hilary Martin 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, N. J. Martin 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For morning service.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Salway 1, C. J. Turner 2, Mrs. C. E. Retter 3, J. Carter 4, C. J. Deem 5, C. C. Turner (first of T.B. Major) 6, J. Quick 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8.

**COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, E. Marion Key 2, B. L. Jones 3, L. Evans 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. S. Bayley 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, C. Smith 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Farlow, parents of the treble ringer, also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. S. Bayley, captain of the Coalbrookdale ringers.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COLLATON ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Roberts (first quarter) 1, R. Blackler 2, J. W. Perkins 3, W. J. Harvey 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5. For St. Thomas' Day.

**COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cammack 1, Miss C. Harrison 2, G. Pybus 3, D. Johnson 4, R. D. Gibson 5, 1. Booth 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, P. Scrowston 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, J. Askew 2, K. Newby 3, F. Forshaw 4, H. A. Woods 5, W. T. Turner 6, R. Suart 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. For Confirmation.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Cuthbert's, on Christmas Eve, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6, T. M. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8.

**EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, N. Wilde 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. E. Ivings 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6, H. Ivings cover bell. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Paul.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Sturgess 1, Miss S. Smith 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, J. Stevenson 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8.

**FOBBING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewen (first quarter) 1, A. Reeve 2, Mrs. B. Wiltshire 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, H. Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, A. Jackson (first in method) 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HEREFORD.**—On Dec. 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Munn 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss A. M. Gladwell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, F. Reed 5, T. Wood 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, W. Gittings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Preb. E. H. Beattie, M.C., of Hereford Cathedral, and a vice-president of Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDx.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. W. Goodfellow 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, M. W. Seymour 3, N. D. Robinson 4, A. R. Turley 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, G. Hopkinson 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. C. Price 9, C. F. Ashpool 10. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Price 1, M. W. Seymour 2, G. Hopkinson 3, A. R. Turley 4, N. D. Robinson 5, J. Hill 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, C. F. Ashpool 8. For carol service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Armsour and M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley and B. Mills (conductors) 6.

**KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Brock 1, M. Utton 2, R. C. L. Brown 3, M. J. Parker 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Susan Funnell 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, Veronica M. Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. W. Pipe 6, R. J. Gray 7, A. N. Other 8. Rung for the carol service.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 600 Spiced Plain and Little Bob): I. Campbell (first of Treble Bob) 1, 1. N. Goldthorpe 2, J. R. Perrett 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. P. Ellis 1, E. W. Colley 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, R. Paxton (first 'inside' and of Minor) 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Paxton (first of Minor) 1, R. Paxton 2, C. M. Smith 3, Ann Barr 4, J. B. Webb 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Barr. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles, in five methods (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Paxton 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, A. Ager 4, M. W. Fairey 5, J. Paxton 6. For Matins.

**LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Faith E. Hawes 1, E. Maureen Bishop 2, C. E. Bishop 3, Judith A. Harding (first as cond.) 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, E. A. Bishop 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Petheran 1, Pat Popham 2, J. Creber 3, J. J. Burrough 4, J. Coleman 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Fisher 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for the 100th birthday of Miss C. Turner, of Mark, great-aunt of ringer of treble.

**MERTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (St. Osmund's, St. Remigius', St. Simon's): Rita E. Casson 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. Spreadbury 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, Colliers Wood, S.W., on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Uden 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Enid Town 3, W. Bagworth 4, W. Davies 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. For Morning Service.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, S. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Janet Hancock.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Sims 1, Elizabeth Wills (12, first 'inside') 2, 1. Werrett 3, H. Werrett 4, W. Hitch 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6, Miss J. Sanderson 7.

**OLDSWINFORD, STOUBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Doubles (Old and Grandsire): M. Swadling 1, G. Westwood 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, A. D. Roden 6. For Confirmation service, and a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer and his mother.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, J. Perkins 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, A. J. Collings 4, F. E. Day 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, D. R. Bould 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung prior to The Lord Mayor's Carol Service: instead of electric lights, some two thousand candles were used to illuminate the church, garlanded with holly and seasonal flowers.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. West (first quarter) 1, Freda Hankey 2, D. J. Munday 3, A. T. Shelton 4, W. H. Inwood 5, G. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For the Festival.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, K. Game (first 'inside') 2, Betty Sagers 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Freda Hankey 8. For the Festival.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn White 1, Susan Edwards 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, C. T. Drew 8. For Advent.

**STOUBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire): J. E. Lawley 1, F. V. Nicholls (100th quarter) 2, M. J. Fellows 3, J. C. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. A. Tandy 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival.

**SUNDRIDGE, KENT.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): P. J. Dye 1, N. J. Martin 2, J. D. Faircloth 3, D. A. N. Holland 4, D. C. Manger (cond. of Kent and first of T.B. as cond.) 5, A. M. Macve (cond. of Cambridge) 6.

**TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, J. Vickery 2, K. Cheeseman 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. Rung for Communion service, and also to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Church of St. Margaret.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, Mrs. V. Hales 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For Confirmation service.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. C. Allen (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. D. Carter 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, D. Burnett 6.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 780 of Grandsire): 7, 6, 8 covering: P. R. Young 1, D. J. Barnett 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, T. J. Milson 5, Rev. L. A. B. White 6, Rev. J. H. Harper 7, Rev. P. H. Howell 8. First quarter at first attempt for 6, 7 and 8.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, R. K. C. Wilkings 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8.



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Two years ago Putney could not produce a band of ringers on a Sunday. On Christmas Day the present band rang its 25th quarter in 1960 on the bells. The previous best year for quarters was nine in 1917. Putney ringers would like to hear of any tower that has exceeded 25 quarters in 1960.

The bells of Winchester Cathedral will not be available for open practice on January 11th.

Congratulations to Ann Fellows (aged 15) and Linda Hughes (16), on ringing their first peal of Surprise (Yorkshire), at Shirley, on December 17th. They only started learning Yorkshire less than a month previously.

Congratulations to Mr. T. Brock, of Kessingland, Suffolk, who rang faultlessly in the quarter peal on the newly hung bells of Kessingland on Christmas morning, having not touched a rope for 15 years.

Will ringers who rang 25 peals or more during 1960 please send details, to the Editor, of the respective totals rung on tower bells and handbells, with the numbers conducted in brackets?

Mr. Ivan Kay has completed 25 years as captain of St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham. The celebration peal on Christmas Eve enabled him to ring his first touch of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Bolton ringers have enjoyed the friendship of Mr. John Froome who, during the past three years, has proved to be a good companion in either a peal, practice or Sunday service ringing. The best wishes of the local companies go with him to his new appointment in Berkshire.

March bellringers' hopes of ringing a peal on Christmas Eve were frustrated by the indisposition of one of the band. Had it been rung it would have been the third by the Sunday service ringers, the first being as far back as 1819 and the other in 1957. With help of another ringer a good half peal was rung.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Christine Harbott writes most enthusiastically of Kaye Webb's contribution to B.B.C. 'Women's Hour' of December 21st, concerning her interview with Mr. Paul Taylor and visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. 'It was most interesting,' she writes, 'to hear the voice of "Old Bill," to hear handbells and also to hear Kaye Webb describe the foundry as having a cathedral-like atmosphere! There was also a recording of Loughborough Parish Church bells—superb bells on which good rounds were rung.'

That famous sporting personality, A. N. Other, made his appearance by ringing the tenor to a quarter at King's Norton, Birmingham.

Organised by Miss Jill Lane, Merrow, Surrey, ringers raised over £9 for the A. H. Pulling Memorial Bell at Guildford Cathedral by carol singing and handbell ringing.

The Christmas Eve quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles at Barnes was conspicuous as being a first quarter for three of the band, a first 'inside' for two others and a first as conductor. We hope to hear more about this band.

An attempt was made on December 17th to ring three peals on the bells of the three Oleres in Hampshire. The morning and evening attempts at Burghclere and Highclere were successful but the afternoon attempt on the heavy six at Kingsclere came to grief at the end of the second 720 after 50 minutes of really good ringing.

The postal authorities did not co-operate kindly with our request that notices for the issue of December 30th should be received in 'The Ringing World' office by Saturday, December 24th. We cannot think that secretaries failed to see the notice asking for this early posting, which was printed in black type in issue of December 16th and can only attribute the number that were received too late for insertion as due to congestion at the G.P.O.

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## MR. ROGER FRY'S ORDINATION

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Roger O. Fry was ordained a deacon by the Right Rev. Edward Henderson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, at the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, Yeovil, on Sunday, December 18th. His was the only Advent ordination in the diocese, and in consequence the service took place in the church where he is to serve as curate. This was the first ordination to be held at this church.

One of the most popular ringers in the West Country, Roger was appointed to succeed Mr. J. T. Dyke as secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and he held this appointment until 1958, when he entered Salisbury Theological College for his training for ordination. His period as general secretary of the Bath and Wells was marked by a thorough reorganisation of the Association's rules. Also at this time he was Ringing Master of St. Michael and All Angels, Twerton-on-Avon, where he had taught a young band to ring. With his arrival at Salisbury, the College Change Ringing Society was re-formed and has in the last three years trained some 30 ordinands to ring. When Roger left Salisbury he had been senior student for six months, his training having been interrupted through illness.

The crowded congregation for the ordination service included ringing friends from a wide area, many having braved the early morning fog. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock had travelled from North Mymms the previous evening. Friends and relatives from Bath, Corston and Twerton made the journey, not without incident, during the morning.

The Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. H. Bryant Salmon) preached the sermon on the duties of the priesthood. As is customary the Bishop was celebrant at the Holy Communion at which some 130 people made their communion. Preb. G. W. Battersby, diocesan director of ordinands and bishop's chaplain, read the Epistle and the newly-ordained deacon was the gospel.

St. Michael's, although possessing a fine, sturdy tower, has, as yet, no ring of bells. However, a small daughter church at Chilton Cantelo has an 8 cwt. ring of five.

Ringers and friends everywhere will join me in wishing Roger a long, happy and blessed ministry. J. J. J.

## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"Y"

**YOKE.**—Yoke is the old fashioned name for stock, or even headstock. The heavy piece of wood or metal to which the bell is bolted or otherwise fixed is the yoke. At the ends of the yoke are the fittings on which the bell swings toward and froward. A dictionary definition for this word: 'Yoke—to suspend (a heavy bell) on a yoke.'

**YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.**—Some ringers, including conductors, consider this to be one of the easier methods in which to follow and check the coursing order of the bells. This may, however, not always work out in practice, as the considerations are confined to the bells as they reach the front or the back and the conductor could not always tell what a bell should do after leaving the front or the back. You will see, with the figures of a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise Major in front of you, that the bells do lead and lie, to some limited extent, in their natural coursing order, enough for the conductor to watch and check. A similar condition also applies to this method when extended to Royal and Maximus. But when each of the bells leaves the front or back its work is not the same. Another interesting feature of Yorkshire Surprise is that when a bell is, say, making places in 3-4 it 'lets through' its coursing bell which may be on its way to places in 5-6. Whilst here this latter bell 'lets through' the bell it is coursing, i.e., the bell which has just made places in 3-4.

**CROSSWORDS UNDER 'X' (Page 870)**

**ANSWERS.**—Across: 1 Stock, 6 Lot, 8 Ran, 10 Shifted, 11 Peal, 13 Bats, 15 An, 17 Ie, 18 Odd Thirds. Down: 2 Tactical, 3 Court Bob, 4 False Lead, 5 Conducted, 7 Oh, 9 Ae, 12 And, 14 Air, 16 The.

**CORRECTION.**—Crossword No. 4: Down 7, 'Shyness' not Skyness.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 1



MR. ALFRED B. PECK,

Ancient Society of College Youths.

It is only fitting that the first person in a new series should be someone who has been a personality for over 50 years. In fact, as far back as March, 1911, when the first issue of 'The Ringing World' was published, Alfred B. Peck's photograph was shown then as a leading ringer.

Born at Bedford in 1883, Alfred went to the Hotspur Trust Elementary School, and eventually sat for the entrance exam to Bedford School, but failed. (His friend, Harry James, passed and later went to Cambridge.) He was taught to handle a bell at St. Paul's, Bedford, by Frank Webb, about 1899. However, when he was able to ring the tenor behind, he moved to London in 1900, and was very fortunate to find lodgings near St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

At that time, the band there, under the conductorship of men like H. R. Newton, J. W. Golding and C. T. P. Brice, was making ringing history. After about a year, Alfred plucked up courage, and asked them if there was any chance of joining them. He was told, 'Yes,' and he was the only learner he made very quick progress and his sixth peal was London 'inside.'

Alfred's first peal was Stedman Triples on the tenor in 1902, and since then he has rung well over 300 peals, though he has not kept a record since 1936. Of these he has conducted 10, and though he has had the chance to call many more, he has declined in favour of the many conducting experts with whom he rang. Amongst his many peals as conductor have been Stedman Triples from a working bell, and two peals of London. He also took part in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1911.

However, it is not mere numbers which have appealed to Alfred, but the quality of his peals. Amongst his records have been some exceptionally fine performances, as he has been a remarkably fine heavy-bell ringer.

In 1909, at the age of 26, he rang St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to Stedman Cinques and was the youngest but one in the band. In 1922 he rang the seventh at Appleton to the record peal of Stedman Caters, and in 1923 he rang the tenor to the 12,675 of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark, a performance lasting 9 hours and 47 minutes. But undoubtedly the peal of which Alfred is justly proud is 'turning in' the 62 cwt. tenor at St. Paul's to the only peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells in 1925, the heaviest bell 'turned in' to a peal single-handed. He is also very proud of ringing the tenor at Luton to the first peal of London in Beds, his native county. In addition he has 'turned in' the tenors to Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cornhill, Southwark and Cripplegate, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, to Cambridge Royal, and Westminster Abbey to London and Cambridge. He also rang in the first peal of London Royal (No. 1) at Stepney in 1907. His biggest disappointment was on April 12th, 1912, when after ringing the 11th at St. Paul's for 3 hours 55 minutes, the tenor man collapsed in the last course but one.

By profession he was a pianoforte maker for 30 years, and supervisor of blind tuners for the Royal National Institute for the Blind for 20 years.

He has been an ardent supporter of the College Youths since 1904, and was Master in 1910, and secretary from 1937-57. He is most staunch in his support of the Society, and although normally a friendly man, he will defend any criticism of the Society with the utmost vigour. He has been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Paul's for a great number of years, making the fairly long journey from his home in Reigate every Sunday.

Now in the eve of his long career, he enjoys meeting friends in London. He is very popular, and has a fund of good stories about the older generation of ringers. May his enthusiasm continue for a long while yet.

APACE.

## Golden Wedding Bells At Ambrosden

To mark the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turner, of The Row, Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, a touch of 720 Grandsire, followed by call changes, was rung on the bells of Ambrosden Parish Church, on December 17th. Mr. Turner has been a ringer for the past fifty years and a most regular Sunday service ringer. After the ringing Mr. Gordon Taylor (Ambrosden tower captain) presented Mr. and Mrs. Turner with an electric fire as a mark of appreciation from the ringers.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

'Ringing World,' January 2nd, 1931, recalls: A peal of 14,480 Bob Major at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hours 24 minutes, on January 4th, 1784.

Death of Henry Johnson, on January 7th, 1890, at the age of 80.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques, at Cirencester on January 7th, 1767.

## THE TOWER IN CONTROL

Complaints are often made that ringers do not play an adequate part in the life of the parish. The converse is the case at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath.

Here the St. Michael's, Twerton, Guild of ringers have recently rung a quarter peal in three methods. Included in the band were:—

The Vicar	Sidesman
Two curates	Sunday school teachers
P.C.C. secretary	Chorister
Organist	Crucifer
Server	Youth Club treasurer
	Tower Master.

## University Dinners Next Term

January 7th.	Universities Association.
January 21st.	London.
January 28th.	Bristol.
February 4th.	Oxford.
February 11th.	Durham.
February 18th.	Nottingham.
March 11th.	Cambridge.
Date unknown,	Manchester.



### Box For 'Ringing World'

Instead of demanding 6d. a rope from those ringing peals for 'The Ringing World,' Carbis Bay tower has a box with an indication that at the end of each year the P.C.C. treasurer will forward its contents to 'The Ringing World.' With gratitude we acknowledge the sum of £1 6s. 3d. from this source.

Advocating other towers to adopt the box system, the Rev. A. S. Roberts writes, 'This year we have rung one 10-bell peal and one 6-bell. This would have been 8s. for "The Ringing World." The box system has done better.

'This idea might spread as a way of helping the Central Council, and five hundred boxes might easily bring in seven or eight hundred pounds a year. Even this appears a small proportion of the 5,000 or so towers in the country.

'I am convinced that the Central Council should give a lead in the raising of money for itself as a body so as to keep its paper in a sure position without so many suggestions that those who ring peals (news) should collect small sums. Gifts, bequests and competitions might well bring in large sums. I can see the time when the C.C. should have a central office with a full-time secretary. Such a person could be of tremendous value to visit dioceses and rural deaneries and even parishes.'

### BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

For the first time for some years the peal attempt in the afternoon of the Baldock ringers' dinner was successful. The dinner was held at the Rose and Crown, and was considered to be well up to the standard of previous years.

In his welcome, the chairman, Canon F. G. Brencley, commented upon the probability of a group photograph of today's ringers being confused with a similar one of last century, and turning to more serious topics, hoped that the Guild members would remain loyal during the silence when the tower must be repaired.

Mr. W. C. Hughes, president of the Hertford County Association, proposed 'St. Mary's Guild,' praising the achievements of the ringers and expressing the best wishes of the Association to the Guild.

In his reply, Mr. E. G. Buck thanked Mr. Hughes, and reviewed the past year at Baldock, also asking for every member's loyalty during the silence. In the past year the Guild had rung fourteen quarters, each containing a 'first' of some kind, yet this was not exceptional, for this had been the case with each quarter rung during the last five years.

At very short notice Mr. D. Salisbury proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Mr. H. S. Bonnett being unavoidably absent. Mr. A. R. Agg, honorary general secretary of the Hertford County Association, replied, gracefully hoping that the new strength in the tower would mean new strength in the band.

Instead of the usual ringing and talking there were some games, ably organised by Mr. B. Scoot. J. S.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On Dec. 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gray 1, K. Triplow 2, Mrs. L. James 3, S. James 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, H. Palmer 6. For Evensong, and as an ordination compliment to Rev. C. R. Chad Coussmaker, curate at St. Luke's, Newtown, Southampton.

## ESSEX RINGERS' WEDDING



Two well known members of the Essex County Association—Mr. Terry Earle, of Stisted, and Miss Wendy Richards, of Ilford—were married at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Leytonstone, on December 17th. The Rev. C. G. Day, Rector of All Saints', Stisted, officiated, in the presence of many ringing friends.

The bride was beautifully attired in a white lace gown with a silver tiara and carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies of the

valley and freesia. The honeymoon was spent on the South Coast, after which the bridegroom is returning to Germany, where he is stationed in the R.A.F.

The bridegroom is well known as a peal ringer and was a member of the band who established a six bell record at Stisted. He is also a member of the College Youths. The bride is a member of the band at St. John's, Leytonstone, and was taught by Mr. Wilmington. [Photo: G. Hollis, Ilford.]

### 5,040 SHACKERSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL

By SHIRLEY BURTON

M W H 23456

— — 64352  
— — 56342

Repeat 4 times adding 3 bobs at H in 2nd course of parts 2 and 5.

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, October 17th, 1960, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

### 5,020 SHIFNAL ALLIANCE MAJOR

Arranged by HARRY POYNER

23456 W B M H

64235 — — — 3\*  
43652 — 1 — 3\*  
42635 — — — 2  
46325 — — — 2  
62453 — 1 — 3\*  
34625 — — — 3\*  
23645 — — — 3\*

Twice repeated. Call only four of the nine three-bob sets marked \*.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'CHRISTMAS BELLS' BROADCAST, 1960

Dear Sir.—Vividly remembering the correspondence in eight issues of 'The Ringing World' between January 1st and March 25th last, concerning the Christmas bells' broadcast of 1959, and the somewhat scathing comment some of those letters—mine not the least—contained, I would like to be one of the first to offer congratulations to all concerned in the 1960 broadcast. It was twenty minutes of very enjoyable listening and I do not suppose it could be much improved upon unless we had had two less eights, and one ten and one six substituted, the six for a little shorter duration than the others.

Though the programme was 'canned' this time, I am sure it was better; we must remember that the great majority of listeners to it know nothing whatever about bells and ringing them.

These points on the 1960 broadcast occurred to me:—

**Sheffield.**—Did not 'come over' clearly: it was difficult to follow the bells—in fact, I think, some were 'drowned.' Some of the smaller bells dominated the first eleven. This is not remarking on the ringing, of course: I have no doubt that it was very good.

**Ottery St. Mary.**—Good.

**Ballymena.**—(Call changes.) Well struck, but quicker-called changes would have improved things, especially if we could have had the finishing sequence, 4, 6, 8, broken up—it went on for too long. The fourth was dominant, especially so at handstroke. Dove says tenor E—it sounded more like F to me. What is it?

**Hampton.**—Very good striking: fast ringing.

**Birmingham.**—Striking very good, indeed, perhaps the ringing in the programme. The eighth dominated the first eleven.

**Edinburgh.**—Very good.

**Swansea.**—Rich-toned bells, rung fairly slowly, and regularly, too, until near the end. In fact, the slip which occurred then and its recovery proved that the ringing was hand made and not mechanical!

**Bethlehem.**—We know that these bells are not rung but merely chimed—and jangled. I remember being hauled over the coals by one of your correspondents last Christmas time for my remarks about these bells then. I would like him to know that I have not 'missed the romanticism of it all.' In any case, that is another matter altogether. I still have the same opinion as I had then—that the sound of these bells is a din compared with ringing as we know it in this country. Nevertheless, I would not think of suggesting that we discontinue broadcasting these bells in our future Christmas programme. Oh, no!—but I would suggest that the length of time given to them 'on the air' should be much less than that in the 1960 broadcast—some of that time could have been better given to other bells in the broadcast—or to a six from somewhere, an additional tower.

But to conclude—I am sure that if future broadcasts are on a par with the 1960 one nobody, ringers or others, will have cause to complain as I am sure that at least ringers have had in the past.—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH

Felixstowe, Suffolk.

## 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir.—Mr. C. W. Woolley, in a letter recently published, asks 'The Ringing World' Committee to state what its future policy will be. If he had done it the honour of reading the many reports presented to and approved by the Central Council he would already know. However, for his information and any others who are in any kind of doubt, I will state the position as briefly as possible.

It has been the endeavour of the Committee to make the paper stand on its own feet and pay its own way. That has always been, and still is, its policy. We have repeatedly pointed out that it would be unrealistic to rely upon the indefinite continuance of voluntary donations. Whilst we are deeply grateful to those who have helped to lighten our task, we would stress that we have never made an appeal for such donations—they are the spontaneous gestures of generously-minded people who have appreciated our difficulties, and they have ungrudgingly made their gifts to enable the paper to continue publication.

One need not labour what the difficulties have been, for all readers of this paper will be aware that several national papers have been compelled to cease publication. We have been affected by exactly the same difficulties which confronted them, and it has been necessary to economise and watch every penny or expenditure. Advertising rates have been increased, the price has been raised (twice), and the Committee was reluctantly compelled to accept an offer from the Editor to work at a reduced salary. All these efforts have kept us with a balance on the right side. The present year has been an anxious one for the Committee, for we were not enjoying the full effect of the increase in price made at the beginning of the year. We are hopeful that next year when the full effects will come into operation there will be no reason for undue anxiety, always provided there is no further drop in circulation, or increase in costs.

Mr. Woolley's arithmetic stands in need of a little correction. He states that an increase of 1d. on the price would produce £4 3s. 4d. per week per 1,000. Would it? Is he not aware that publishers and newsagents are not actuated by the same high motives as the Editor and his staff, who work for little or nothing? No, they take a goodly proportion of whatever increase is made in the selling price. Is it necessary for us to repeat once again that the best way to help 'The Ringing World' is to become a postal subscriber? This request has been made over and over again, but we would point out that for every two postal subscribers there are three who get their copies from other sources.

Regarding Mr. Woolley's comments on the style of presentation of peal reports, we should hesitate to make the change he suggests unless it became absolutely necessary. Tradition dies hard, and we well remember the uproar we caused when we proposed to alter the style of the heading on page 1.

Mr. Woolley does not seem to think that the publication of quarter peals is important. We do not agree. These quarter peals are just as important to those who ring them as are peals rung by more competent ringers. And, most important, they generally constitute ringing for Sunday services.

Reports of outings and meetings may not always be written in high journalistic style, but we are grateful to those who send them in—and we think most readers are glad to have news of activities in other parts of the country.

I am happy to report that although the Central Council owns, and is therefore responsible for 'The Ringing World,' the Committee has not yet made any appeal to the

Council for a subsidy, and that is in part due to the kind donations which have been 'Gratefully Acknowledged.'

Finally, I would assure Mr. Woolley that 'The Ringing World' Committee does not lie down on the job, but is always actively at work *thinking* and *rethinking* of ways to keep the paper alive, and how to improve it, with solvency always our objective. — Yours sincerely,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,

Convener,

'The Ringing World' Committee.

## 'BONS MOTS'

Dear Sir.—Several good ideas to improve the circulation of 'The Ringing World' have been put forward in the last few years. I wonder what readers think of an idea which recently occurred to me, viz.: to run a feature similar to 'Homo Sapiens' in the magazine 'Punch'? This would provide an opportunity for (a) contemporary happenings and (b) happenings of bygone days to be reported.

Perhaps an annual prize for the best entry in each of the two sections would stimulate further interest, e.g., a year's free subscription to the 'R.W.' This would probably not be necessary, however.

To start the ball rolling, I am appending two incidents from the 1960 Rambling Ringers' Reunion:

(1) 'I haven't asked you into this peal next Whitsun, Mr. Master, because I wanted to save you the embarrassment of having to refuse.'

(2) 'Ladies and gentlemen, the relatively small number of members who have attended today emphasises a point which has been mentioned before, namely, that we must choose one of the three cities, Derby, Nottingham or Leicester, to ensure fifty members attending.'

Speaks for another five minutes and ends thus: 'Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I propose Lincoln for next year.'—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

NOTE.—Similar 'Bons Mots' from other readers would be welcome.—Ed.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

Dear Sir.—Early in the summer of this year in your columns appeared a small advertisement, announcing that from a certain date the address of Mr. Peter Crook would be c/o his daughter, in Kelowna, B.C., Canada. I was unsuccessful in making contact with this gentleman before he left England, but I wrote to him at Kelowna, and asked if he would mind calling on my father's younger sister who lives in this town, and whom I have not seen since 1913. I was then a small boy, 5 years old.

Mr. Crook duly called on my aunt, as his letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 12th stated; in fact, he called many times, and since then he had called on her sister, my Aunt Alice, who still lives in Moorside, Oldham, and told her quite a lot of news of her sister in Canada.

On behalf of all our family, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I should like to express our very sincere thanks to Mr. Crook for any trouble he went to; we are all extremely grateful to him in bridging this gap of 6,000 miles for us, not least my aunt in Canada, as her recent letters state.

With all good wishes for the New Year to ringers everywhere, and to the Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

T. OGDEN.

Shaw, Oldham.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—It was, I believe, the notorious Dr. Goebbels who during the last war said: 'If you go on telling a lie, or pressing a theory long enough, it eventually becomes the accepted thing!'

After 'The Ringing World' correspondence some months ago, I thought we had heard the last of *this nonsense* from Mr. Cyril A. Wratten about 'methods versus variations,' but evidently, judging from 'The Ringing World' of December 16th, he thinks the same as did Dr. Goebbels re theories. Whatever Mr. Wratten likes to say about plain courses and variations, change-ringing is only one of two things: either it's *call-changes* or it is *method ringing*. No one has ever rung a peal of call-changes, and no one has ever rung a peal in *no method*—that is obvious! Therefore I for one do not accept his arguments.

I have stated before, and it will bear repeating, that we can ignore all this 'baloney' about plain courses as having no bearing on the truth of meaning of what is a variation. Whether you alter the coursing of the bells by a call, or by a slight difference in a plain course—if one is a variation, they *both* are!

If Mr. Wratten is logical he will recognise that many of the newly-named Surprise methods are merely variations of Yorkshire, Cambridge, and so on, and until he does I am not prepared to accept his theory in relation to Doubles.

I still want to know from him and his Central Council bureaucrats what these six-scores of Northrepps, April Day, Old, etc., are when rung to peals by themselves. If they are not methods when rung in with such as Plain Bob, they must be 'call-changes' according to him; they can only be in one of those two categories!—*which is it?* Call them variations, systems, or what you will, they are still *methods*! No amount of juggling with words, arguing about plain courses, or bringing in the Central Council will alter that fact. The dictionary is a greater authority, in my estimation, than either Mr. Wratten or the Central Council.

Many of these were known and accepted as *methods* producing true six-scores long before Mr. Wratten or the Central Council were ever thought of. I am firmly of the opinion (though no doubt Mr. Wratten will be the last person to admit it) that all this 'Doubles bunkum' from him is merely an attempt to belittle and play-off 5- and 6-bell ringers against 8, 10 and 12: in other words, it is just *snobbery*!

The Central Council was never formed with the purpose of turning it into a sort of trade union dictatorship, as some would have it become. The day that comes into being I, for one, cease to recognise it, and I know I shall not be alone in doing so!

We can go back 200 years and find instances like that of Northrepps v. 'Honeybourne,' Chace versus Stedman Slow Course Reversed in a typical example—Chace is in the old 'Campanologia Improved.' It was Chace before it was Reversed Stedman Slow Course, so my old books tell me. St. Nicholas' is another. As long ago as 1926 Mr. Mathias Hobbs, of Barton Segrave, Kettering, claimed to have got this method out, and he named it (as well as rung it to peals) as *Barton*. It has also been rung as 'Canterbury St. Simon's.' So which is it?

About that same time I recall an argument in 'The Ringing World' about St. Clement's and St. Simon's, the late Mr. Joseph E. Sykes claiming that as change-ringing began on five bells and not six, and no one called plain bob by a different name on six to five, St. Clement's was not really St. Clement's but an extension of St. Simon's, and he published seven 720's as a peal of *St. Simon's Minor*. What would Mr. Wratten term that—an extension, a variation, or what?

Both names have been accepted, just as have those of these six-scores of Doubles to which Mr. Wratten takes exception to being called methods, and this has been so for years. A precedent has therefore been set up, however much Mr. Wratten likes to argue around it.

What has been accepted in the past is bound to be accepted in the future, without the Central Council making itself look ridiculous and creating uncertainty, as it did for a long time about Bob Triples and other so-called 'irregular' methods, first by recognising them, then not, and later again recognising them. *If they produce true extents, that to me is all that matters.*—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

LONDON AND SUBURBS  
PRACTICE NIGHTS

Dear Sir,—I wish to notify the following inaccuracies in your recently published list of practice nights in London and suburban towers:—

Harlington.—8 bells, practice every Thursday, at 8 o'clock.

Harmondsworth.—6 bells. There has been no resident band for donkey's years. If any ringer would like to ring on this very pleasant sounding although 'rough' six, I would be only too pleased to hear from him and to arrange a band. We try to ring there once a month for service, although this is not always possible because of lack of support.

Hayes.—6 bells. These bells are not now rung as the tower is reputed to be unsafe, although there are doubts as to whether this is justified.

I would like to make a plea for increased support from members of the Middlesex County Association at the practices of the weaker towers in the South West Middlesex area. Being a Harlington ringer I would cite our situation as an example.

For many years the resident band were call changers only, and very prejudiced against anything else. However, in the past few years our captain, Lionel Grice, has trained a band of young change ringers, as the old band faded away. After considerable work the band reached the required standard and so the tower was affiliated to the Middlesex County Association. A Guild meeting has been held there annually in the summer in the past few years, and the rather belated Guild report says, 'Progress in change ringing is being made at Harlington.'

True enough, but the actual support we receive and the interest the Guild displays in us is practically negligible. The band is now stuck at the Bob Minor stage, and however much we flog Grandire Triples we never seem to be able to achieve that elusive quarter peal. So please, let's have some help from those local Guild members who are proficient. Although we cannot offer visitors Cambridge Royal, we would appreciate a few sincere offers of help, so that eventually we can ring the first ever all-Harlington peal on the eight bells. After all the tower is easily accessible. I would recommend all Middlesex members to read Rule Two, Section Three. 'The objects of the Association are... the promotion and advancement of the art of change ringing.'

I would thank our Master, John Mayne, for his visits earlier this year and his attempts to teach us Stedman Triples.—Yours, etc.,

DENNIS C. MORGAN.

Harlington, Middlesex.

Dear Sir.—The Tuesday practice at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, commences at 8 p.m. and not at 7.30 p.m. as stated on page 836 under the heading 'Practice Nights in London and Suburbs.'—Yours faithfully,

MARIA E. KIRBY.  
(Honorary Secretary.)

Bromley, Kent.

Dear Sir.—Will readers please note the following alterations to practice nights in London and suburbs published in 'The Ringing World' of December 16th:

Ealing, St. Stephen's, practice every Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Camberwell, St. George's, practice Fridays, 8 p.m., not Tuesdays.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. COOK.

Wimbledon, S.W.19.

FALSE COURSEHEADS IN  
TREBLE BOB METHODS—  
F SETS AND F GROUPS

By D. R. CARLISLE, G. A. HALLS  
and D. J. MARSHALL

The Corrigan publication 'Half-lead system of extracting false courseheads in Treble Bob methods' contains most interesting information, but for brevity the authors have concentrated on giving instructions rather than theoretical explanations. For example F-sets and F-groups are mentioned and used, but the theoretical justification is not presented. In addition, the table of F-groups and F-sets is somewhat misleading since it includes some errors.

It is the purpose of the article to elaborate a little on F-sets and F-groups and indicate their usefulness (within the limits of the authors' modest knowledge). The reader is assumed to be able to derive false courseheads (F.C.H.'s).

**F-sets.**—The sixty incurse F.C.H.'s may be divided into sets of four such that if a method produces one member the other three must appear. These are called F-sets. Each of the four members may be different, or two pairs, or all four members may be identical. (For convenience the members are labelled F. 1, F. 2, F. 3 and F. 4.)

**To derive F. 2 given F. 1.**—Suppose lead one of the plain course of a method is false with (i.f.w.) lead two of course 12453678 we denote this by F. 1. 24536 (1/2), so 23456 (lead 1) i.f.w. 24536 (lead 2). It follows that the converse is true, 24536 (lead 2) i.f.w. 23456 (lead 1). Thus, keeping the same relationship, 23456 (lead 2) i.f.w. 25346 (lead 1).

So from F.C.H. 24536 (1/2), which we denote F. 1, there immediately springs another F.C.H. 25346 (2/1) which we call F. 2 and is the coursehead by which F. 1 is transposed to produce rounds: the false leads being interchanged.

**To derive F. 3.**—We know that a course rung from its coursehead (say 12345678) contains the same rows in reverse order as the course rung from its course end. In the case of a method with 2nds place lead heads the course end is 24365, thus:

Lead 1 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 7 of 2436587.

Lead 2 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 6 of 2436587.

Lead 3 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 5 of 2436587.

Lead 4 of 245678 contains the same rows as lead 4 of 2436587.

From F. 1. 245678 (lead 1) i.f.w. 2453678 (lead 2) so, taking the leads which contain the same rows as these in reverse order we can write:

2436587 (lead 7) i.f.w. 2546387 (lead 6), and, using the same relationship,

2345678 (lead 7) i.f.w. 2635478 (lead 6).

Thus we have another F.C.H. 26354 (7/6), which we have derived from F. 1, and this we denote F. 3. By examination of the above process it can be seen that F. 3 is derived by transposing 24365 by F. 1 and transposing the result by 24365.

The leads in which F. 3's falseness occurs are symmetrical with F. 1's false leads. If the leads of a course are spaced round a circle the line of symmetry will join the course head with the middle of the 4th lead.

In the case of 8th place methods the same transpositions are used to find F. 3 but the leads in which the falseness occurs will depend on the lead head order. It can be shown that the line of symmetry passes through the lead head 17856342. For example, suppose for an 8ths place method with Plain Bob lead head order, F. 1 is 34562 (2/3) than F. 3 will be 46325 (5/4).

**To derive F. 4.**—F. 4 is obtained from F. 3 in the same way in which F. 2 is obtained from F. 1.

(To be continued)

**WYCHBOLD, WORCS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Wychbold Pleasure Bob Doubles; Lynda M. Powell 1. Sheila McDougall 2. P. Catermole 3. J. E. Pullon 4. A. D. Cook (cond.) 5. L. H. G. Gittins 6. For carol service.



# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

ADVENT 1872-73

NOTE.—'Church Bells' was a Victorian penny weekly periodical on church matters generally and having either one or two columns devoted to bells, ringing and ringers. The volumes ran from Advent to Advent.

During the period April to July, 1957, extracts which I had taken from two volumes—1875-6 and 1879-80 were published in 'The Ringing World.' The title of the article was 'Ringing in England 80 years ago.'

I have now looked through the volume 1872-3 and made the following notes which show, amongst other things, how fixed were the views of the paper on prize ringing matches, and how forthrightly the Editor dealt with correspondents who were impatient.—CLAUDE RUSH.

**West Ham, Essex.**—Monday, November 21st, 1873, the Society of Eastern Scholars rung, in this steeple, a compleat peal of 15.120 Bob Major in 8 hours 40 minutes.

**Appeal for a Church Bell.**—An appeal is made to all interested in, and possessing, those most beautiful and desirable aids to our churches worship, Church Bells, to assist me in purchasing a bell for a little church, the incumbency of which has just been presented to me by the Bishop of Rochester. The parish itself is an island six miles long by three broad. The population is scattered and entirely poor. We have not one resident farmer. The people are, as a rule, regular churchgoers. The church has a small belfry but unfortunately no sound issues from it calling them to prayer and it is to aid us in supplying this most pressing want that I am emboldened to ask the help of all lovers of Church Bells. If any readers are interested... Henry Hayes, Incumbent of Canvey Island, Leigh, Essex.

**Revival of Ringing in Cornwall.**—A correspondent had informed the paper that 'The Western Morning News' had contained information that the bells of St. Columb had been comparatively silent for 30 years and had last been revived by a 'prize match,' seven bands competing for £13. The paper goes on at length to decry ringing for prizes—'grieved to hear it,' 'our advice to the good people of Cornwall is to shut their generous pockets against such demands. Can they be ignorant that it is the publicans who are the chief promoters and originators of ringing matches? And while the parsons and churchwardens allow the Sacred bells of the church to be prostituted to such ungodly uses... they are... the aiders and abettors of all the evils and utter uselessness of such gatherings. We cannot congratulate the good people of Cornwall on such a revival: far better let their bells continue to be silent.'

**Reform in a Country Belfry.**—In a long letter (long letters seemed to be the rule those days) 'A Country Curate' from Whitbourne, Worcester, shows how he was spurred on to go in for bellringing there (six bells). He got the ringers to the belfry—they had not rung for six months—and was amazed to find that a 'bottle' of cider also turned up. He says, '...a bottle in this country is a thing of capacity: in the present case holding ten quarts, which startled me tremendously.' He promptly ordered it down again! Apparently after 12 months that tower became altogether respectful and efficient. Only two of the former band of ringers then remained.

**Change Ringing in Devonshire.**—On Wednesday, November 27th, 1872, the Society of Scientific Change Ringers of St. Mary's, Penzance, Cornwall, visited Plympton St. Mary, Devon, and, under the direction of their leader and tutor, Colonel Trelawny, R.C.R., achieved some highly creditable performances of Grand-sire Triples on the splendid ring of the church, tenor reputed weight 33 cwt., D. by Purdue, 1614. 'Much joy and satisfaction were evinced by the more intelligent of the population at this unusual occurrence (scientific change ringing being but little practised in the district), which was greatly enhanced in the evening by an handbell entertainment at the Parish Schoolroom by the same band in conjunction with one from Devonport, under the direction of Mr W. Banister, before a

fashionable audience who, by their oft-repeated applause, manifested a high degree of joyful gratification. These social meetings contrast very favourably with the unseemly gatherings at prize ringing contests.'

**Halifax, All Souls.**—A peal of Bob Major on Saturday, November 30th, 1872, is shown as the first in that method at Halifax since 1811.

**St. Alphege, Greenwich.**—The first of Stedman on these bells—Saturday, November 30th, 1872.

**Three on the Tenor.**—St. Giles', Cripplegate. Thursday, November 23rd, 1732, the Society of City Scholars, 6,012 Caters. 'The list of ringers shows three men on the tenor. The names of four churchwardens also appear!'

**Ilkley, Seconds!**—Peal of 5,040 Minor in seven methods, Saturday, December 7th, 1872, in 3 hours 1 minute 25 seconds. 'This is the first time such a length has been rung on these bells.' E. Snowdon on the fourth, W. Snowdon fifth, J. W. Snowdon tenor (conductor). Tenor 11 cwt.

**St. Nicholas', Brighton.**—Particulars of two peal boards are given. One peal was rung December 14th, 1815, the other January 18th, 1816, both commemorating royal occasions. Then the following appears: 'The above Inscriptions were copied from two boards formerly in the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton (fitting into the point of the arch as shown by their shape), but sold at the repair of the church to W. Johnson, Marine-Store Dealer, 10, Russell Street, over whose storehouse they now hang.'

**'It's not fair to abuse all Ringers.'**—This is a long letter from George Musket, C.Y., London, referring to letters, then recently published, in 'Church Bells.' He says, 'From the tone of the letters... it appears to me that ringers in general are looked upon as a lot of fellows who, like school-boys, require the assistance of a master in the church-tower to teach them good behaviour, and also to ring for what they can get in the shape of money... I, as a ringer, earn about £2 per annum and spend about £10. I and my brother-ringers have often toiled for hours and hours in some church-tower... What recompense do we get? We get the credit of being a drunken, dissipated, ignorant set of men, not fit to sit in decent society. It would have been better for us to have studied foreign languages... When we descend we are looked upon as Common bell-ringers by the churchwarden or parishioners, who possibly might be a cheese-monger or a rag-merchant... Our clergymen take great notice of the singers of the church: why not notice the ringers? Our clergymen can mingle with the throng in a cricket-field and applaud the greatest rough who makes a fine drive for six or eight or five, or some crack bowler... and yet good ringers who have studied, composed and rung long peals, and called them, are not even looked at... I hope our friends will be a little lenient in their remarks upon ringers; and if they mix up with them a little more, perhaps they will find them a better class of men than what they think...' (A reply from Mr. Troyte will come later.)

**'Prostitution of the Bells of the Parish Church of Headcorn, Kent.'**—Under this title a correspondent writes: 'This little place was made "merry" on Monday evening last by the church bells ringing out a peal of rejoicing at the decision of the Bearded bench of magistrates in a game-trespass case from Headcorn. The ringers were "liberally treated" by several friends... The Editor added a note asking why the parson did not "manfully do his duty"... such ringers should never be allowed to handle the ropes again.' In a subsequent issue the Editor gave notice that the Vicar did not know of the ringing until he read of it in a local paper.

**Bredgar, Kent.**—Tablet in the belfry:—

My Friendly Ringers  
I to you declare  
You must pay one penny  
Each oath you do swear.  
To turn a bell over  
It is the same fare.  
To ring with your hats on  
You must not dare.  
MD. CC. LI.'

**Quarter Peal—10,080 Changes! Bromley, Kent.**—Janry ye 7, 1773 the Peal of Bells in this Steeple was taken down, recast and augmented from 5 to 8 and on May ye 29th they were finished. In which a set of Youths of Bromley in Kent join'd in articles to learn to Ring, and ye 22nd of Sepr 1774 they rung a half-quarter peal of Bob Major... 3 hrs. 4 mins. and their names, age and trade is as follows: Jo. Cowdrey—Cordweaver, 24. 1; Jo. Chapman—Carpenter, 18. 2; Jo. Day—Breeches Maker, 25. 3; Jo. Heath—Bricklayer, 26. 4; Hry. Sale—Carpenter, 18. 5; Thos. Kelly—Gardener, 21. 6; Wm. Chapman—Carpenter, 23. 7; Wm. Cook—Cordweaver, 25. 8. He call'd the bobs. And on 14 Febr 1775 the above said youths rung a quarter peal of Bob Major which is 10,000 and 80 changes. They completed it in 6 hours and 13 minutes.'

**'It's not fair to abuse all ringers.'**—This was another long letter, this time signed Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Bampton, N. Devon. It includes: 'I am proud of the name of a ringer, but as a brother to men like Musket, Wood and Haley, not as a brother to the prize-ringers of Yorkshire or the "pulley-haulers" of Devon and Cornwall. The College Youths I have never seen abused in your paper: but Mr. Musket knows that abuse is richly deserved in other quarters... There cannot be any doubt that we as Change-ringers, are not appreciated by Clergymen, Churchwardens or parishioners. They cannot see the difference between either ourselves or our art and Round-ringers and their labour... I sincerely hope that Mr. Musket's and my own feelings will spread, for we both know only too well how many steeples there are into which we would neither of us enter, and how many ringers there are with whom neither of us would associate.'

W. Wigram also contributes a long letter on the subject, saying that it was not surprising if ringers were abused... 'We have read of Church-bells being rung as a requiem to a beer-shop which was deprived of its licence, in the County of Gloucester: of bells being rung on the occasion of a law suit with a railway company in the County of York: over a racing event in, I think, the same county... I offer my acknowledgments to Mr. Musket and to those like him who keep prize-ringing out of London.' Referring to clergy taking up ringing, he says, 'My own Clerical friends say that they are too old, too ignorant of the subject, too busy to learn... I venture to say to the Clergy, "Go to the Belfry" and to the ringers "Go to the Parsonage and represent to your Clergy what Scientific ringing is..."

**St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Yorks.**—Peal of 16,608 Kent T.B. Major (tenor 14 cwt.), 9 hours 48 minutes, 'thus beating by 768 changes the record held by St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.'

**Hand-bell Ringers before Royalty.**—The Royal (Poland Street) Temperance Hand-bell Ringers (Mr. Duncan Miller's band) who were honoured some time ago to appear before the Queen at Osborne, received the additional distinction of appearing at Sandringham House, Norfolk, on December 26th, 1872, before the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, General Sir Wm. Knollys and most of the leading aristocracy of the neighbourhood. A full programme of very diversified music was performed on the 76 bells...

**Hampstead.**—The new church of St. Stephen has lately been presented with a ring of ten bells from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, the tenor, note D, weighs 27 cwt. and the total weight of the peal 123 cwt. 2 qrs... the bells and organ were formally inaugurated on St. Stephen's Day (26 December), 1872... The day was a great success: the very weather favoured for the sun shone brightly... the church was crowded. After all the arrangements had been made, the death took place of one of the eldest inhabitants of the parish, a gentleman who was born in Hampstead when it was a little village in the rural part of Middlesex; and as his funeral passed the church on 26th, the ringing was stopped and the tenor tolled.

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### BIRTH

NEAL.—On December 15th. 1960. to Gwen and Dennis Neal, a daughter. Catherine. 7247

### ENGAGEMENTS

BISHOP—BUSH.—The engagement is announced between Tony, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, of 3, Sydenham Road, Bath, and Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bush, of 20, West Park Lane, Damerham, Hants. 7240

PURNELL—LANSLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. Lansley, of 7, Wanborough Road, Swindon, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Christine, to Robert John Purnell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Purnell, of 39, Budbury, Tynning, Bradford-on-Avon. 7224

### PERSONAL

'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.' (St. Matt. xi. 29.)

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 2731

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of the Rev. Roger Fry (of St. Michael's Church, Yeovil) is now 54, Grass Royal, Yeovil, Somerset. 7221

As from January 1st and until further notice the address of Geoffrey R. Drew (formerly Croner, Norfolk) will be c/o 45, Scott House, Arle, Cheltenham, Glos. 7222

The address of Mr. John Segar, formerly of Retford, is now 16, Green Lane, Seacroft, Skegness, Lincs. 7099

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden have removed to 'The Spinney', 32, Summersbury Drive, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey. 7213

The address of Miss Monica Collins is now Flat 1, 380, Orrong Road, Caulfield North, S.E.7, Victoria, Australia. 7212

The address of Derek Astridge is now 'Abertawe', 2, Edale Close, Allestree, Derby. Anyone who can cook, sew, mend, or ring handbells, welcome. 7243

E. J. Munday has now removed to 3, Balfour Crescent, Wolverhampton. Tel. Wolverhampton 52977. 7256

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Close sea; full board, 25s. 6d.; bed/breakfast, 17s. 6d. Daily booking (part board) accepted. Free parking. Breakfast 8.30, dinner 1, high tea 5.30, refreshments 10 p.m.—PRICE, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Bournemouth. Tel. 46005. 5699

### MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice on January 9th. Methods: Cuneastre. Durham, Canterbury, London, Norwich, York, Wells. 7225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for A.G.M., 1961, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7203

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual tour, 1961, based on Dorset Hotel, Lyme Regis, Dorset, April 1st-7th. All old members wishing to come, please contact me now.—R. N. Pittman, Highbury, Hunters Lodge, near Axminster, Devon. 7080

RINGER'S PENDANT.—Wanted to replace white metal pendant—pattern as 'Jafus' badge, page 865—lost by R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8. Lost pendant engraved 'Midland Counties Association C.R.' but inscription or metal of any offer immaterial. 7245

### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C.1, Saturday, January 7th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: January 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; January 17th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45; January 24th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; January 31st, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 7253

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual District meeting at Bedford, Saturday, January 7th, St. Peter's bells (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Goldington bells (6) 3-4. Service St. Peter's 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. L. P. 7250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Burwell, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7063

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Annual general meeting at Writtle, on January 7th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, January 7th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. 7090

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick, January 7th, Bells (12) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Names for tea to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Biddenden, Saturday, January 7th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea at once, to S. G. Waters, Ladywell Cottage, Bishopsdale, Biddenden.—C. T. H. 7098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Meeting at Edenbridge, on Saturday, January 7th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea free, not 2s. 6d. as in previous notices.—W. H. Dobbie, Dis. Sec. 7211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Saturday, January 7th, Ringing 3 p.m. Amended time for tea 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' bells (8) will be available for ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. 7227

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston, on Saturday, January 7th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Red Cross Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green. 7092

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway, January 7th, 3 p.m. Tea own arrangements 5. Short business meeting in belfry 6. Election of officers, if any. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 7229

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aylesford (8), Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7049

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, January 7th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Yorke, Cottesbrooke, Northants. No names no tea. 7094

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 7th, in St. Martin's Church Hall, at 4.30 p.m. St. Martin's bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7039

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 7th. Committee meeting in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m. St. Marie's bells 3-5 p.m. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hensworth Road, Sheffield 8, please.—J. Seiger, Sec. 7200

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Bonvilston (Glam.), Saturday, January 7th, Bells (6) from 3 p.m. All ringers, which includes learners, are welcome. On regular bus route from Cardiff.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 7097

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, January 7th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams 7072

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold (6), on Saturday, January 7th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 7073

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Rectory Rooms. Tea, please notify not later than January 10th, Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee, Sec. 7079

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, January 14th, Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please note bells in the evening 7 to 8.15 p.m. only. Douling (6) available. Notify D. Lee, 31, Compton Road, Shepton Mallet, for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7220

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th, Biggleswade, Bells (8) will be open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and election of officers. Further ringing after meeting. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 7239

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, January 14th, Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Manor Cafe 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by January 12th, to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmanth Drive, Hull. 7218

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, January 14th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th, to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7065

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Studley.

Meeting with social evening, Saturday, January 14th.

Ringling 3 p.m. Service, tea and social evening.

Fill your car with girl friends, wives and boy friends. Send your name and good wishes to Mr. T. W. Perkins, 46, Toms, Town Lane, Studley. 7208

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual District meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, January 14th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7209

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckereil, January 14th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by January 11th, please, to Webb, Millhead, Honiton. 7070

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, January 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than January 11th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18 Morsey Road, Gateshead. 7215

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, January 14th, Ringing at St. Benet's (6) 3-4 p.m., St. Andrew's (8) 3.45-4.30 and service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great St. Mary's available after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 7226

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, January 14th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Great Bromley (6) available 2-4 and 7.30-9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, please, to Mr. F. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh, near Colchester. 7087

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M., January 14th, Leytonstone, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in adjoining hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. LEY 4342. 7047



**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting on January 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. and service 4.15 at St. Mary de Lode. Tea, meeting and further ringing at St. Mary de Crypt. Names for tea by January 12th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 7228

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting. St. Mark's (8). January 14th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7217

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A.G.M. January 14th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, Guildford (8) and St. Mary's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicholas' (10). Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Mr. S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Tel. Godalming 2176. 7241

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, January 14th. Ringing at St. Andrew's from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall (by St. Andrew's) 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Andrew's bells available after business meeting. Please send names for tea to C. E. Hayter, 27, Sele Road, Hertford.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 7219

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on January 14th. at Harrietham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 7202

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Western District.—Annual meeting. Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch. LANCA-SHIRE ASSOCIATION). Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—S. P. Wain. 7201

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—Annual meeting. Southover, Lewes (10). January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th, to Miss Laura Beene, St. George's Nursery, 7, Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells. Kent. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Beene. 7201

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party, Saturday, January 14th, at St. Luke's, Heywood. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6. After business (including election of new Ringing Master) the bells will be open till 7.30. Dance and whist drive in Queens Park Road School 7.30 till 11 p.m. Tickets available from Mr. J. P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. Please ensure that he has names for tea in good time to enable him to make adequate arrangements.—Hudson, Sec. 7236

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (price 1s. 6d.) and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Miss M. White, Midmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool 8.—T. E. Radcliffe. 7236

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, jointly with LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, January 14th, at Manchester Town Hall. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Note change of date.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7242

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 11th.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland. 7242

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, January 14th. Whitwick (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Conservative Club. 7096

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Immanuel Church, Streatham, followed by business meeting 4.30. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing 6.30-8 p.m., St. Leonard's, Streatham. 7249

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 14th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 2.30 to 3 p.m. and 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea and biscuits and business meeting. Evening ringing 6 to 8 p.m. 7096

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Burton, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by January 12th. Mr. D. W. Brunning, 120, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent. No name no tea. 7204

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Silverdale. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 11th, to Mr. E. Fernyhough, Vicarage Cottage, Silverdale.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7056

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalecliffe (6), January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmerton (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 7081

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shaw, Saturday, January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 11th, to H. Laurenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury. 7084

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Desborough (8). January 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Loake, 2, Harrington Road, Desborough. 7238

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham (8). January 14th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 7238

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenport, Saturday, January 14th. Names for tea by Monday previous, to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, 3, Badby Road West, Davenport.—F. W. Hancock. 7257

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 14th. Ordsall bells from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. only. East and West Retford from 2.30 to 4.30. Service at East Retford 4.30. Please make own arrangements at cafes. Meeting in East Retford belfry 6 p.m. East and West Retford and Babworth available after meeting.—H. Denman. 7205

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—General meeting, Horringer (8). Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by January 11th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 7093

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6), on January 14th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7231

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whichchurch, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whichchurch, by previous Tuesday. Bells available after tea.—G. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 7216

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. Alan Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 7232

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 21st, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7244

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common (8), to be held on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7254

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster Abbey, Sheppey, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss J. Exeter, 53, New Road, Harpes Estate, Minster, Sheerness. 7248

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Saturday, January 21st. Special meeting at St. Clement Danes', London. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 17th, to Miss Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 7237

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting and social evening, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2-6 p.m., followed by service and dinner 6.45

p.m. in Old Hall, price 10s. Business meeting and social afterwards. Names by Tuesday previous, to Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7214

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, January 21st. Southwark Cathedral. 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Meeting for nomination of officers. St. George-the-Martyr, 6.45. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. Note: A.G.M., Saturday, February 25th. St. Clement Danes', 2.30.—Rogers, ISL 3921. 7214

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting at Brackley, on Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7258

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, January 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. I. Dickin, 104, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton. 7251

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Wessex Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 7223

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in parish hall, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's and St. Thomas' bells in evening. Names for tea by 17th, please.—Miss Eloice, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7091

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at Cannock St. Luke's, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to Mr. G. Bradbury, 19, Spring Street, Cannock, Staffs. 7205

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells available: Balderton 2.30-4.30 p.m., Newark 6.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Mary's Rooms, Newark. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 7210

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Annual district meeting, Bletchingley (8). January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 19th, to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon', Godstone Road, Bletchingley.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7064

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, Romsey Abbey, January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. Page, 'Fairacre', Woodley Lane, Romsey. 7234

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas'), Saturday, January 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. Fred Nicholls, 14, Poplar Road, Norton, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7125

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Bradford Cathedral, on January 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in the Parish room at 3.15, prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Room. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford 4.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 7233

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., cost 2s. 3d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, January 26th, Mrs. J. P. Cook, 47, New Street, Sandwich.—T. C. P. 7206

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Advance notice.—Will members please note the following dates for 1961: Saturday, April 15th—a business meeting will be held at Oxford. Full details of luncheon and ringing arrangements later. Saturday, November 4th—the 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1.—John Chikcott. 7252



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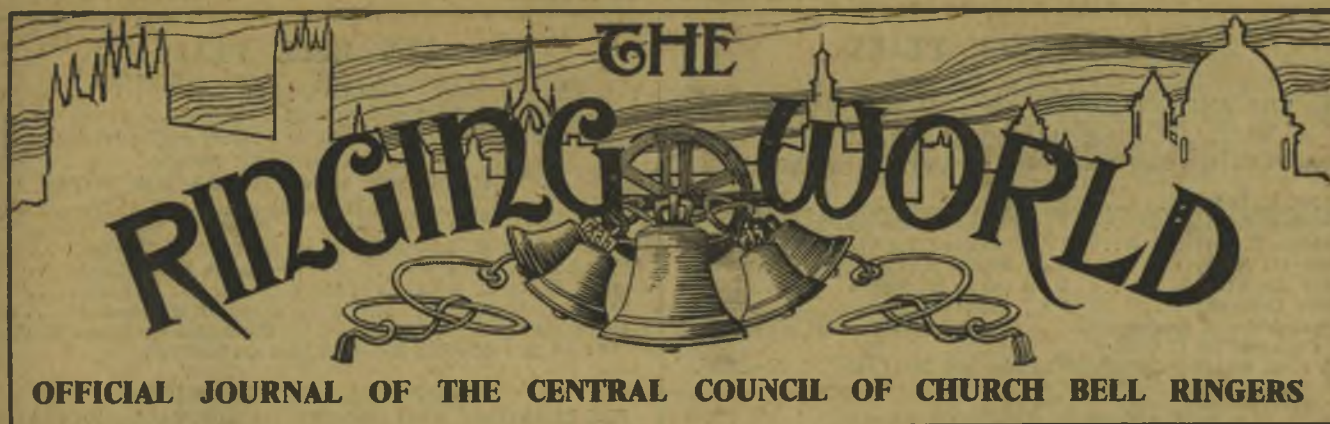
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## LOOKING BACK ON 1960

GLANCING through 'The Ringing Worlds' of 1960 it seems evident that as regards the number of peals rung the year has been one of the most successful. Apart from the large number rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones, there has been a consistent flow week by week. Most Associations have one or more regular peal bands; another thing is with many of these a couple of attempts on a Saturday is fairly regular. Relatively few of the failures come to light, but there are bands that lose at least as many peals as they score. It would indeed be interesting to learn from some of our outstanding ringers their numbers of failures, especially those who have rung more than 50 peals in the year. This would provide Professor Dodge with a practical basis for his theories.

Notable among the failures was the attempt for the record length of Bob Major by the Cheshire band. The attempt at the 40,320 had this characteristic: it was the first time since the early record at Leeds in 1761 by 14 men that an attempt for this had been made on church bells, as all previous attempts had taken place at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Great hopes were expected of this attempt which was being made at Over, Cheshire, where on the same day (November 4th) in 1950 the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major was established. The failure was at the 11,000 mark after 6½ hours' ringing. Another record-breaking band to meet with defeat was that which attempted five Surprise peals in a day, a miscall of Yorkshire at Highclere, Hants, ending the bid for notoriety. There was, however, a record length of Bob Major—22,400 changes rung at Kirby-le-Soken by Frank Lufkin's band.

The Central Council meeting at Folkestone provided ringers generally with a big surprise. Upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, peals of Minimus were accepted. The amazing thing was that this recommendation was not debated and was placidly accepted by the Council. There are now signs that certain of the leaders of the Exercise are beginning to rue the day.

The first reaction to this new privilege was generally to ignore the situation. Two months later two different couples from High Wycombe and Leicester took advantage of the new decision by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells. Since then two more handbell peals of Bob Minimus have been rung at Oxford and Bristol, both by Surprise ringers, and another tower bell peal was rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Minimus. As the year ebbed to its end the news came of a ringer holding four bells in his hand, ringing a peal of Minimus 'for the novelty.'

Through the fine co-operative spirit of Mr. Paul Taylor, peal attempts at the Loughborough Bell Foundry seem to take place three or four times a week. Loughborough is the Mecca of peal ringers from surrounding towns; certainly no tower has figured more frequently in 'The Ringing World' to peals, and many of these are peals of Royal of distinction. Loughborough's peals certainly have the spice of variety. On this question of frequency in the peal columns in 'The Ringing World,' the year has seen another record eclipsed. Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, has exceeded the peal total of the late Mr. William Pye, and is now drawing near to his 2,000th peal. Ernest Morris stands in a unique position. His pen has done much to bring knowledge of bells and ringing before the public in this country and America; no other contemporary writer has made such a contribution.

There is no diminution in the number of tours both in search of peals and those for towers and good ringing. This year David Hoar's band was in East Anglia, Tom Lock's in Oxfordshire, Robin Leale's and Pat Cannon's in the North, Wilfred Williams' also in the North and across the border after ringing a controversial peal at Derby, the Cheshire men were in Worcestershire and neighbouring counties. Pipe's Pilgrims were in the Lake District, the Rambling Ringers toured the South from Hampshire to Kent, and a party most unkindly and undeservedly referred to as 'Bond's Bashers' went through the Lake District to as far north as Inverness, where a quarter peal was rung, and back home down the East Coast, with much ringing in Northumberland and Durham.

A characteristic of the age is the large number of ringers' dinners. Most Associations and University Guilds now support an annual dinner. At one time there were relatively few; perhaps it is one of the indications of the prosperity of the age. Comment was made from time to time of the high proportion of ringing recruits from grammar schools and universities. Prophets foretell that there will have been a big waste of public funds if this new recruiting field fails to produce outstanding men and women for the Exercise. Will they become Servants or Personalities?

We have now crossed the threshold into 1961. Will the year produce anything really big for the Exercise? Attempts are already planned for more Everest-seeking efforts for the extent of Bob Major and also for five peals of Surprise in a day. The year also coincides with the golden jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' To all the enthusiasts who are planning special events we wish the very best of luck for 1961. And even those who do not aspire to great things but just nibble like the Rabbits' Guild, we wish that happiness and enjoyment may accompany their ringing.

FATHER TIME.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY .. .. .	Treble	JOHN HILL .. .. .	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. .	8
HAROLD E. PITSTOW .. .	3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .	9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. .	10
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. .	5	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. .	11
*BRIAN DOWNES .. .. .	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. BURFORD.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crampion.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .	Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .	2	HERBERT LOWMAN .. .	8
RONALD C. NOON .. .. .	3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .	9
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. .	4	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. .	10
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .	5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. .	11
LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. .	6	PETER A. SHARP .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose wedding took place the previous day. Both are members of this Cathedral company.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5-course block.

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .	7
HAROLD LONYON .. .. .	2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .	3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. .	9
BASIL JONES .. .. .	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .	11
JOHN WORTH .. .. .	6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Rung without previous practice.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .	Treble	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .	8
BASIL JONES .. .. .	3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. .	9
*DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .	10
††FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .	5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	11
*NEIL BENNETT .. .. .	6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 25th peal together. †† First on 12 bells. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus (average age 22½ years).

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. .	7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. .	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .	8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. .	3	*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. .	9
HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. .	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .	10
ALBERT D. COLLINS .. .. .	5	EDMUND A. MALIN .. .. .	11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .	6	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* Completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Boswell, a member of St. Peter's band.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. .	Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. .	6
*CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. .	2	†MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .	7
†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. .	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .	4	*RALPH W. BICKERS .. .	9
†MICHAEL UTTON .. .. .	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. † First on ten bells.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. .	Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. .	2	*GEORGE DAVIS .. .. .	7
*MARY HALL .. .. .	3	*DAVID J. KING .. .. .	8
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. .	4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .	9
*JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. .	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Royal on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. .	Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. .	6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. .	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .	7
JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. .	3	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. .	8
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. .	9
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. .	5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. T. Dilworth, Archdeacon of Chesterfield. Also for the birthday of Mr. H. Silcock, whose wife is a member of the local band.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*†JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. .	Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. .	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .	7
†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .	3	GORDON BENFIELD .. .	8
†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .	4	†ALFRED SMITH .. .. .	9
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. .	5	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. .	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method. †† First of Grandsire Caters. The ringers of the fourth and tenor have now 'circled the tower' to peals.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5004 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22½ cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .	Treble	THOMAS M. COX .. .. .	6
*FREDERICK ROSS .. .. .	2	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. .	7
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. .	3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. .	8
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. .	4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	9
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. .	5	†NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. .	Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.

Rung in memoriam Sir Cecil Cochrane, an honorary life member of this Association, who died in September last, aged 91 years. He was the donor of the original eight bells in this tower in 1901.

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On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LUTON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. . 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. . 7
CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. . 3	PETER BERESFORD .. . 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. . 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal in the method.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.  
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. . 5
AVRIL IVIN .. . 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. . 6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH .. . 7
STEPHEN IVIN .. . 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BRETORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
*ANNE M. BROXTON .. Treble	MARTIN HAWKES .. . 5
ROBERT W. COLE .. . 2	ERNEST W. PENN .. . 6
JOHN W. PERKINS .. . 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. . 7
FRED C. LYNE .. . 4	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Perkins, father of the third ringer and until recently a keen ringer at this church.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER AND CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 28½ cwt.
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL Treble	JAMES W. RATHBY .. . 5
†GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	†JOHN R. PRAICHETT .. . 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. . 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. . 7
*†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 4	HAROLD STEVENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

BEDFORD

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
AVRIL IVIN .. Treble	ARTHUR GIBBS .. . 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	*RALPH MITCHELL .. . 6
*KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. . 7
*FRANK W. RIVETT .. . 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. . Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

\* First peal on eight bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 14 cwt.
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. . 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. . 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. . 3	JOHN E. KIRBY .. . 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 4	THOMAS CROSSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CHERTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	†J. RICHARD HOUGH .. . 5
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 2	‡ALAN P. S. BERRY .. . 6
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. . 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. . 7
*ELFANOR M. HOUGH .. 4	†DAVID H. GOWFER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First on eight bells. § First 'inside.'

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD LAWSON .. Treble	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 2	*ALAN CAPSTICK .. . 6
*JAMES E. BURLS .. . 3	JAMES BLACKBURN .. . 7
†JOHN BAGNALL .. . 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.  
\* 50th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial to Charles W. Blakey at Rishton.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

LESLIE G. BREIT .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 2	†ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	JAMES BENNETT .. . 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. . 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Cambridge as conductor.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROY FORSTER .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. . 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. . 2	DENIS MADDOCK .. . 6
CECIL RADDOCK .. . 3	*JOHN RYDER .. . 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. . 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. . 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOKE. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	†PETER DALE .. . 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. . 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. . 3	*GORDON RUMNEY .. . 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. . 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. . 2	PIER SCHOLFIELD .. . 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. . 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.
*ERNEST W. PENN .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
†JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS 2	MARTYN HAWKES .. . 6
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. . 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'  
Rung for the Christmas Festival.



### HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
ANDREW BECKWITH .. 2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

### HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOYCE BARTON .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX .. 5
†WENDY HUSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS .. 3	ROGER G. HAZELL .. 7
DOREEN COX .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PITMAN. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.  
\* First peal. † First of Major. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Anthony E. Cox.

### KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD Treble	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 2	ROY DUESBURY .. 6
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. 7
WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. 4	*†FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
At the Church of St. Modwen.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\* First peal on the eight bells for 35 years.  
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the local Ringing Master and his wife! Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan; also as a silver wedding compliment to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brittan.

### FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 7
JOHN PILKINGTON .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
Rung to the glory of God and to the honoured memory of Father Herbert Hamilton Kelly (a Manchester man), born 100 years ago and founder of the Society of the Sacred Mission (Kelham Fathers), Notts.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method and 'all the work.'

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
J. KEITH WARD .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

### HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 6.

### LINCOLN.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	GEOFFREY PAUL .. 6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 3	PETER A. SHARP .. 7
LOUIS WILLDERS .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose marriage took place at this church on December 23rd, 1960.

### STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Lawrence, who has just completed 60 years of service in this belfry.

### NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

38 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1258 x 14 x 38

Lead-end 17856342. Seconds place lead-end. 4ths place Bob.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

### CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*NORMAN MCLUNG .. Treble	†CLIVE LEGG .. 4
†RICHARD MCLUNG .. 2	RONALD COX .. 5
*RICHARD HEDGES .. 3	*ANTONY CARPENTER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD COX.  
\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First 5,040 on the bells by a Sunday service team, and first as conductor.  
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frank Skidmore by Wotton-under-Edge Branch members.

### BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Helen.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor 23 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4
PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. 3	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.  
Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung to commemorate the appointment of the Rev. C. S. Thornton (Rector of Brant Broughton) as a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

### GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble	ALBERT J. DAVEY .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. 2	GEOFFREY E. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.  
\* First peal, first attempt.

### COWDEN, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T. Bob, Oxford T. Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

CYRIL HANCOCK .. Treble	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4
*MARGARET A. LADD .. 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.  
\* 50th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'







## HUNTINGDON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

PAUL E. WELLS... .. Treble	DOROTHY M. ROBINSON .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER .. .. 2	ALBERT J. DAVY .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung with congratulations to Michael J. Dyer and Miss M. Robertson upon their engagement.

## REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE A. READING .. Treble	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 4
JOE HOBBS .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS... .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Treble	†ROY F. BREWER .. .. 4
*CHRISTINE HASSELL .. .. 2	REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS .. 5
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WALTER PAPWORTH .. .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 4
ALBERT J. DAVY .. .. 2	DAVID PAPWORTH .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Bateman, upon his recent induction.

## TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. Treble	*ROBERT HARDY... .. 4
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 5
CIARE CHAMBERS .. .. 3	PATRICK WOOSTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK WOOSTER.

\* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Sylvester.

## WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PERCY A. ORAM .. .. Treble	*DOUGLAS HARRISON .. 4
JEAN M. ADDICOTT... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. MALE .. .. 5
*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

\* First peal in four methods.

Rung as an appreciation to the Rev. Canon C. G. Evans for his sincere co-operation and service to the Guild, and on his retirement as Vicar of this parish.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 25, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3-4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEALS

**CALDICOT, MON.**—On Dec. 10th, 2,520 Grand-sire Triples: Jennifer M. Gambling 1, Elizabeth M. Jackson 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, A. R. Kench 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, M. J. Austin 6, R. Blackler (cond.) 7, I. Cooper (first half peal) 8.

**LINTON, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 27th, 2,520 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Smith 1, W. Spire 2, Miss J. Smith 3, J. J. Webb (cond.) 4, F. Turner 5, A. E. Stevens (first half peal) 6. First half peal on the bells. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## DATE TOUCHES

**DUNDRY, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,960 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): J. Riley 1, Mary Powell 2, D. G. Yeo 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, J. Fray 6. A 'date' quarter.

**OXFORD.**—On Dec. 29th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,960 Doubles (comprising Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Julie A. Chandler 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. H. Jones 3, N. D. Deam 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. Dunkley 6. First 'date touch' by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

**ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. E. Hall 3, R. H. Rogers 4, G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: J. Parsons 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. Absalom 6, G. Holfield 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Holfield, a former ringer at Appleton.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, Mary Powell 2, D. G. Yeo 3, P. Bridle (first of Major) 4, J. Brain 5, T. G. Phillips 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. A welcome to Hazel Jean Mack.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Hopkins 1, J. I. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Hughes (first in the method) 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. Rung for the nine lessons and carol service.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 27th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. Lewis 1, Ruth How 2, H. Stalham 3, G. North 4, A. W. Bond 5, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 6, N. J. Armstrong 7. First quarter of Bob Minor for 1 and 4. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Armstrong, parents of the conductor and grandparents of the tenor ringer.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Suzanne Cambray (first of Triples) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, Brenda Hall (first 'inside') 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Christine Houlton 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Linda Westmacott (first quarter) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, B. J. Hall 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, W. J. Dixon 5, F. W. Soden (cond.) 6, T. W. Timms 7, T. J. H. Prince 8. Also coincides with the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dixon, tower foreman.

**BURSTWICK, YORKS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, J. A. Singleton (first of Oxford and St. Clement's) 4, J. S. Rank 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**CARLTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Minimus (being 96 each of Court Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury P.B., Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, Original: 90 each of New Gainsborough L.B., Gainsborough Alliance and 108 of New Little Bob): Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. Greatest number of methods yet rung to a quarter peal in this church.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 28th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: B. J. Luck 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, Miss P. Fennel 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chai-held 7, P. Newing 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, T. C. Phillimore 10. First of Caters for 3 and 4. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, H. Purchase 3, H. V. Young 4, M. Long 5, R. Purchase 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Freeman (14, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Eames (15) 3, P. Amos 4, P. Mehew 5. Rung for Matins on New Year's Day.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5. For St. John's Day.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (with 6 and 7 covering alternately): G. Morgan (11 years, first quarter) 1, Miss A. Thomas (12 years, first quarter) 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, C. Evans (first 'inside') 4, A. W. Thomas 5, J. Thomas 6, H. Blick 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. M. H. Davies, father of Mr. I. D. Davies, a local ringer, cremated this day at: Swansea.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Alison Read 1, C. Lloyd 2, Olive Boulden 3, Ethel Clear 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, B. Read 6, G. F. Pratt 7, B. Coward 8. First quarter of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 6 and 7. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. R. Watson-Williams, as priest, and the Rev. A. Warner, as Deacon.

**EASTCHURCH, KENT.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pellett 1, Judith White 2, Marion Wash 3, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, H. Hayward 5, P. Lapham 6. Rung for a carol service, and as a farewell to H. Blackith, former captain of the tower, who is leaving the district.

**FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSELEY, LANCs.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Kay 1, J. Thornby 2, J. Froome 3, J. Wood 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6, I. Smith (first quarter) cover bell. Rung by Bolton Branch members as a farewell to John Froome, who leaves Bolton for his home tower, Hurst, Berks, after a happy stay in Lancs.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Webb 1, G. A. Atkins 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Miss M. Jeffery 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung before Matins for the New Year.

**HERTINGFORD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. N. H. White 1, R. E. Rayment 2, I. M. Lock 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, J. Edwards 5, T. Beer 6. First quarter at first attempt for all except the conductor, being the first on the bells since their augmentation to six.

**KEMPSTON, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Woodbine, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. Hutchings 1, Mrs. A. Izzard 2, P. Inskip (cond.) 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner 5, C. E. Izzard 6. For Christmas Eve.

**KERSELEY, WARWICKS.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles and on Jan. 1st 360 each of Clifford's Pleasure, April and Plain Bob, 180 Grand-sire. The same band in the same order rang for both quarters: W. H. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On New Year's Day, 1,320 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, I. G. Campbell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, J. S. Rank (cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. S. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Parish Church, on the middle eight, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Corson (first of Major) 1, A. E. Stamp (first of Major) 2, Dorothy Hogg 3, A. Cole 4, Gael Brown (first of Major) 5, R. J. Johnston 6, R. H. Dove 7, C. B. Dove (first of Major 'inside' and as cond.) 8. Rung prior to the carol service, attended by H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: D. Roebuck 1, Miss E. Towne 2, F. Linfoot 3, A. Rogers 4, D. Smith 5, A. W. Bond (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

**LONDON, S.E.**—On Dec. 11th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: James Phillips 1, J. A. Crampin 2, G. Orland 3, R. W. Hinde 4, W. T. Cook (cond.) 5, R. Overington 6, S. F. Kimber 7, W. Williams 8, John Phillips 9, M. P. Moreton 10. Rung as a tribute to George Frederick Young, some time rector's warden of St. Saviour's Cathedral, secretary of the 'Friends of Southwark Cathedral,' steward of the Cathedral stewards, and a local councillor.

**MARCHAM, BERKS.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Timms 1, E. Cadle 2, J. Strawford 3, A. J. Hunt 4, C. S. J. Pearce (cond.) 5, D. Vincent 6. For the induction of the Rev. G. M. Davidson.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hamby 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination as deacon of the Rev. C. P. Triplett, who takes duty at this church.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Powell 1, T. G. Phillips 2, Olwen Quient 3, W. P. Blake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, M. Owen 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Powell 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, L. Derrick 5, M. Owen 6. For Christmas Eve. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Owen 1, Mrs. R. Quient 2, Olwen Quient 3, Mary Powell 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. For St. John's Day.

**NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Corson (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Cox (13, first quarter) 2, A. Town (first quarter) 3, A. E. Stamp 4, Gael Brown 5, C. B. Dove (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Susan M. Morley (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Southerton 2, Gillian D. Sewell (first of Triples) 3, Felicity M. A. Rooke 4, M. Winter 5, C. H. Knowles (cond.) 6, A. J. Hicks 7, J. Small 8. For the Rye Grammar School carol service.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. Wilce (first away from cover bell) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, W. J. Harper 4, Howard Meek 5, Rev. E. Hoskins (first quarter) 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Bowkett, a parishioner.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. M. Clarke 1, Christine M. Wood 2, S. Hodgkins 3, J. M. Clifton 4, Alfred Woolmer 5, R. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8. Rung prior to candlelight carol service.

**SEFTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: S. Flint 1, R. Guy 2, Terry Owens 3, G. Skelland 4, J. W. Bailey 5, W. H. Deacon (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Francis J. Prescott, many years member of the choir.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Harbott 1, D. Hershell 2, Geraldine Piper 3, G. F. Oakshot 4, B. Piper 5, Catherine Powell (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: K. Welch 1, R. C. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Stenner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Cornelius.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Stenson 1, B. M. Smith (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick 5, J. H. Wale (first on 8) 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, B. C. Law 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,200 Minor (480 Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. W. Stenson (first of Minor) 1, M. G. Wood 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, J. H. Wale (first of Minor) 4, B. M. Smith 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline-Lansley (first quarter, 13) 1, Christine Lansley (first as cond. in method) 2, V. Griffin 3, Marion Webb (first 'inside') 4, H. Austin 5, A. Hatherall 6. For the children's carol service.

**STRENSHAM, WORCS.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (120 each of Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Seighford, Beathore, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob): M. Hawkes (cond.) 1, F. Hawkes 2, D. Beacham 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, R. Perks 6. First quarter in 12 variations by all the band.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Scotcher 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, J. Sheldrick 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, A. F. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, D. Hough 3, B. Hough 4, Eleanor Rose 5, Katharine Burchall 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Mumford 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,200 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, with 6, 7 covering): Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchall 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Mumford 6, W. Rushby 7. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

**WHITCHURCH, OXON.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Burt 1, Pamela Cracknell 2, Verona Naylor 3, C. Carter 4, B. Cracknell 5, J. F. Carter 6. For Midnight Communion. The tenor ringer has now circled the tower in quarters.

**YORK.**—At the Minster, on Dec. 24th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: S. H. Steel 1, D. Clegg 2, I. Lemare 3, M. E. Wilkinson 4, H. Walker 5, L. Greenhorn 6, C. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. A. Woolford 8.



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Christopher L. Bell, a youngster in the Hunts District, was recently introduced to peal ringing. He deserved the congratulations he received at the end of the first successful attempt. Having scored three peals, in the same number of weeks, he is proving to be a safe and reliable ringer. And he should with his surname of Bell.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John A. Freeman, the beloved Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is still ill with bronchitis, and has had nearly two months in bed.

Those interested in name peals will note the performance at Hertford on New Year's Eve when four Christines rang with four Christophers.

We conclude our 'Alphabet of Beginners' series this week and express our thanks to Mr. T. J. Lock for his research in providing this interesting and at times humorous feature.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on December 27th are indebted to Mr. Denis Mottershead who stood down when they met one short for Stedman Sextuples!

At a moment's notice George A. Reading turned out for a peal at Redbourn to complete the band. Afterwards he went home to have his breakfast! The band wish to express their appreciation of his first attempt for a peal.

On Christmas Eve, as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. G. Brett, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with 56 courses, 56 calls, and 5,056 changes, failed through the indisposition of one of the band. We are glad to hear that he has since recovered.

The grand old ringer of Bretforton Worcs. is Mr. J. C. Perkins, in honour of whose 82nd birthday a peal was rung on December 3rd. Failing eyesight has necessitated Mr. Perkins' retirement from ringing after an innings of over 60 years, which included periods as Ringing Master of Bretforton and the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. After the peal Mr. Perkins met the ringers and regaled them with stories of past achievements and listened to the achievements of the present generation.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The name of the Surprise peal, Nettleham, in honour of the wedding of two Lincoln ringers, Geoffrey Parker & Margaret A. Swann, at Lincoln on December 26th, was selected by them after Geoff's home village and their future home. On the first day of their honeymoon they rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham.

Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, of Sheffield, celebrated his return to fitness with a peal on each of the last two days of the year.

The receiver of the brown braces wishes to thank the thoughtfulness of the kind anonymous Christmas donor.

In the quarter peal for Rye Grammar School's carol service, six present members and one former member of the school were ringing.

Mr. Gordon A. Halls has now 'circled' Derby Cathedral to peals and is the first ringer to do this.

Congratulations to Mr. F. J. Lambert, of Burwash, who has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's gold medal and certificate. The medal is awarded for 40 years' continuous service as a gardener to the same family. Mr. Lambert's total of years is 47.

Three of the band which rang a peal in seven Surprise methods at Warsop recently are 14, 15 and 16 years of age, respectively. The progress of these promising youngsters is due to the efforts of Mr. Herbert T. Rooke, a most exacting task master, who has raised the standard of striking at Warsop to a very high level. Practically all the band at this place are College Youths, and they can be depended on to maintain the high standards of the Society.

To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Dransfield, a life member of the Yorkshire Association and a well known member of the Barnsley and Halifax Associations, a few friends met at Earlsheaton, where his whole ringing career has been spent, on December 31st. Looking remarkably fit, Mr. Dransfield took part in one or two touches. A splendid tea was served in the school room by his two daughters and to a warm vote of thanks Mr. Dransfield replied. Further ringing concluded a very happy gathering.

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## OXFORD GUILD'S 80th ANNIVERSARY

January 17th is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A meeting of branch secretaries was held at Radley recently to make suggestions for the appropriate celebration of the anniversary. The suggestions included:—

(1) That the service at the Guild festival on July 1st should take the form of a service of Thanksgiving and include a sung service of Communion.

(2) That as many members as possible should attend the Guild luncheon (300 attended that for the 50th anniversary).

(3) That as many peals as possible, preferably by local bands, should be rung for the Guild during the week January 15th to 21st. Reports should be sent to the general secretary so that all the peals could appear in one issue of 'The Ringing World.' If peals are out of the question quarter peals should be considered as an alternative. Each church should endeavour to ring at least two peals during the week.

(4) That Sunday, January 22nd, should be kept as a Ringers' Sunday in all parishes with rings of bells. Special prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of bells, remembrance of donors of bells, past ringers and thanksgiving for their work, present ringers and for the work of the Guild that all may be done to further the Glory of God.

(5) That each branch should try and make as complete a history of its own area as possible and all ringers should be asked to let the branch secretary know of any stories relating to past ringers. The general secretary would also be glad of any old books or records or stories concerned with past ringers of the Guild.

(6) That all the bells of Oxford should be rung on a given date at the same time. This is subject to discussion by parties concerned.

## RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION

The winter reunion was held at Birmingham on December 10th. Ringing took place at St. Chad's (8), Cathedral (12) and St. Martin's (12). Possibly the best ringing of the day was the last, a touch of Spliced six on the back eight at St. Martin's. These must be one of the best sights of their weight in the country.

The dinner was held at the Imperial Hotel, and the attendance was rather disappointing, only about 30 being present. Of late these dinners seem mainly to comprise touring members. This, of course, was not the idea of the reunion, it was arranged so that people no longer able to tour could meet past friends, etc. We hope that next year's reunion will have a better representation of past touring members.

At the meeting the following officers were elected: President, John E. Cook; Ringing Master, Denis Mottershead; Deputy Ringing Masters, John Fielding and Alan J. Frost; honorary secretary, William A. Lacey; committee member, Alan Cattell. Next year's reunion was voted once again for Nottingham. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Miss Carol Eustace for the efficient way in which she had carried out the duties of honorary secretary and also to the incumbents and ringers of Birmingham for the ringing arrangements. The usual social evening then followed.

J. E. C.

## A NORTHERLAND TOWER

'Observer' from St. Michael and All Angels', Newburn, Northumberland, reports: There are now five regular bellringers and five trainees. The oldest member of our team is Mr. R. Swan, who is now 76 years of age and has over 50 years' service as a bellringer at Newburn. His experience and patience have been of great value to our younger members.

During the last few weeks, three of our 'regulars' have done sterling work in the repairing and redecorating of the belfry. Messrs. D. Johnson and M. and P. Welford have spent three days of their Christmas holidays plastering and painting the interior.

The rest of this report, however, is not quite so encouraging. The six bells require new bearings, the bell ropes are worn and need renewing. However, these problems are to be brought before the Church Council at the next meeting so we are hoping that our next report will tell of the end to our fears and worries!

# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 2



MR. THOMAS E. SONE,  
Kent County Association.

In a county which has produced many well known and first class ringers, few have done as much for the 'rank and file' as Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent. Most of his peal ringing has been done with a resident band, and a large number of ringers owe their first peal of 'first in the method' to his organisation and enthusiasm.

Tom, as he is affectionately known, was born on July 14th, 1895, at the village of Northbourne, near Deal, Kent, and learnt to ring in 1909, under the tuition of his father, Mr. C. H. Sone, at Marden, who called his first peal at the same tower, Grandsire Triples on January 19th, 1911. His first peal as conductor was his fourth peal, Kent Treble Bob, at Headcorn in November, 1919, but he did

not take any real interest in peal ringing until 1925. He has now reached a total of 650, of which he has conducted 356, and they have been rung in 162 different towers, with 595 ringers.

In conducting he has made a specialisation of calling a fresh composition as often as possible, and he has called some 227 different compositions (145 one parts). Many of these were supplied to him by the late Arthur Knights, and were rung for the first time. He has made a particular study of Holt's Original, having called it no fewer than 45 times (5 times round the circle), and once non-conducted. He has 'completed the circle' in 16 eight-bell towers and one ten-bell tower, and has conducted a peal from most of the bells in the eight-bell towers.

In his early days transport arrangements were not as easy as they are today, and most of the band reached the tower on a bicycle or motor cycle—distance no object! He has always appreciated the loyalty of his own stalwarts, who have worked with him to 'keep the flag flying' in days gone by.

He has called peals from Doubles to Maximus, and among the peals he is particularly proud of calling are the first peals for the Kent County Association of Erin Caters and Grandsire Cinques in 1931, and Double Norwich Caters in 1948.

For the last 36 years he has been district superintendent of the Mid-Kent Water Company, and has led a busy life in charge of the water supply for 12 parishes. He has served his local Association as Central Council representative from 1933-59, and rarely missed a meeting.

Tom is very popular with everyone he meets, and has endeared himself to all by his genial personality. He has always been willing to help a young ringer along the road to success. Although there are no bells at Paddock Wood, he has been a Sunday service ringer at Staplehurst, Marden and Linton, and since the war he has been a regular attender at All Saints', Maidstone.

He is expecting to retire from work next July, and hopes to continue his peal ringing more actively, as long as his health allows. However, his record in the past is such, that he will long be remembered and respected for his practical help and encouragement, spread over the last 50 years.

APACE.

## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"Z"

**ZEAL.**—This passionate ardour is the pursuit of anything can, of course, apply to bell ringers. There are many ringers with zeal but unfortunately they are often not well known because they do not desire the lime-light of publicity—this is a great pity. You will all too often come across someone who, imbued with the best qualities of a ringer and spending hours in leading and instructing, including travelling miles to do so, still prefers to remain, in present day phraseology, a back-room boy. Such a person could be considered as part of the backbone of the Exercise and it is regrettable that there is usually no means of showing recognition of his efforts. But each one of us can make the tasks of this class of ringer more rewarding and less arduous by exhibiting, at least, an equal amount of zeal. We would need to display our earnestness by being regular and punctual on Sundays and practice nights, helping to pull up the bells and keeping the ringing chamber and belfry clean and tidy, sharing in the various other jobs to be done, endeavouring to progress in the art by diligent study and practice, and working for and promoting the objects of our Associations. Then, when we have reached a sufficient standard, backed by experience, we will find joy in passing on to others the knowledge which has been passed on to us. To possess the qualities of zeal and zest will enable any one of us to reach the zenith, the reward for which is without doubt a most happy life of service to others.

## In Memory Of Arthur Morris

Many readers who have visited St. James' Church, Shirley, Solihull, will remember Arthur Morris.

Born in Shirley in 1882, he gave a life's service to the church and was a ringer for 55 years and for many years was Ringing Master and tower keeper.

As a memorial to him and his wife Ellen, an oak wall book-case with a bottom hinged door to form a writing surface has been donated and erected in the belfry and is fitted with a plate bearing the inscription:—

'In memory of Arthur Morris, for 55 years a ringer, died March, 1957, and his wife, Ellen, died July, 1958.'

On Sunday evening, December, 18th, a short dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. W. Breed, in the presence of Mrs. K. Watts, their daughter, who is a ringer, the St. James' company of ringers and members of the Parochial Church Council. After the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

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## THE BELLS HER FRIEND

Miss A. Henson, of West Bridgford, Notts. who had often commented that the bells were her friend, received this year a Christmas card giving an arrangement of 'The Chimes,' by Charles Dickens. The story on the card reads as follows:—

High up in the steeple of an old English church hung the chimes. Their voices rang out loud and clear, telling of the Christmas season. 'Amen!' said Toby Veck, the poor messenger whose stand was just outside the church door.

'Amen to the bells, father?' asked his daughter, Meg, with a laugh.

'Many's the kind thing they say to me,' he replied. 'How often have I heard the bells call. "Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby Veck."'

Meg smiled and departed, while Toby started out to deliver his messages. It was the last day of the year, and wherever he went, people spoke of the New Year. But Toby was sad thinking of the unhappiness in the world, and it was with a heavy heart that he returned to the church. There, to his astonishment, he found that the door to the bell tower stood ajar. He went in, feeling his way in the dark like a blind man. Up and up, round round, until he came out among the bells.

'You chimes have cheered me often,' Toby said. 'If you only knew how often you have kept me company.'

'Yet you have wronged us,' said a voice. 'Never!' cried Toby. Then he asked, 'Who are you?'

'The voice of Time,' came the answer, 'the spirit of the chimes.'

'How have I wronged you?' asked Toby.

'You are sad because of the unhappiness in this world,' was the reply. 'But you do not help others less fortunate than yourself. You have no pity for those who have sinned. He who turns his back on his less fortunate brothers does a wrong to us, the chimes.'

'Then I am indeed sorry,' said Toby, 'for I have always loved you. Chimes. What can I do to repair my wrong?'

'You must never doubt the good in another, for misery can be so great that even the purest can sin. You must believe that there is a sea of time, that will rise one day and sweep away all who wrong or oppress others.'

'I do believe it,' cried Toby happily. The bells began to ring loudly. The voice was gone, and Toby was alone with his friends, the Chimes.

## BENTLEY COMMON REPEAT THEIR DINNER

The success that attended the first dinner of the Bentley Common, Essex, ringers which was pictorially featured in the 'R.W.' was repeated on December 10th, when a company of 48 sat down to a sumptuous meal.

Guests included Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, who had rung a peal at Brentwood in the afternoon. Ringers and friends were present from Brentwood, Ingrave, Shenfield and South Weald.

During the meal, background music was provided by a tape recording of popular light music, and carols and Grandsire Doubles on handbells by members of the Bentley band.

Mr. R. J. Brown, the tower master, was M.C., and after the dinner made a short speech of welcome to the guests and thanks to the ladies, to which Mr. R. C. Heazel replied on behalf of the visitors.

The entertainment consisted of a number of games, songs by a vocal group from Ingrave and an amusing charade acted by the Bentley ringers. The evening ended with 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11.30: it was agreed everyone had an enjoyable time.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE LAVERS

The death occurred after a short illness on December 23rd of Mr. George Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice, Devon, at the very early age of 37. He leaves a widow and three children, and is also survived by his father, his mother having predeceased him by about three years, and three married sisters.

George was brought to the belfry to learn to ring at the early age of about 6. He never became a great ringer, but was very interested and could always join in a touch of Grandsire Triples, and there was never a more jovial face to be seen at our meetings. At the time of his death he was an unattached member of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. During the last war he saw active service in the Royal Navy.

He was one of a very old ringing family at Plympton St. Maurice: his grandfather was a ringer for many years, and his illustrious father, whose friendship is treasured by everyone who knows him, is one of the most active and best known ringers in the county.

The Lavers family is reputed to be the oldest in Plympton. Some years ago it was decided by the Council to plant a tree in the Castle Grounds to commemorate some occasion. To prevent any favouritism it was agreed the youngest male of the oldest family should perform the ceremony. After much research it was agreed the Lavers were the oldest family, and George was the youngest male. When, however, the planting ceremony was about to take place George was nowhere to be found, and one of his sisters carried out the operation.

There was a large attendance at the funeral at Plympton St. Maurice on December 28th, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. De Shalto. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, the deceased having been a member of the Territorial Army, and his unit was represented by four N.C.O.s.

Close family mourners were the widow, his father and three sisters. The large number of ringers present included Messrs. T. G. Myers (captain, St. Andrew's and honorary secretary and Ringing Master of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Alan Collings, W. Marks, H. Milford (general treasurer of the Guild) and D. Wheeler, all representing St. Andrew's, Plymouth, Messrs. W. Wonnacott, Peacock, and G. Gelly (Plympton St. Maurice), the last two being also members of the surplined choir which attended. Messrs. W. Edworthy (Plympton St. Mary), O. Thomas, F. J. Blagg, W. Collier, H. H. Thomas (honorary secretary, Emmanuel and chairman, S.W. Branch of Guild) and Mr. and Mrs. George Godard, representing Emmanuel, Plymouth, and Mr. R. Bould (Tavistock). A wreath was sent from the S.W. Branch of the Guild, and from Emmanuel Church ringers. The funeral chimes were rung by Mr. W. Wonnacott.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family, the eldest, Dority, aged nine, having recently started to ring, his father, his three sisters, and other members of the family. H. H. T.

### 30 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' January 9th, 1931:—

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of St. Martin's Guild, celebrates his 76th birthday.

After a lapse of 78 years, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths ring a peal at the Church of St. Mary the Great.

Figures of the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on November 8th, 1930, are published. (These prove to be false.)

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Central District

The last quarterly meeting in 1960 was held at Stanmore on the last day of the year, when the weather, the ringing and the attendance were all of a high standard. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the mastership of Mrs. Lock, and we were pleased to welcome Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, who was over from Ireland with his family. The service was followed by an excellent tea in the Church House, provided by the young Stanmore ringers, to which 30 members and gentlemen sat down.

After tea Mrs. Lock thanked the Rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells, the mysterious organist for accompanying the service, Mr. E. Leversuch for making the arrangements, and the Stanmore ringers for the tea. The gentlemen then returned to the tower and a short business meeting was held by the ladies. An apology for absence had been received from the secretary, Mrs. Bullock, who had two children ill with measles.

Six new members were elected, and the meeting discussed the arrangements for the annual district meeting to be held at Reading on April 29th and the Guild meeting at St. Clement Danes' on January 21st, to dedicate the new peal board commemorating the Ladies' Guild peal of Stedman Caters.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., and was generally so good that we should have liked to go on longer. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major to London Surprise Major, and included a touch of Double Norwich by a gentlemen's band, which did not come round, and a touch of Stedman Triples by a ladies' band, which did! It was a most successful meeting in every way, and a fitting close to 1960. C. W.

## SWINDON DISTRICT OUTING

The last outing of the year for the Swindon District was organised by Mr. E. Sutton, when eleven towers in the Devizes and Trowbridge areas were visited on December 27th. Icy roads caused the drivers to proceed cautiously and when only two cars arrived at the first tower we wondered how the rest were getting along.

Potterne was the first tower and here Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilton greeted us; then on to Urchfont and the lovely ring of eight in the warmest church visited during the day. We were pleased to find the other travellers awaiting us, also Mr. E. Hitchings, secretary of the Devizes Branch, and some friends from Cheltenham who accompanied us all day. Market Lavington and West Lavington were next, followed by a sandwich lunch.

Great Cheverell and Erlestoke were taken in our stride, then came the outstanding tower of the day at the beautiful old church at Edington. These bells have to be rung to be believed and the sight of a brilliant Spliced Surprise Minor ringer, swinging off the ground on the tail end of the tenor in a course of London, warmed the hearts of all present. Our new Ringing Master, Brian Bladon, swapped bells and a good course of London was successfully brought round.

Bratton came next, then, after a break for tea, North Bradley proved to be a popular tower, a course of London Surprise Major being the highlight of the ringing there. Hilpertown and Holt completed the towers for the day. All agreed it had been a very good trip with some excellent ringing and a contrast in bells, from the heavy six at Edington to the light and fast ring at Hilpertown. The Spliced Surprise Minor specialists excelled with touches in 8 and 10 methods, but it was unanimously agreed that the course of London Minor at Edington was the highlight of the tour. Thanks were expressed to Eric for organising the trip, to the local ringers and incumbents. R. L.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## OUR VOCATION?

Dear Sir.—May I comment on one or two points in Mr. Cox's letter ('Ringing World,' December 30th, 1960)?

I have read and reread the following sentence from my previous letter—it is the sentence which puzzled Mr. Cox. 'Bob Major rung on Sunday for a service is not necessarily a better offering to God than a good peal of Stedman on Saturday.' This seems to me a quite clear statement of fact. It in no way denies that Sunday's Bob Major may be a better offering than Saturday's Stedman; the sentence merely states that, because a bit of ringing takes place on Sunday before a service, this piece of ringing is not, ipso facto, a more worthy offering to God.

Mr. Cox writes thus, 'But when Mr. Freeman suggests that a good peal of Stedman on Saturday is likely to be accorded the same degree of divine approval as Bob Major rung for a Sunday service then I must take issue with him, and frankly, I can find nothing in his letter which supports such a contention.'

I can only again refer to my previous letter which made no suggestion to the effect that one piece of ringing, whatever the method, was more deserving of divine approval than another—and therefore it is not surprising that there was nothing in my letter to support the contention that Stedman on Saturday is likely to be accorded the same degree or divine approval as Bob Major on Sunday.

I make these comments because I want to clear up any ambiguity and also to disclaim any responsibility for the opinions which Mr. Cox suggests that I hold. What I was trying to suggest was that it is not the time and place that gives value to our ringing but that those who ring have offered and continue to offer their lives in response to God's calling them to be his disciples and servants. All of us who profess and call ourselves Christians and who are bellringers will offer our ringing as part of our service to God—just as every other bit of life is offered—daily work, leisure, talents and abilities. Ringing, whenever it is done, will be offered to God by the person whose life is God centred.

This seems to me to make irrelevant the distinction that is sometimes made between Sunday service ringing and other ringing—peals, practice, meetings, etc. The distinction, with ringers as with the rest of humanity, is between those who offer themselves to God and those who don't: not between ringing for service and ringing peals.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL FREEMAN.

Messingham Vicarage,  
Lincolnshire.

## METHOD NAMING WITHOUT METHOD

Dear Sir.—Look here! This really will not do! The 'Ringing Worlds' last month have made me mad at you.

That method-naming stuff was just a waste of time.

And printing it, Dear Sir, an editorial crime.

Dear Sir, pray hear! I trust that you'll be kind and heed a mere beginner, who has to speak his mind.

Smith and Dragon Major! A phoney sounding lot!

Nomenclature gone crazy; the authors should be shot.

Dear Sir, look to! The trouble's gone too far. Call in the Central Council these fancy names to bar.

Compel these smart conductors to send their methods in.

And let the C.C. name them, or throw them in the bin.

DISLEY-TYPE PETER.

Cheshire.

## MINIMAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir.—One reads with amazement and admiration of the performances of Elijah Roberts tapping out twelve-bell peals, often with another person calling the bobs, but what can one say about Plain Bob Minimus with a 'one-man band'? We have read of such stunts in 'music' but we hardly expected such in change ringing.

No doubt someone will shortly	12
ring the following (with the	—
2 making seconds over the	21
(treble) 1.260 times and call	21
it a peal of Plain Bob Ridiculous	12
12 or this, 2.520 times and	12
— call it a peal of	—
21 Original Sin.	—
12 There seems to be no legitimate	—

— reason why not! Bob Minimus appears to be aptly named, for what more minimal activity could one do in ringing than repeat a handful of changes 210 times? Is it not utterly absurd for there to be 186 more repetitions than there are changes in the Plain Course?

One peal of Bob Minimus, rung as a 'test case' only, is understandable—but who would have believed that ANYONE would ever have wished to emulate it!—or dared!—Yours truly,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

## YOUNGEST PERSON TO CONDUCT A PEAL OF MAJOR FOR LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—In connection with the query by Mr. Bryn Taylor ('Ringing World,' page 848) under above heading, I am glad to be able to inform him that he is probably the youngest person to conduct a peal of Major in South Wales.

While laying no claim as such, I have assumed that I was the youngest conductor in that area with Doubles at 16 years and 3 weeks, Holt's Original—Grandsire Triples, at 17 years and 3 months, Oxford Bob Triples at 17 years and 8 months, Minor at 18 years and 3 months, and Major at 18 years and 5 months.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

## ENTERPRISE IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir.—On reading the article by 'Jafus' on page 865 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Enterprise in Derbyshire,' I feel that another name should be added to the list of advisers and instructors of the ringers of Chelmorton, Mr. A. Richardson, of St. Peter's, Fairfield, has done a great deal in training the Chelmorton ringers in the art of campanology. He has been to most of the practice nights since the dedication of the bells in June, 1960, and as I have accompanied him on most occasions I have seen the amount of time and work he has put in to help them.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. KIRK.

Burbage, Buxton.

## A PROUD MOTHER

Dear Sir.—We cannot boast record peals or numbers of towers, but one event made us very happy at Shiplake on New Year's Eve. It was rounds rung by the following band: Mrs. Waller 1, Vanessa Waller 2, Lynda Waller 3, Geoffrey Waller 4, Jane Waller 5, Mrs. Healey 6, Edmund Waller 7, David Baylis 8.

The ringer of the treble is the proud mother of the ringers of No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7: Vanessa, the youngest of the family, is 12 years.—Yours truly,

ERNEST H. SMITH.

Shiplake.

## 'NEWMARKET' SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—The method pealed as Newmarket at Long Sutton on December 5th is no newcomer to the Exercise. It was practised as 'Leodride' by the Leatherhead band before the war and has cropped up elsewhere as 'Souhampton' and 'Diss.' The first peal was rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on July 16th, 1948, conducted by Mr. H. J. Poole, when it was named Stanton.

The publication of the method brought forth a tirade against the use of double changes in Major methods. To judge from some of the methods rung and published in the last twelve years, it had, regrettably, little effect.—Yours sincerely,

Frome.

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. R. C. Noon, re the above, the method was first rung at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, July 16th, 1948, and published as Stanton 'S' Major. Composed by John Reeves and conducted by the late H. J. Poole. E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

Dear Sir.—The method rung on December 5th at Long Sutton, Lincs, as Newmarket has been rung before. It is Stanton Surprise Major, and was first rung on July 16th, 1948, at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. The report of this peal appears in the 'R.W.' of August 13th, 1948, page 334, and the method can be found in the issue of September 10th, 1948, page 386.

Mr. Noon may note that I have not only a complete list of the names of Surprise methods which have been rung to peals, but also a complete list of the methods. However, this information may also be obtained from the Records Committee of the Central Council. The convener of this committee is Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow, Middlesex. JOHN R. MAYNE.

## STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir.—Re Peal 5.007 or 5.019 Stedman Caters, by D. E. Parsons (No. 4), printed on page 837. I wish to state A. 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, does not produce course end 432651. 315462978 is produced from 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 365214879 is produced from 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, which means from the two callings: 1s reverses 9, 8, 6s reverses 6, 1, 12s reverses 4, 2. Also he should check his B column and use a Bob instead of a Single.—Yours faithfully,

Gillingham. WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Mr. D. Parsons replies: 'Owing to the layout of this peal in my original manuscript, I am afraid that the end of the starting course of the peal was deleted, and also missed when I checked the proof.'

The correct calling for course A should be 1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24 to produce 432651978 from 231456789.

I should like to thank Mr. Knight for pointing this error out and apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

## STEDMAN CINQUES ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. T. J. Lock's reference to the above in connection with the late Mr. William Pye and his 12 bell peals for the Middlesex County Association is interesting, for I took part in many of these peals during the period 1910-1929.

The peal which stands out most in my memory was rung at Haggerston on May 4th, 1914, when a short course peal of 69 courses, the first ever rung on handbells, was performed in 3 hours 20 minutes, by G. R. Pye, William Pye (conductor), B. Prewett, W. Shepherd, E. Pye and A. W. Grimes. The footnote was modest but it was certainly a peal that brought out Stedman Cinques at its best.—Yours sincerely,

Addlestone.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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## FALSE COURSEHEADS IN TREBLE BOB METHODS

By D. R. CARLISLE, G. A. HALLS  
and D. J. MARSHALL

(Continued from page 12)

**F. Groups.**—Some F-sets are so related to others that if a method produces one of these F-sets it will always produce the others. Such F-sets together are called F-groups.

Consider a method with Cambridge 2nds place lead headorder and suppose it has a F.C.H. 34256 (1/2). This is F. 1 of an F-set whose other members are F. 2, 42356 (2/1), F. 3 42356 (7/6) and F. 4 34256 (6/7).

From F. 1 we know that lead 12345678 is false with lead 15748362, and we can find what leads are false with the other leads of the plain course by maintaining the same relationship:—

Plain course lead heads.

1	2	3	4
12345678	15738264	18674523	14263857
5	6	7	
13527486	17856342	16482735	

False lead heads

1	2	3	4
15748362	18634725	14273658	13567284
5	6	7	
17826543	16452837	12385476	

We find from the above table that false leads with tenors coursing occur with leads 4, 5 and 6 of the plain course in addition to the first lead.

From these we find, apart from F. 1 34256 (1/2), the additional F.C.H.'s 63254 (4/5), 35426 (5/6), and 42635 (6/4). From each of these F.C.H.'s we can form another F-set. These four related F-sets comprise an F-group.

In the above example of an F-group containing four F-sets it will be found that two of the F-sets have identical F.C.H.'s but their falseness occurs in different leads.

Below are written out all the 60 in-course F.C.H.'s arranged in F-sets and F-groups. The choice of F. 1's is quite arbitrary, so the arrangement adopted is that given by Mr. Maurice Hodgson with the necessary corrections.

Each block of 4 F.C.H.'s is an F-set and the letters identify an F-group. The F-groups which contain two or more identical F-sets, but where the falseness may occur in different leads of the sets, are marked \*, e.g., if a method with, say, Cambridge lead head order

has a F.C.H. 23564 (4/5) (i.e., F. 1 of M) then it will always have 23564 (5/6) in addition.

**The value of F-sets and F-groups:**

1 The conception of F-sets forms the basis of half lead system of extracting F.C.H.'s.

2 The falseness of a method can be described completely, and very briefly, by the F. 1's of its F.C.H. F-sets. It is difficult to see any value at all in publishing the F.C.H.'s of a method without indicating the false leads.

3 When checking a composition it is only necessary to check F. 1 and F. 3.

4 When deriving falseness by the whole lead system a knowledge of F-sets and F-groups provides a very useful check on the accuracy of the working.

5 The conception of F-sets indicates that symmetrical compositions (i.e., a composition whose reverse variation is identical with the original and could apply be called palindromic) are more likely to be true to very false methods than asymmetric compositions. Compositions of this type need only be checked against one member of each F-set.

A typical example of a 5-part palindromic composition is Middleton's Cambridge. All 5-part and 3-part palindromic compositions can be derived systematically.

It may have been noticed that many compositions in very difficult methods, including Spliced Surprise, by contemporary composers are palindromic.

	A*	B	C	D*	E
F.1	23456	24365	25634	32546	32465
F.2	23456	24365	25634	32546	32465
F.3	23456	24365	25634	46253	43265
F.4	23456	24365	25634	46253	43265
	F*	G	H	I	K
F.1	32654	56423	53462	54632	53624
F.2	32654	56423	63425	54632	53624
F.3	45236	63542	63425	65324	65432
F.4	45236	63542	53462	65324	65432
	L1	L2*	M*	N	O
F.1	26543	42563	23564	34562	52643
F.2	26543	36245	23645	62345	36524
F.3	26543	36245	26435	46325	65243
F.4	26543	42563	46325	64532	64523
	R*	S*	T1	T2	U1
F.1	45623	52364	24536	62453	34256
F.2	56234	43625	25346	36452	42356
F.3	35642	64235	26354	53246	42356
F.4	62534	45362	24653	43526	34256

(Concluded.)

### Call Changes And Hunting

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Chadock's article on call changes, might I suggest that his way is a little too simple. Not only does he tell every bell where to go but also introduces the method of ringing by following a particular bell, this being the downfall of many learners when they progress to Plain Hunt by asking 'Which bells do I follow?' instead of 'Which way do I go?'

A much simpler way is the one where only the pair of bells concerned in each particular change are named as follows: to go from 123456 to 123546 the command being '5 with 4.' Having first explained that the bell which is called first gains a place and the bell which is called second loses a place over the first bell named. The other bell concerned, 6, hearing the command and knowing the above instructions follows the bell which is losing a place, namely the second bell to be named.

e.g., 1 2 3 4 5 6  
1 2 3 5 4 6 5 with 4  
1 2 3 5 4 6 3 with 2  
Queens 1 3 5 2 4 6 5 with 2.

Not only in this way does the learner find that to gain or lose a place he has to ring quicker and slower, respectively, this being a gradual approach to Plain Hunt and Plain Bob, but also that he is not confused with a long string of instructions, having only three words to listen to, which, if delivered clearly, concisely and at the correct time, are no trouble at all to understand.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM PHIPPS.

Chesterfield.

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### A SAMPLE OF EVERYTHING

A PARTY of ringers, mainly of the Raving variety, aided and abetted by two of Adderbury's youngsters, spent an interesting day in the Cotswolds and Oxfordshire on December 17th. A sample of everything was on the programme, from 'restoration' work to a peal attempt.

The writer's arrival at Adlestrop, just over the Gloucestershire border, was preceded by the Deddington contingent. We were heralded by the voice of our Suffolk tenor king wafting from the louvres giving instructions on roping. The bells are a good Rudhall five, and had not been rung in full peal for some years. A check was made on the fittings, and a set of new ropes recently purchased by the Vicar was put on. Ringing is not easy since all five ropes fall directly against a wall, and we left amidst showers of sally fluff.

A second bit of restoration followed at Little Compton, Warwickshire. The five here are of poorer tone than Adlestrop, and we understood they had not been rung since the war. The Vicar is to form a band, however, seeking help from the next village, and since he doesn't lack enthusiasm it should not be long before this forgotten little ring is properly rung and cared for again. The bell chamber showed signs of sad neglect, and until recently was a pigeon haunt. The frame, made partly of iron, is basically sound though badly rusted, but some of the fittings, stays in particular, are dangerously worn-out and need replacing. After minor repairs, oiling and rope splicing, the bells were tried singly, and were finally rung to a few short touches, though not without effort. Ringing is from the ground floor of a small saddle-back tower, and owners of 'Dove' may care to note that the bells are not hung anti-clockwise. The Vicar entertained us to a very welcome drink after our ringing.

Back in Oxfordshire, touches on the six at Spelsbury were performed in semi-darkness in one corner of a huge barn-like tower. The electricians working in the church had cut the supply. Moving on, near Charlbury, we rounded a bend in the road to be confronted by a flood. The leading car stopped, but the other shot past and lurched through the flood water at an alarming speed. The parting of the Red Sea had nothing on it! One local got drenched, another hurriedly dismounted from his bicycle, and a third stood tapping his head, as the saner members of the party passed in the other car.

We could only conclude that our Ringing Master was anxious to have a bite in Witney and set sail on his umpteenth peal attempt of the year. The peal was to be two-method Minor at Standlake—Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury with Chris Clarke at the helm. Our tenor king, now known to many members of the Exercise as 'Newmarket' was relegated to the fourth. The ringing took some time to settle down, but what looked like a satisfactory conclusion never came: the peal was lost in the last extent due to a shift course. It was a disappointment to everyone, especially Mark Sayers, who was trying for his first peal.

Our two non-pealers had walked the seven miles from Witney for a ring at Standlake, before they were whisked most of the way back to ring on the tiny six at Ducklington, where we consoled ourselves round a huge coke stove.

At Brize Norton the Vicar joined us for Grandfire Doubles, in whole pulls, and a course of Slough Big Bob was particularly well executed. Later, our miserable efforts to find Coombe tower in the darkness were eventually rewarded by a very fine six, and some were seen to lick their lips at the mention of a possible peal attempt there in 1961.

Finally, after enjoying a ring at Cassington, we were greeted in force by the locals at Yarnton, where we were pleased to learn a new band has been formed to ring their heavy anti-clockwise six. (Dove owners, please note.) Our day was not complete until the Mann from Newmarket had turned the tenor in: indeed we wonder how long it will be before he challenges A.P.C. for the crown!

The visitors would like to express their thanks to everyone who gave them permission to ring and to those who patiently awaited their arrival at the towers, for a sample of everything.

R. K. R.



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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., Huntingdon All Saints' (6) 4-4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., All Saints' Parish Room, Ferrars Road, followed by business meeting. All Saints and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7276

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech St. Peter, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7305

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common (8), to be held on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7254

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Beager, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 19th, to J. Iason, 30, Dallas Road, Chippenhams. 7297



**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting. Upper Cam (6). Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names to B. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 7291

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A.G.M., Farnham (8), January 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to Miss A. Wells, Randall's Cottage, Dippenhall, Farnham. Surrey. 7292

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clun District.—General meeting. Clun, on January 21st. 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for tea by 19th, to T. Davies, Sec., 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 7273

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting. St. Albans. Saturday, January 21st, 3 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Miss C. Rimmer. 182, Tippendale Lane, Park Street, St. Albans.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7299

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting. Minster Abbey, Sheppey, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss J. Exeter. 53, New Road, Harpes Estate, Minster, Sheerness. 7248

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Saturday, January 21st. Special meeting at St. Clement Danes'. London. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4. Tea 5 p.m. Details of evening ringing will be given at tea. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, January 17th, to Miss Colgate. 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 7308

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Annual general meeting after tea—J. F. Turner, Sec. 7284

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden, on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Miss I. Cunliffe. 10, Union Street, Haslingden. —J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7285

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray (10), on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Blakeney Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, please, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray. 7269

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting at Market Harborough, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. F. Wallington. 118, St. Mary Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7312

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting and social evening. Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2-6 p.m., followed by service and dinner 6.45 p.m. in Old Hall, price 10s. Business meeting and social afterwards. Names by Tuesday previous, to Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7214

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, January 21st, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Lyons, London Bridge. Meeting for nomination of officers. St. George-the-Martyr, 6.45. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. Note: A.G.M., Saturday, February 25th, St. Clement Danes', 2.30.—Rogers, ISL 3921.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—S. & W. District.—District annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at Heston. Arrangements are: Ringing 3-4.30 p.m.; Service 4.30; Tea 5; Business meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7288

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bicester (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 7266

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting at Brackley, on Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7258

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting. Earls Barton, January 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. I. Dickin, 104, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton. 7251

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Wessex Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 7223

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in parish hall, followed by business meeting. St. Paul's and St. Thomas' bells in evening. Names for tea by 17th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7091

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting. Wootton Bassett, January 21st. Names for tea, please.—E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 7306

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting. Chisledon, Saturday, January 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 7295

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting. Wareham, January 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Names for tea essential by January 18th at latest, to J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 7298

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at Cannock St. Luke's, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 18th, to Mr. G. Bradbury, 19, Spring Street, Cannock, Staffs. 7290

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells available: Balderton 2.30-4.30 p.m., Newark 6.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Mary's Rooms, Newark. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. 7210

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Mansfield bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, January 18th, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 7290

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—W.C. District.—Annual general meeting at Stowmarket (8), on January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must be in by January 18th, to Mr. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 7272

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Annual district meeting. Bletchingley (8), January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 19th, to Mr. F. Bird, 'Braddon,' Godstone Road, Bletchingley.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7064

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting. Uckfield (8), Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Lounge Cafe, for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7282

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, Romsey Abbey, January 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. Page, 'Fairacre,' Woodley Lane, Romsey. 7234

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas'), Saturday, January 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to Mr. Fred Nicholls, 14, Poplar Road, Norton, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7125

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Bradford Cathedral, on January 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet in the Parish room at 3.15, prompt. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in the Parish Room. Names for tea by January 18th, to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke, Bradford 4.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7233

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual general meeting. January 28th. Coggeshall. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 25th, to Mr. C. Turner, Mill Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 7270

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., cost 2s. 3d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, January 26th, Mrs. J. P. Cook, 47, New Street, Sandwich.—T. C. P. 7206

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 25th, to Miss H. Joel, 103, Fordwater Road, Chertsey. 7289

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton, on January 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 23rd.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7307

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin, on January 28th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, January 26th, to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7261

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual general meeting. Saturday, January 28th, at Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 24th, to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead. 7261

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting at Wellingborough (8), January 28th. Method: Double Norwich. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous (January 25th), to S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7311

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting. Scunthorpe (8), January 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 25th, to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 7279

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting. Grantham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, by Monday, January 23rd.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 7300

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Green's Norton, January 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 7301

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—1672.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—A. Henson, Sec. 7278

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by previous Wednesday.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7263

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Annual dinner on Saturday, February 4th, in New College, Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Advance notice.—Will members please note the following dates for 1961: Saturday, April 15th—a business meeting will be held at Oxford. Full details of luncheon and ringing arrangements later. Saturday, November 4th—the 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1.—John Chilcott. 7252

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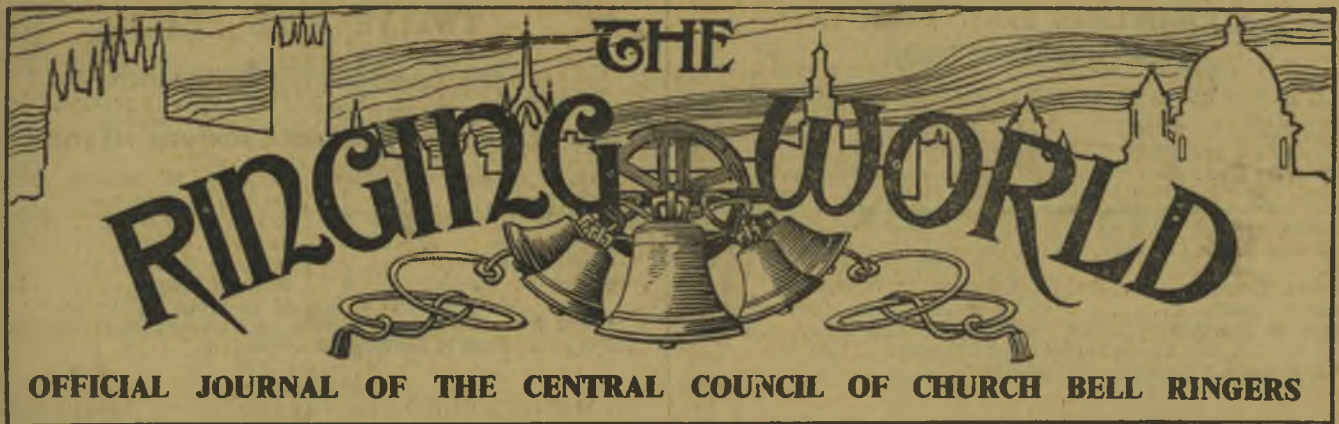
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## THE HOADS OF REIGATE

FIFTEEN months ago George F. Hoad, an old Reigate ringer, died tragically after a road accident. Since then his widow has kindly presented three of his ringing books to the Surrey Association library, one a copy of Hubbard's 'Campanalogia,' the others manuscripts containing touches and peals. Browsing through these old books conjures up all sorts of thoughts on what young ringing circles were like in those days. A clue, at least, is given by some words on the flyleaf of Hubbard that were written by a previous owner: 'James Dale Ringer, March 14th 1878. One of a School of all Fools'!

Originally the Hoad family hailed from near Ulverston, Lancashire (where according to George's brother Francis there is a Hoad Hill with an obelisk on top), and then settled as farmers at Rudgwick in Sussex for several generations. During the agricultural depression in the 1830's, their grandfather gave up farming and moved to Reigate, and so it was that their father, Francis T. Hoad, senior, learned to ring there in the '60's and his sons after him in the '90's.

There were seven boys and a girl in the family born from 1873 onwards, of whom five were taught to ring: Francis (the eldest), Bill, George, Harry, and Charles who died a few years ago. Frank and George are probably best known among ringers. Three of the family are still with us. Bill lives at Reading, while Frank, a most engaging personality and a strong churchman who still works at gardening every week, lives with his sister, Mrs. Miles, in Reigate. Frank can no longer stand to ring, but like most elderly people he loves to reminisce, and when he gets going tells his stories with great gusto and humour.

On August 6th, 1900, Frank and George were in a peal of Treble Bob at Dorking with Bert Langdon, Bill Weatherstone and others. Afterwards these two managed to catch a train to London, but being late the brothers had missed their last train, and started walking back home to Reigate. By the Red Lion they came upon an old motorised 'contraption broken down,' and gave a hand to push it up the hill. Eventually the driver got it started, and as reward gave them some whisky and water to drink, on which they had to keep on walking.

Frank was courting at about this time. He grins, and with a wicked look in his eye tells of the occasion he went specially to Betchworth to ring, and as usual left his bicycle at a nearby cottage. However, the ringers never saw him that night: he had gone indoors and was talking to Miss Arnold. They were married in 1903, '... a wet year, just like 1960.'

Around the 1900's Frank and other Reigate ringers often used to walk the nine miles to Rusper and back for a Sunday afternoon peal. 'Yet, you know, when Monday morning came we never felt the worse for it. No! We used to have to walk off to work, better off than if we'd sat about all day Sunday doing nothing.' 'Why did you walk rather than cycle?' 'See, we used to stop and get a drink at the Six Bells, then sometimes we used to get on at Rusper wi' some of them ... of course, if you were on your feet you were safe, but if you got on a bicycle you might fall off down those dark old lanes at that time.' Later Frank moved to Rusper, while Rev. Mr. Sinnot was Rector.

Many stories are told of this 'fighting parson,' a down-to-earth-and-no-humbag personality. Alf Bull, of Horley, tells of a tea that was promised to a peal band on a strict no-peal-no-tea basis. 'Got your peal?', he asked. 'No, er—something happened. ...' 'No excuses, now'; and true to his bargain offered his tea to all comers who were out walking in the village. Once, after a Sunday peal, says George Marriner, of Leatherhead, he gave the band five shillings' worth of beer across the road on condition they rang for service.

George had left Reigate in 1902 to work on the L.N.W. Railway at Bangor. Imagine a parson these days acting as self-appointed personnel recruiting officer for local industry! That was what the Vicar of Bangor, Rev. T. L. Jones, did to try and build up a band of proficient change-ringers at his church. While there, George met many well-known Midlands names, and joined them on trips to Ireland in Whitsun, 1902, and December, 1903.

He conducted a good many of his peals, and like his father always called Holt's Original to Grandsire Triples. He was a great dabbler with figures, and although his manuscripts appear to contain nothing very outstanding of his own, there is much of interest in Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman methods, dating apparently from about 1911 onwards.

How many places, how many faces, have these well-thumbed pages seen? How much gaiety have they witnessed, and how much discipline in ringing? Much of both, one suspects. More than that, the same kind of qualities are required for success in life as for success in ringing, and the ringing achievements of these old folk reflect, as it were, their greater achievement in character. It is a great privilege to talk with them.

F. E. ROBERTS.

(Besides those already mentioned, Messrs. H. Langdon, A. Peck and A. Winch are also thanked for their help in research.—F. E. R.)



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HARRY RICHARDSON .. Treble	*BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. 6
*ALAN J. FROST .. .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 7
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 25th peal together.

### FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

FRANK E. CROSIER .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

### TWYWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

*P. ROGER MASON .. Treble	†DAVID R. PERKINS .. 3
†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 2	†ALAN J. FROST .. .. 4
†FRANK E. CROSIER .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles in three methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

### LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

#### A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*DAVID W. JAMES .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 7
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8
†DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 9
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 10
†HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 6	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First of Yorkshire Maximus 'inside'. ‡ 25th peal. First of Maximus as conductor.

### BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 8
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 9
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. 10
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	*PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 700th peal. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and 8th.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD .. Treble	DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. 2	MARY HALL .. .. 7
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 8
DOREEN COX .. .. 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 9
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal on ten bells.

### BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 9
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

### NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 7
DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 3	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 8
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 9
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

### NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

#### A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

GLYN F. JENKINS .. Treble	*GEOFFREY STRICKLAND .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
*BARBARA STEPHENS .. 3	BRYNLEY TAYLOR .. .. 8
DAVID J. LEWELLYN .. 4	TREVOR LEWIS .. .. 9
GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 5	*JACK JAMES .. .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal on ten.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. William Philips and Mr. Charles Greedy on completing 53 years and 43 years respectively as ringers at St. Woolos', Newport.



APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
RONALD K. RUSS .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 7
A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 8
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	ARTHUR SAYERS .. 9
MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 5	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*MRS. CHRISTINE B. SHIERS Treble	†DENNIS G. BROWN .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHILL .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	JOHN W. SMITH .. 8
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. 9
*FREDA CANNON .. 5	JACK DAFTERS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal. † First of Stedman.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

JOSEPH SAUNDERS .. Treble	TERRY EARLE .. 6
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. 7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. 8
*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 9
ALAN R. SYDER .. 5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (Circuit A-W).

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
CECIL W. PIPE .. 2	FRANK A. WILLIS BETTS .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 8
LESLIE N. MELTON .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 9
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 5	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

Rung fully-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*DAVID HERSHELL .. Treble	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB .. 6
*TESSA P. KEMP .. 2	JOHN H. J. MUDD .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 8
*SYLVIA MARSH .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 9
*ADRIENNE GIBSON .. 5	WILFRED G. WILSON .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Patricia Rogers, of Isleworth.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
PETER LAFLIN .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
BASIL JONES .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21½ cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW .. Treble	WILLIAM WALL .. 6
ALAN CAPSTICK .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS .. 7
*JAMES DICKINSON .. 3	JOHN BAGNALL .. 8
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 4	HEDLEY A. WOOD .. 9
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY .. 5	RAYMOND SUART .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (C.C.C. 30).

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

Rung to welcome the New Year.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 7
AVRIL IVIN .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. 9
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 5	STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
RUTH A. HIGHLEY .. Treble	ALBERT DUNK .. 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
JENNIFER M. BORER .. 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 7
TERENCE BARTON .. 4	*JOHN HARMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal. Believed to be the 50th peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Waterhouse (curate) on becoming Vicar of Birling.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

*DENNIS E. PEPPER .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. 6
GILES C. GALLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 7
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Major.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
*PETER L. WOOD .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD .. 6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 7
ALAN R. SYDER .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
*JACK PILGRIM .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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**HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
 Heywood's transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.  

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Tenor

 Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.  
 Rung in memoriam Tommy Riley, of Liss, Hampshire.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 In four methods, being 1,824 of Bristol, 1,344 of Cambridge, 1,152 of Superlative and 768 of London, with 104 changes of method.  
 Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.  

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	*JACK S. DEAR .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

 Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 \*First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.  

SYDNEY C. EASTER .. Treble	*ARTHUR HUBBLE .. 5
*IAN PANTON .. 2	*JAMES TOWLER .. 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.  
 \*First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise on the bells.

**OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.  

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	DEREK P. JONES .. 6
PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

 Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.  
 First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

**PENSHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.  

THOMAS E. SONE .. Treble	JOHN E. WARNER .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 7
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	COLIN A. TESTER .. Tenor

 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.  
 The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

**SHERBORNE, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.  

PHILIP N. TUBBS .. Treble	*GWILYM G. SALMON .. 5
*MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 6
DON C. EXELL .. 3	†FRANK D. MACK .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. Tenor

 Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.  
 \*First peal in the method. †First in the method 'inside.'  
 Rung for the Feast of St. John.

**SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 In three methods, being 1,760 each Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.  

LOUIS WILLIERS .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 6
PETER A. SHARP .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

 Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
 \*First peal of Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

**WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 25 cwt. in D.  

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	*†PETER M. ADCOCK .. 6
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

 Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.  
 \*First peal in the method. †50th peal.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 14½ cwt.  

JOSEPH SAXTON .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 5
MRS. B. HOLMES .. 2	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY .. 3	DENNIS COOPER .. 7
CAROLYN COLLIER .. 4	KENNETH RUTLAND .. Tenor

 Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by KENNETH RUTLAND.  
 First peal as conductor.  
 Rung by the Sunday service band in honour of the engagement of Carolyn Collier and Kenneth Rutland.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12½ cwt.  

*KEITH HACKNEY .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. 5
†JOHN OULTRAM .. 2	OSWALD CLAYBROOKE .. 6
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. Tenor

 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.  
 \*First peal. †First 'inside.'

**HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.  

*C. RODGER ASHER .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2	†STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

 Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
 \*First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. †300th peal.  
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett on their wedding anniversary.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.  

*J. DAVID ADAMS .. Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
*ALAN KIRK .. 2	†JOHN R. KENNETT .. 6
HENRY KIRK .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

 Composed by G. PATRICK. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.  
 \*First peal of Treble Bob Major. †First of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First of Oxford Treble Bob Major as conductor. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.  
**A PEAL OF 5184 CLEVEDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.  

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

 Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 First peal in the method.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 11½ cwt.  

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	J. BARRY PICKUP .. 5
*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. 6
*JEFFREY KERSHAW .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Tenor

 Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.  
 \*First peal of Rutland.

**CLEVEDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 58—58.14—58—38.14—14.58—14—5  
 2nds place lead-end 13527486. 4ths place boh.



## BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithin,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	*LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 2	*PETER A. SHARP .. .. 6
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Chapman on their wedding anniversary.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*JACQUELINE A. PURNELL .. Treble	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. 5
DON C. EXELL .. .. 2	WILLIAM ABRAHAM .. .. 6
CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 7
DOREEN COX .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal on eight.

## ESHER, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*TESSA P. KEMP .. .. Treble	*SYLVIA MARSH .. .. 5
*J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. .. 2	*ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. 6
*GERALDINE M. PIPER .. .. 3	CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 7
*SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The conductor's 300th peal.

## SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. Treble	*PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

## WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. HARVEY, General Committee .. .. Treble	
E. MAURICE ATKINS, General Secretary .. .. 2	
*ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 3	
THOMAS G. MYERS, S.W. Branch Secretary and Ringing Master .. 4	
FREDERICK WREFOED, General Committee .. .. 5	
HERBERT C. SPENCER, General Committee .. .. 6	
NORMAN CALLETT, Exeter Branch Ringing Master .. .. 7	
FRANK D. MACK, General Committee .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

A tribute to the memory of John L. S. Glanvill, late Central Council member for the Guild, Aylesbeare Branch Ringing Master, deputy Ringing Master of Exeter Cathedral, captain of Woodbury Ringers, who passed to higher service on October 17th, 1960, aged 56 years.

## ASHFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
ELEANOR M. HOUGH .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
*MARGARET M. JONES .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
ALAN P. S. BERRY .. .. 4	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

## BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. 6
PETER J. COLES .. .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. Treble	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 5
ROBERT W. HIND .. .. 2	ALAN BAGWORTH .. .. 6
JEANNETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 7
R. JAMES COOK .. .. 4	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First in the method as conductor.

## BENENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. 6). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Saviour, OXTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*D. GWYN JONES .. .. Treble	†W. ANDREW D. GRIFFITHS .. 5
*JOHN D. HERON .. .. 2	†ERNEST T. CARVELL .. .. 6
†JOAN M. RICHMOND .. .. 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 7
†R. ERIC BRITTON .. .. 4	*WILLIAM A. BOOTE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

\* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the christening of Christopher James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin. Also as a compliment to Mr. R. E. Britton and Miss K. Bradbury on their engagement.

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## BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*PETER A. SLIGHT .. Treble	†J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. 5
†MRS. P. A. SIMPSON .. 2	†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 6
LOUIS WILLIERS .. 3	DENIS A. FRITH .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*MRS. J. E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. 6
†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
*RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Spliced. † First of Spliced in five methods on this plan. All except the sixth ringer are members of Bradford Cathedral Sunday service band.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN GEORGE .. Treble	*NICHOLAS MARTIN .. 5
*PATRICIA M. BUSS .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 6
*PAUL J. DYE .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

KATHLEEN M. YEO .. Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. Treble	†MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 5
*EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 2	CYRIL RUSBY .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 3	LEONARD GOODALL .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

## HERTFORD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER .. 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2	†CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. 6
CHRISTINE M. HARBOIT .. 3	CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 7
†CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First of Major.

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*ROBIN SHIPP .. Treble	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 6
ERNEST A. SHIPP .. 3	JOHN WILSON .. 7
FREDA P. GREAVES .. 4	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled on the back eight for the passing of 1960.

## LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. MILLS .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOOD .. 5
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 2	BRIAN DOWNS .. 6
RONALD C. SMITH .. 3	HUGH NEILL .. 7
MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIISTOW.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

## LONDON.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

## A PEAL OF 5/56 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

## LYME REGIS, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Johnson's variation.	
*FRANK KNIGHT .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 5
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. 2	DAVID HOARE .. 6
ROBIN N. PITMAN .. 3	†MICHAEL V. WHITE .. 7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 4	REV. ROGER KEELEY .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ROGER KEELEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise.

A birthday compliment to Michael V. White.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Ebbe.

## A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	*BRIAN R. WHITE .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 6
CHARLES COLES .. 3	†W. DAVID WARD .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

A 90th birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins, still an active member of this tower.

## STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	*MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 5
*JOHN E. CAMP .. 2	†ROGER G. HAZELL .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 7
*DAVID P. HILLING .. 4	†J. KEITH WARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise away from treble.

‡ First in the method.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	JOHN E. ALLEN .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERTSHED .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. 2	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 250th peal.



## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.  
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

## BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CASSIOBUY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method by all the band.

## CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. Treble	*PETER BRIDLE .. .. 5
*HUGH N. EVANS .. .. 2	DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 7
†JEFFREY R. GOODENOUGH 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major and 'inside.'

## WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part .. .. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.	
*PATRICIA E. HIBBERT .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. IRVING .. .. 2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 6
†JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 3	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS .. 7
‡MICHAEL STANLEY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.

\* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in four methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*PHILIP STEVENS .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 4
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER 2	†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal for the Association. ‡ 50th tower for a peal.

Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew to celebrate the consecration this day of Fr. Trevor Huddleston, C.R., as Bishop of Masasi.

## ADDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 2.160 and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob: 15 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. Treble	*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 4
*ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. 2	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 5
*SYLVIA MARSH .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in four methods. † 50th peal.

## CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HILARY L. KIRKMAN .. Treble	ROBERT BARRATT .. .. 4
*PETER WM. HORNE .. .. 2	F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 3	HARRY CALLWOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal of Doubles, and in the method. The conductor's 25th peal on the bells and 50th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Audrey Rowbotham, a member of the local band.

## FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR KINSEY .. .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 4
JOY SMITH .. .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. 3	LEONARD SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

## ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*MALCOLM K. KITCHING .. Treble	DAVID MANSHIP .. .. 4
J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. 3	CHARLES V. CATTELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

\* First peal.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich S. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4
JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in seven Surprise methods by all the band, and on the bells.

Rung by the Sunday service band for Christmas.

## FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HELEN B. NEVIN .. .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
PETER J. SHIPTON .. .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

## MARSTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings.

Tenor 5 cwt.

ROY H. JONES .. .. Treble	DAVID C. WOODWARD .. 3
*†JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 2	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 4
*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

\* Most changes rung in the method. † First peal 'inside.'

## BETHERSDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ELEANOR HOUGH .. .. Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4
PETER F. T. SMITH .. .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
J. RICHARD HOUGH .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## FINDON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

JAMES MAPLE .. .. Treble	RAYMOND A. BROWN .. 4
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2	PETER H. LANGTON .. .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

## MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 17 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES .. .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
GEORGE BARKER .. .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3	AUBREY J. PROBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.



MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN G. GIPSON .. . Treble	†GEORGE E. THODAY .. . 4
†DONALD F. MURFET .. . 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. . 5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. . 3	MANSEFIELD GINN .. . Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* 100th peal together. † 50th peal for the Association.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and three of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*C. ROGER ASHER .. . Treble	FREDERICK DERRY .. . 3
EDGAR A. COLE .. . 2	J. EDWARD BROWN .. . 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. . Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal on five bells.

SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MICHAEL W. BROWN .. . Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. . 4
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. . 2	HARRY POYNER .. . 5
MARY C. POYNER .. . 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. . Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

Rung to mark the bicentenary of the hanging of these bells.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

ALAN CLARKE .. . Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. . 4
PETER M. ADCOCK .. . 2	RONALD W. STEWARD .. . 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. . 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. . Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

LODDON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES W. FORDER .. . Treble	*MICHAEL J. PARKER .. . 4
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. . 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. . 5
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. . 3	ARTHUR E. LONG .. . Tenor

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cossey, parents of the second ringers.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 34, 48, 50, 52, 53 and 29). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*DAVID W. STENSON .. . Treble	†MARK G. WOOD .. . 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. . 2	*J. HEDLEY WALE .. . 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. . 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. . Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

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

WITTERSHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*W. KENNETH HAMILTON .. . Treble	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. . 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. . 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. . 5
MAISIE VANTOM .. . 3	ROBERT SWIFT .. . Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* Second peal, after 25 years.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. RODGER ASHER .. . Treble	LOUIS WILKERS .. . 4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. . 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. . 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. . 3	PETER A. SHARP .. . Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Single Court Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RODNEY FRENCH .. . Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT .. . 4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. . 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. . 5
DEBORAH HOPKINS .. . 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. . Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

\* First peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN A. AVIS .. . Treble	ADRIAN G. SEMKEN .. . 4
DAVID E. CULHAM .. . 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. . 5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. . 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* 500th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. M. Semken.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. . Treble	K. PETER JONES .. . 4
*DAVID WILLIAMS .. . 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. . 5
REGINALD O. PRESTON .. . 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Sargeant on their 25th wedding anniversary.

GREAT CHART, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. . Treble	ROBERT SWIFT .. . 4
VIOLET I. E. ROLF .. . 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. . 5
*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. . 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. . Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

ALAN J. CLARKE .. . Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. . 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. . 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. . 5
JAMES BENNETT .. . 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. . Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Sheffield and District Society.)  
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

JACQUELINE A. DYE .. . Treble	EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. . 4
*LYNNE THOMPSON .. . 2	FRANK BRUNT .. . 5
†CHRISTINE FOX .. . 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.



## BRIGHTWALTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. 4
*JOHN T. HIBBERT .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 5
ARTHUR SAYERS .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Kent Minor by all except the ringer of the fourth. The conductor has now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

## CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) Royston, York Minster, Penistone, Bolton Abbey; (2) South Kirby, Barnsley, Felkirk, Havercroft; (3) College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate; (4) St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood; (5) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley; (6) London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, Capel; (7) Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. Treble	HERMAN RUSBY .. 4
ERIC STAINROD .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 5
FRED COWLING .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

First peal in 26 methods by all the band.

Rung to mark the centenary of the birth of the late J. M. Spencer Stanhope on December 31st, 1860. The three new bells which were dedicated in 1859 were the gift of Mr. Stanhope's mother.

## CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. 3
W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 4

\*DAVID EAMES (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled for the Old Year.

## CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMORE .. 4
*JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 5
†WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' † First of Surprise.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. Treble	JOHN COATES .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	SIDNEY CARNALL .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled to ring out the Old Year.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk T.B.; (4) Morning Star T.B.; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Oxford T.B.; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES .. Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON .. 4
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. 2	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
JOHN ROBINSON .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

## LUDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Grandsire, four each of St. Martin's Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 32 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ANDREW R. HARVEY .. Treble	JOCELYN B. GARDINER .. 3
RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2	GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN A. RAITHBY (13) .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2	MARK W. LEWIS .. 5
HAROLD STEVENSON .. 3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## ORSETT, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ANTONY T. BOWLEY .. Treble	DESMOND G. MAYELL .. 4
†MRS. F. W. BLATCH .. 2	†THOMAS E. G. TAYLOR .. 5
MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 3	FREDERICK W. BLATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

\* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First in two methods on the bells.

## ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three six-scores each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Giles', Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse St.

Bartholomew, Northrepps and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	MICHAEL LARCHER .. 4
JUDY-ANN ESHELBY .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
ROSEMARIE E. JONES .. 3	EDMUND MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

## SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
DEBORAH WILSON .. 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 5
†ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 3	DAVID PARKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal (aged 11). † First 'inside.'

## STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Single Court Bob, 2,160 Oxford Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

E. TYERS .. Treble	R. RUSSELL .. 4
C. MATTHEWS .. 2	R. A. WEBSTER .. 5
P. D. BALDOCK .. 3	J. H. BLUFF .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

Rung for the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baldock.

## THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb.

H. FRANK PIKE .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. 4
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On New Year's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): F. Cuss 1, A. Keen 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, A. Palmer 4, G. Newman 5, D. Bowles 6. For Evensong.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Waterhouse 1, Diana M. Gough 2, D. H. Paine 3, V. F. Gough 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mephem 6. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday, on December 3rd, 1960, of the captain of the band, Roy D. Brown.

**AMERSHAM, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Miss E. Beynon (first quarter) 1, J. E. Camp (cond.) 2, P. Atkins 3, Miss R. Hicks 4, G. Orchard 5, Miss R. Stacey 6. Rung for the festival of nine lessons and carols.

**ASHTED, SURREY.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Rippon (first quarter) 1, Marilyn Gibbs (first of Triples 'inside' and first as cond.) 2, Christine Boxall (first 'inside' and on eight) 3, Geraldine Piper 4, Diana Prynn 5, J. T. Symonds 6, J. L. Hayns 7, B. C. Piper 8. For Evensong on New Year's Day, and to mark the success of the year's efforts to raise money for the overhaul and rehang of the bells. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Felicity Goss (first quarter) 1, Marilyn Gibbs 2, Christine Boxall 3, Geraldine Piper 4, Diana Prynn 5, J. T. Symonds 6, J. T. Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensong.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Warnes (first quarter) 1, R. D. Flowers 2, B. Brant (first quarter) 3, W. Ilston 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling (first quarter) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the conductor's parents' silver wedding anniversary. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Amy Wanes (first quarter) 1, A. Holling (first 'inside') 2, B. Brant 3, K. Robinson (first 'inside') 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, R. Kirby (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. James Tonge to Miss Sylvia Shephard this day. Average age of band 15½ years.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, Mrs. K. Chilcott 2, Miss J. L. Lavender 3, J. Schofield 4, Miss J. M. Winchester 5, R. Bird 6, M. P. Moreton 7, F. E. Darby 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, R. I. F. Parsons 10.

**BOBBING, KENT.**—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn M. Cumberworth (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, Diana R. Southam 3, T. D. Wickins (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, T. Wraight (first of Grandsire) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Wickins, of Rainham, mother of the 4th ringer.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Mitchell 1, A. G. Rose 2, J. Seager 3, R. Pike 4, C. Conway 5, A. V. Davis 6, A. Buswell (cond.) 7, A. Miller 8. Rung for Matins.

**BRECON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: M. T. Johns 1, M. R. Thomas 2, T. H. Owen 3, D. P. Davies 4, D. G. Owen 5, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6. Rung in celebration of Christmas Eve. First quarter of Minor for all except the conductor.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Algate (first quarter) 1, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 2, P. E. Parry 3, P. Bridle (first of Doubles) 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. C. Exell 6. Also at the Cathedral, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Exell (first quarter) 1, W. Abraham 2, I. C. Buckland (first 'inside') 3, C. J. Richards 4, P. Bridle 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6, D. C. Exell 7, R. Algate (first on eight) 8. For Christmas Day Matins.

**BROUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): J. Jolleys 1, Judy Moir 2, Betty Faunch 3, K. Martin 4, D. Lawson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the New Year.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, H. C. Edwards 2, F. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, J. Marks 5, R. Cadamy 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8.

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Strawford 1, N. Leslie 2, J. Pearce (cond.) 3, C. Evans 4, D. Leslie 5, G. Hooper and A. O'Shaughnessy 6, J. Hut 7, F. Carter and J. Carter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mark Willis, foreman ringer and choirman for many years, of this tower.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evangeline M. Roberts 1, K. Davey 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, Jill Swanne 4, Rev. G. W. Ruming 5, F. Gallop 6. First quarter by 2 and 6. A farewell to F. Gallop, who is going to an Army school.

**CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Miller 1, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 2, W. Haynes 3, D. Maunder 4, H. Haynes 5. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for James Franklin Haynes, a ringer of this parish, who died on December 28th.

**CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. M. Lovelace 1, Miss J. Bird 2, H. Muncey 3, H. Foster 4, S. Brown 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Jill Martin and Brian Pratt on their engagement.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Vine (first quarter) 1, S. Brook 2, J. E. Baker 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Cull 5, B. Booth 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lieut.-Col. F. J. G. Agr, D.S.O.

**CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jeanette Pugh 1, M. G. Selby 2, K. Selby 3, Jacqueline Roberts 4, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 5, G. J. Hemming 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Bush (first quarter) 1, N. Bush 2, P. K. Waterman 3, G. Baverstock (first 'inside') 4, J. Baverstock (first as cond.) 5, D. Tiller (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss I. Bush (daughter of 1 and 2) to Mr. A. Bishop.

**DEBBY.**—On Dec. 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Franks 1, Miss R. Bull 2, Mrs. J. Larkin 3, M. Larkin 4, A. Mould (cond.) 5, M. Willis 6, J. Murfin 7, F. G. Murfin 8. First of Grandsire Triples for all except 5 and 7.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew William) on November 24th, to Arthur and Gillian Churchman (nee Bishop).

**HAGLEY, WORCS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Curry (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lawley 2, J. A. Tandy (first 'inside') 3, M. D. Fellows 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. Roden 6.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Davey 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. L. Bell 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. E. Wells 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, W. Ransome 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, R. Mills and S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley and sincere thanks for three years' expert tuition given to the Holme Pierrepont team. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, D. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. and F. Bradley. To ring out the old year. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Bradley (cond.) 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley and M. W. Harrison 6. To ring in the New Year. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the carol service.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew: D. Stillman 1, R. Humphries 2, P. Gaisford 3, R. Lovelock 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, J. Banks (first quarter) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Warner 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, A. D. Leach 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss W. Bird (first of Surprise) 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, E. T. Newbury 5, I. Goulter 6, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 7, G. R. Drew 8.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Both for morning service.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hawkins 1, K. Scrimshaw 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, F. Mills 5, C. Willmington 6, L. Wood (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For children's carol service.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary atte Bow, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Beresford (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss B. C. Webster 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, H. G. Hart 5, V. Green 6, D. J. Taylor 7, H. D. Butler 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. T. Smith and Miss K. E. Mettrick, daughter of Rev. F. Mettrick, Rector of Bow. Also at St. Clement Danes, on Jan. 8th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. Tomsett 1, E. G. Coward 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. E. Laker 6, F. Ranson 7, C. H. Rogers 8, A. Fulwell 9, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 10. First of Kent Royal by 3, 5, 6 and 9. For morning service.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Abraham 1, P. G. Yeo 2, F. W. E. Carter (first of Triples 'inside') 3, P. Bridle 4, N. H. Yeo 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8. Rung for Evensong and the first by a local band.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering (cond.) 1, B. Groves 2, F. Leeson 3, T. Grice 4, M. Howe 5, F. Hogan 6, T. E. Sone 7, P. F. Borer 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Plater (first quarter) 1, Ann Unwin (first of Minor) 2, Jennifer Lewis 3, D. Feek 4, W. Moore 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

**MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Julia Chandler 1, N. D. Deam 2, Helen Williams (first in two methods) 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,800 Doubles (Grandsire Plain Bob): K. B. Williamson (first away from tenor) 1, Hazel V. Dadson 2, E. C. Barton 3, J. Clark 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, G. A. Naylor 6.

**NEW ROMNEY, KENT.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. S. Humphrey 1, Maisie Vantom 2, P. J. Small 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, N. J. Davies 5, C. T. Hillis 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, R. Swift 8. For carol service.

**NORTHAW, HERTS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 360 Grandsire): T. Hawkins (first of Doubles in five methods) 1, S. Huckle 2, J. Dobbs 3, G. Dodds 4, G. Penney (cond.) 5.

**NORTH FERRIBY, YORKS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor (76 calls used): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, G. W. Pybus 2, I. G. Campbell 3, J. A. Singleton 4, P. Wheeler (first quarter) 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Prestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Warner 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

**OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. N. Goodall 1, G. E. Hancock 2, K. Rutland 3, A. B. Cooper 4, D. Cooper 5, M. P. Phipps (first as cond.) 6. A 19th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Mathews (first quarter) 1, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, Miss E. Mason 3, A. A. Hilliar 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,319 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Pugh 1, D. Pugh 2, Bess Loveland 3, R. Monk 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of the tower captain, W. Horn, and to mark 40 years of loyal service to the tower by the ringer of 6th.

**OWSLEBURY, HANTS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prisca Hornby 1, A. Carter (first 'inside') 2, D. Brown (cond.) 3, Mrs. Myrtle Williams 4, W. Young 5, A. Vokes 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor.

**PEBMARSH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Twinn 1, V. Buttle 2, F. Claydon 3, Miss E. M. Tyder 4, G. A. Trendell 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Gerald Halsey, Rector of Pebmarsh, 1912-26.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Catherine, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Neal on December 15th.



**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Fincham 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, G. Davis 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin 5, B. Branston 6. For morning service.

**PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Taylor 1, H. Taylor (cond.) 2, C. Prosser 3, F. Parker 4, L. Price (first 'inside') 5, A. Millichamp 6. First in method 1 and 4. First on bells by local band. Rung as a compliment to H. Taylor who is leaving the district.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,296 Primrose Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck 1, D. Target 2, E. C. Wadman 3, A. P. Beck 4, R. E. Beck 5, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the baptism of Steven Wayne Galt, nephew of the ringers of 4 and 5, and grandson of the ringer of the treble.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Dec. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Gauntlett (first on ten) 1, J. E. Ewer 2, W. J. Arnold 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, B. A. Cornell 6, W. Little 7, A. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, W. Nichols 10. Rung for Evensong.

**SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Loake (first quarter) 1, W. Loake 2, R. Loake 3, N. Spencer 4, D. Williams (cond.) 5.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Bowler (first quarter) 1, W. D. Ward 2, F. R. Scott 3, D. Hilling 4, Pamela M. Jervis (cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward 8. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Smith 1, R. Wakefield 2, Miss M. Fenton (first of Minor) 3, P. Wakefield 4, M. J. Cook 5, B. Wakefield (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For morning family service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dorling (first of Minor) 1, R. Wakefield 2, B. Wakefield 3, W. Godwin (cond.) 4, R. J. Smith 5, M. J. Cook 6.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.**—At Christ Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, M. Rowe 3, Monica Moore (first of Triples 'inside') 4, W. Wainwright 5, H. Miller 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, L. G. Gates 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Elizabeth A. Thomas (first attempt) 1, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 2, J. A. Sheldrick 3, L. J. Fox 4, P. M. Tarling 5, J. Scocher 6. For Evensong, and to welcome the New Year.

**STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury): J. E. Lawley 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel (cond.) 5, J. A. Tandy 6.

**SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, R. Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington and April Day): A. H. Bridges (first quarter) 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, R. M. Bull 3, D. Parkin 4, E. H. Willows 5, H. Bridges 6.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Porter 1, T. W. Thirkell 2, T. Goodwin 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. E. Sutton 1, Miss R. Roworth 2, Miss P. Minchin 3, P. Minchin 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6, G. Wells 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton (first of Royal in the method) 2, Dr. H. Craig (first of Royal in the method) 3, Miss M. Wright (first of Royal) 4, Mrs. L. J. Bladon (first of Royal) 5, A. R. Peake 6, R. G. Townsend 7, B. Bladon 8, V. Griffin 9, E. Sutton (first of Surprise as cond.) 10. To celebrate the diamond wedding of the treble ringer.

**TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.**—At St. Michael's, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Rossiter 1, A. R. Poyntz 2, D. McCollough 3, Philippa Russell (first on eight inside) 4, Heather Hood 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, M. D. S. Hood 7, A. Mackenzie 8. First on eight for 1, 3 and 8. For Christmas.

**TENBY, PEMBS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Price 1, Mrs. S. Lewis 2, G. Thomas 3, J. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, H. Jenkins 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. For Evensong.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Carveth 1, A. Locke 2, G. W. Taysom 3, H. Harper 4, C. D. Carter 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 6, R. A. Southwood 7, D. Burnett 8, A. J. Davidson 9, G. H. Carter (first quarter) 10. First on ten for 5 and 9. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan Carveth and a 21st birthday compliment to Anthony Davidson.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat A. Burt 1, T. J. Milsom 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, C. J. Richards 5, C. J. A. Brown 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, D. F. Jefferies (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Peter Howell, curate at Twerton.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn A. Hindley (first quarter) 1, Mary B. Powell (first quarter) 2, J. S. B. Powell 3, D. H. White 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, H. S. Banwell 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor, from the local band.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hughes (first quarter) 1, C. H. Webber 2, Miss M. A. Thatcher (first 'inside') 3, I. G. Hughes 4, W. Stevens 5, D. T. North 6, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. E. Baker 8. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Slocombe 1, I. G. Hughes (first as cond.) 2, K. S. Ireland (first 'inside') 3, C. H. Webber 4, G. J. Gammon 5, D. T. North 6, W. Stevens 7, C. E. Baker 8.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. Lee 1, P. C. Wright (cond.) 2, E. J. Chivers 3, G. Massey 4, M. R. Rose 5, V. G. Roberts 6, G. F. Salmon 7, D. Hoare 8.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Lamerton 1, J. Hodgson 2, J. Waller 3, Kathleen Mallinson 4, A. Sykes 5, June Mallinson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For carol service.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 18th, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, F. C. Case 2, G. E. Green (cond.) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, C. E. Truman 5, G. Foddy 6. For Evensong.

**WYCHBOLD, WORCS.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Tandy (first on treble) 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Lawley (first 'inside') 3, J. C. Eisel (first as cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. Roden (first quarter) 6.

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Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, ringers wish to inform Putney ringers that they rang 37 quarter peals in 1960, 25 being in their own tower and 12 at other churches where there were no bands of ringers and they had been asked to ring at special services. The band, which is only three years old, is fortunate in having two very good teachers.

Rotherham handbell ringers raised £20 for church funds by ringing carols and traditional melodies outside the Parish Church on Christmas Eve.

The peal rung at Horsham on December 27th was the 50th peal together by Ernest Treagus and Raymond P. Wood and the 51st together by Ernest Treagus and Edgar R. Rapley.

Deddington, Oxford, handbell ringers raised, this Christmas, £43 4s. 6d., a record sum. The Society proposes 'to curb' its spending during 1961 in order to get its chromatic scale of 42 handbells 'done-up.'

We are pleased to note that Miss Judy Moir, of Leyland, Lancs. is again in our quarter peal columns with a quarter at Broughton. She has been absent for six months, due to a back injury.

Congratulations are extended to Feckenham (Worcs) ringers in ringing their bells for service on Christmas Eve. The band have only been ringing for three months and the bells go very badly and require considerable exertion, even for rounds. This was the first service ringing at Feckenham since 1937.

For three successive years a Northamptonshire team have attempted to ring a combined peal of St. Thomas' and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles on December 29th, the festival day of St. Thomas of Canterbury. The first, at the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, failed owing to a shift course, the 1959 attempt did not materialise and the last one, at Cogenhoe, by an intruder who pushed his way behind three ringers to ask a question of Derek P. Jones. In view of these failures it has been asked has St. Thomas of Canterbury no desire that a peal should be rung in commemoration of his festival?

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Teignmouth marks an epoch as it was the first ever by a resident band of Sunday service ringers. Since the conductor retired ten years ago to take up residence at Teignmouth, six quarters have been rung, but previously at least two experienced visitors have been in the band.

The Ashford District of the K.C.A. finished up 1960 by ringing six peals in the last week.

Willesborough, Kent, has rung over 100,000 changes for services during 1960.

Mr. A. P. Cannon rang his 100th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Raunds on December 30th. All these peals have been rung in different towers. Of these, he has conducted 79, all on the seventh or tenor.

The peal of Grandshire Triples at Frindsbury, Kent, on December 10th is believed to be the 50th peal on the bells. Had the peal been rung a week later it could also have been rung on the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

About 50 ringers and friends attended the Christmas party of Rotherham Parish Church bellringers on December 30th. A good meal was followed by games and dancing. Guests included visitors from Harthill, Dore, Thryburgh and Sheffield.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, who has returned to 14, Robert Street, Bangor, Caerns., writes that the 10,400 Treble Bob Major rung at Rhyl on February 9th, 1924, is still the longest peal rung in Wales, notwithstanding the South Wales claim regarding their 6,000.

We are still waiting for a number of prominent peal ringers to send in their totals for 1960. All ringers who rang 25 peals or over are invited to send totals of peals rung and conducted on tower- and handbells. The best record so far for 1960 is 107.

Miss Diana Lawless, a member of the Christmas week Northamptonshire touring band, rang in all eight peal attempts during the week as well as in an additional peal at Leicester Cathedral. She is to be congratulated on her prowess.

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## SYNTHETIC BELLS GRANTED TO KIDDERMINSTER

Permission to install apparatus for recorded bell music in the tower of St. John's Church, Kidderminster, was granted at the Worcester Consistory Court on January 4th by the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. P. T. S. Boydell).

Before the Chancellor gave his judgment he was addressed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, on behalf of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of Change Ringers, who denied the statement, made at a previous hearing, that bellringers were not obtainable. There was plenty of material from which ringers could be obtained in any parish of this type, he said, and all that was needed was a little sympathy and encouragement from the clergy and a bit of enthusiasm by the teacher.

After stating that the Worcestershire Association would have been only too pleased to give any advice and help if they had been asked, Mr. Cartwright expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have gone to Messrs. Taylor and Co. or Mears and Stainbank for advice instead of John Smith and Sons. He thought the question of obtaining a ring of bells for the church had not been properly investigated. Mr. Cartwright concluded by calling the Chancellor's attention to the views of the Central Council upon the installation of synthetic bells (1956 Handbook, page 17).

In his summing up the Chancellor said he had had a report from the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches and also from the Diocesan Advisory Board, deprecating this type of installation, viz.: the using of gramophone records in the way proposed, so that meant the Advisory Board, the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches and the Worcestershire Association of Change Ringers were all of the same mind. He, too, was of that opinion and he was not in favour of putting in such apparatus unless there were exceptional circumstances.

In connection with the present application the Chancellor said that he was not wholly satisfied that there was no alternative to the installation of this apparatus, but he thought that the parish could not really afford a ring of bells at the moment.

### LENIENCY OF PREDECESSOR

He was prepared to say there were special circumstances in this case, such special circumstances arising out of the fact that his predecessor had been rather lenient in granting faculties of this kind (as there were several lots of synthetic bells in the diocese) and he (the Chancellor) felt that perhaps it was not fair on the present applicants that they should suffer from a change in policy, as change there would be now he was Chancellor.

The Chancellor also said that he rather thought if the present petitioners had known his views they might not have applied and they had only done so because other people had succeeded in the past and that they felt it was fairly certain they would get a faculty.

In granting the faculty he made it subject to certain conditions.

These were:

- (1) The faculty would be granted until further order, which meant it was not a final order and that there must be no nuisance, no music playing and no offence given.
- (2) There, in fact, was to be no nuisance.
- (3) They were to play only records of the size suitable to the area and there was to be no playing of music, such as a recording of Messiah, which had happened in another place.
- (4) The petitioners should pay the Court costs.

The Chancellor made it quite clear that any future applications of this sort would not have much chance of success if they came before him, unless the circumstances were very special.

This letter appeared in 'The Wolverhampton Star', signed by 'Some shoppers who stopped to listen': 'May we, through your paper, thank the St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, bellringers for their lovely ringing on New Year's Eve.'

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 3



MR. LEONARD STILWELL,  
Sussex Association.

There must be very few ringers who have the resources for supplying information about ringers, past and present, as Mr. Leonard Stilwell, of Worthing, Sussex. He has all copies of 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' from 1870 to date. These facilities are available to the Central Council, for he is able to spend much time on biography work and hunting up tower records. He is always very willing to supply details of peals rung by any individual, and takes great pains to get their records correct.

### SURPRISE PRACTICES IN SURREY

The first year of monthly meetings at Ash, Surrey, has been completed. Starting in a humble way with Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, the regular participants now take their ropes, with few or no qualms, for Canterbury, Durham, London, York, etc. Attendance has ranged from seven to eleven. This is disappointing because there must be many more ringers in the area who could either assist those learning or benefit from the practice available. However, the meetings will continue as they have been most enjoyable and helpful.

In response to many requests Surprise Major practices will commence in January, 1961. These will be held on the third Thursday of each month. The Provost of Guildford has readily given permission for the bells of Holy Trinity, Guildford, to be used for the practices. As at Ash all ringers interested will be welcome.

### Bedfordshire Association

The A.G.M. of the Bedford District was held at Bedford on January 7th. Ringing took place at St. Peter's and Goldington in the afternoon and again at St. Peter's in the evening. Thirty-eight ringers were present, representing 20 parishes in Bedfordshire. Mr. J. H. Edwards was re-elected chairman and Mr. R. L. Piron secretary. The next meeting will be at Elstow, on February 4th.

### Sheffield and District Society

There was a good attendance, especially of young ringers, at the meeting held at Sheffield on January 7th. A variety of methods was rung at St. Marie's in the afternoon and in the evening good use was made of the Cathedral 12, including Cinques, Maximus and a course of London on the back eight. After a good tea the company were entertained to handbell ringing. The next meeting will be at Killamarsh on February 4th.

Leonard was born at Pulborough, Sussex, in 1890, and learnt to ring there in 1903. His first peal was Grandsire Triples on October 4th, 1904. He was educated at Pulborough Church School, and later at Horsham Grammar School (now Collyer's), and is very proud to have conducted the first peal rung by a band of all Old Collyerians. From 1906 to 1939, he was with a firm of corn merchants at Windsor, and one of his early friends was Mr. Bill Wellings, of Old Windsor. In 1909 he joined the band of Windsor Parish Church, and rang peals with Bertram Prewett and Charles T. Coles before World War I. During this war he saw service with the R.A.F. in France.

He has been a prolific peal ringer, having scored 646 up to December 12th, 1960, of which he has conducted 65, and also rung in four non-conducted peals. During the 1930's he was a member of Alan R. Pink's band, and rang many new Surprise methods in the Windsor district; in fact he has rung 44 different peals of Surprise Major. One of the achievements of which he is most proud is calling a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle.

In 1939 he returned to Pulborough, and took over his brother's bakery business, from which he retired in 1949. After a few years in Horsham, he moved to Worthing, and now rings at Heene. During the last few years deafness has somewhat curtailed his peal ringing, but he still enjoys ringing the treble to a good peal. Good service ringing has always been his aim, and he disapproves of turning this into a practice.

He has taken part in many tours, and these have enabled him to ring in every county in England and Wales (except Radnor), as well as in Scotland and Ireland.

Leonard has a most friendly disposition, and is always willing to help anyone in any way he can. His many friends hope that he will continue in good health, and enjoy many more years in the belfries he has served so well.

APACE.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### Blackburn Branch

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Clitheroe on January 7th. Those who attended had the opportunity of ringing a variety of methods, ranging from Bob Minor to London Major, with the addition of rounds and call changes for the beginners.

Without any doubt, the highlight of the afternoon was the tea. The first course of piping hot soup was followed by an inexhaustible supply of hot sausage rolls and meat pies, with scones, cheese and biscuits, and a wide variety of cakes for those whose appetites were still not satisfied. There was only one complaint: that, when they provide a tea, the Clitheroe ringers set a standard so high that other ringers in the Branch feel that they could never compete with it.

The business meeting was presided over by the Ringing Master, Mr. Norman Smith, who, in his opening remarks, wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed the visitors. Mr. V. J. C. Wood volunteered to arrange a peal to mark the retirement from the ministry of Canon Dodd, who has been Vicar of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, for many years, and a good friend to the Branch.

The secretary's report for 1960 was approved, and Mr. John Pilkington was re-elected to serve as Branch secretary and member of the Association Committee for a further period of two years. Statements of accounts for the Bell Maintenance Fund and the Charles W. Blakey Memorial Fund were accepted and it was proposed that Mr. L. J. Williams be asked to act as auditor for the Memorial Fund.

Six new members were elected, three being from St. Peter's, Burnley, two from Clitheroe, and one from Blackburn Cathedral. It was proposed to hold the 1962 annual meeting at Church Kirk. The meeting concluded with a very well deserved vote of thanks to the local ringers for making the arrangements and the tea, and to the Vicar and wardens for allowing the Branch to ring.

J. P.



## UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

AFTER a provincial excursion, the Universities Association held their winter reunion and annual meeting in London on January 7th. A full programme of ringing was arranged, the main attraction being St. Clement Danes', and it was at this church that a service was held, conducted by the resident chaplain, the Rev. Tom Ryder.

The dinner was held at 'The Victoria,' Buckingham Palace Road, and the president (Mr. Paul L. Taylor) had more than 60 members to support him. Guests included the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Michael Moreton) and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. Dennis Beresford). The first president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, also attended.

Speech-making was limited to the toast of 'The Society,' proposed by Mr. Beresford, who, although a Midlander, had pleasure in welcoming the members to London.

'When the Society was founded 15 years ago,' said Mr. Beresford, 'people were not convinced of its usefulness and some even thought it was an excuse for not paying territorial subscriptions. I feel you have an important part to play in the work of the University Associations and the Exercise as a whole. The annual reunion and the summer tour are good opportunities for the exchange of views.'

The great work of the Society, contended Mr. Beresford, was not merely to teach members to ring but to teach them how to teach others. This missionary work, like Sunday service ringing, was one of the main ideas of their Society. He thought it was very important to have a basic knowledge of ringing before proceeding to higher methods. A poorly-struck peal in a higher method was worth much less than a well-struck one in a standard method like Bob Major.

The honorary secretary, Mr. Dermot Roaf, who replied, said during the past year the U.A. had rung five tower bell peals. This had been swollen by Reading University Guild publishing three peals under the name of the U.A. Two handbell peals had been rung, one being Plain Bob Minimus by two members of the Oxford University Society, because their Society would not accept it. He expressed his pleasure at such good support from members and welcomed the guests.

### PROFIT OF THE YEAR

An adjournment was made to another room for the annual meeting where a number of controversial subjects provided entertainment for the company. The president kept everyone amused.

Financially the past year had been most successful, there being a profit on the year of £7 0s. 6d. and the Society having a balance in hand of £47 11s. 5½d.

There was a formidable list of new members, viz.: Bristol, S. M. Young; Cambridge, R. Hough, M. C. Hughes, N. R. Waite; Durham, Sally Buchanan, Janet Cleave, J. Halliday, C. F. Hopkins, M. Marshall, P. Newing and C. J. Rees; Leeds, W. J. Couperthwaite, F. Fairbank, W. R. Reed, M. G. Swift, F. K. Williamson; Leicester, M. Moore; London, M. L. J. Jordan, J. A. Haas, M. Erik; Manchester, D. Baker, I. N. Goldthorpe, E. M. Poulter; Nottingham, D. Hopkins; Oxford, N. J. Martin, A. J. Thomson; Reading, E. J. Manley, P. Millhouse; Wales (Aberystwyth), G. Graney, R. Hedges, C. Lewis and P. Smith; (Swansea), D. Lloyd.

### THIRD PARTY INSURANCE

Considerable discussion took place regarding the insurance of members on tour up to 50 or at the annual dinner of 100. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company quoted £15 p.a. for personal insurance and £5 p.a. for third party (including damage to bells up to £500 at one

church and £2,500 in all) at all the Society's activities. The meeting decided to limit the insurance to third party and to raise the money by an extra charge on the Society's functions.

Details of the 1961 tour, for which the organisers were Miss Cross and Mr. and Mrs. G. Dobbs, were presented. The charge would be 23s. per night or £9 for eight days. Headquarters would be at Tring and a guarantee had to be given of a minimum number of 35. Accommodation was available for up to 50.

The next annual dinner of the Society is to be at Manchester in response to an invitation from Manchester University Society. The decision to go there was carried by the president's vote.

Mr. Brian Threlfall took exception to undergraduates having cheaper tickets for the dinner than members. He proposed that all members should be treated alike.

Mr. G. Dodds pointed out that at the last dinner there were only five undergraduates present; this year there were 11.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed explained that the object was to get as many new members as possible at the dinner.

The proposal was defeated.

### PEALS OF MINIMUS

Mr. R. F. B. Speed proposed that the Society should not accept peals of Minimus.

Mr. W. Moreton pointed out that peals of Minimus were accepted by the Central Council and their Society had agreed to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. He thought it would be better to wait for the Central Council meeting.

Mr. Brian Threlfall thought the Council did not reach a decision but let it go by default.

Mr. Dodds expressed the view that peals of Minimus should be considered on their merits. Some were certainly more worthy than, say, Bob Doubles with four callings, he said. He thought it would be better for so called peal of Minimus to be published as performances and be accepted as peals or otherwise according to the decision of the Central Council.

It was decided not to include peals of Minimus in the Society's records, and to exclude the peal rung 'in hand' by two members of Oxford University Association.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Brian Threlfall for organising the dinner.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' January 16th, 1931.

Leading article draws attention to the fact that 1931 is the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman and suggests it be commemorated.

Recalls first peal of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Benjamin Annable, rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, January 19th, 1725.

'London Youths' rang 6,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, January 19th, 1767.

Cambridge Youths rang 6,600 Bob Maximus, January 21st, 1788.

### The Ladies' Guild

The Beds and Northants Branch of the Ladies' Guild met at Finedon on December 31st, with Miss K. Rivett in charge of the ringing. About 20 ringers were present but only seven ladies attended the business meeting after tea.

Mrs. K. Spavins took the chair and the secretary, Miss K. Rivett, thanked the Vicar, Canon J. C. Gill, for taking the service and those who had arranged tea.

The annual meeting is due to be held in Bedfordshire on April 29th. Milton Ernest was proposed as the tower for this meeting.

## A CHRISTMAS PEAL WEEK IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

For the third successive year the week after Christmas brought an unusual amount of peal activity for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The first peal was due to be attempted at Harlestone, but on arrival there, we were told that due to a defective tenor clapper ringing was temporarily restricted. However, the Rector very kindly contacted the Rector of Maidwell and obtained permission for us to ring there instead. Fortunately this year everyone had mechanised transport so we soon reached Maidwell and rang a good peal in the 'steady seven' on this pleasant Gillett six.

In the evening we were happy to welcome to Northants again, for the third year, the 'Servant of the Exercise No. 51' direct from Winchester, who, with one exception, set 'a pace' for the rest of the week. Our venue was Welford—a pleasant but stiffly-going ring not often pealed these days. We were a little dismayed in the belfry to see the sally of the fourth high up out of reach—the rope having broken and been knotted to the wheel! However, by unearthing a large box the tallest ringer present was just able to reach it and so the peal was rung with the fourth ringer seen only dimly up in the darkness of the tower! A binding Hastings stay did not help and credit must be given to Robin Wilson on his handling of this bell. An intrusion by some village children nearly brought disaster but apart from this all was plain sailing and a good peal was rung.

### A GOOD PEAL IN A BEAUTIFUL BELFRY

The first peal on Thursday was due to be rung at Great Brington, but after rolling out six good extents of Cambridge on these beautifully-toned bells, perhaps we were a little too confident and the seventh extent came to grief through a miscalling after over 2½ hours' ringing. A little disappointed but not deterred we went on to Daventry for the evening peal. David Marshall, one of Pat Chapman's leading pupils, made a good job of calling this peal and ringing the tenor, and we were grateful to Pat for his generosity in standing as reserve to allow others to ring in this peal. The belfry at Daventry is surely one of the best kept in the country, and was gaily decorated for the season—complete with illuminated Christmas tree!

Friday was a successful, if uneventful, day with peals at Weedon and Raunds, whilst Saturday morning was reserved for Finedon. These magnificent Gillett and Johnston bells have rather a reputation for poor going after prolonged ringing, but after a cautious start the ringing proceeded at a brisk but easy pace to bring round the peal within three hours! Indeed the 'tenor king' expressed a preference for this tenor rather than Raunds' he had rung the previous night. (Surely the first person to do so!) Credit and thanks for his part in this achievement must be given to the local tower keeper, Charlie Richardson, who was up early to make a very thorough job of greasing and oiling the bells for us.

So we bade farewell to our 'stamp collector from the south' and eventually completed our Christmas peal ringing with a peal on the pretty five at Twywell (where, incidentally, the fourth is the heaviest bell in the tower!).

For the success of this week thanks are due to all who helped out with transport to some of the more remote towers in the county, and especially to all clergy and tower captains who welcomed us to their towers.

A. J. F.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire); D. Truman 1, G. Linnell 2, D. Burbridge 3, C. E. Truman 4, J. Linnell (first quarter as cond.) 5.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LEARNERS AND THEIR PROGRESS

Dear Sir.—A matter of general importance was raised in recent correspondence from Dennis C. Morgan ('R.W.' January 6th). Whilst I have replied to his comments as far as one Association is concerned, I think there may be other ringers who feel they are in similar difficulties. Accepting that these such people are keen and eager to make progress with their ringing, it is a wrong notion to expect conductors, instructors or even the more advanced ringers to visit their tower all the time. I will admit, however, that the future of ringing lies with the experienced ringer in so far that he must make known to the learner all the 'facts of life' in respect to ringing. One medium is through Association ringing meetings. On the other hand, the vast majority of experienced ringers have in their younger days travelled miles and miles to other towers to ring. I know I have. And I also know that had my wife, a past president of the Ladies' Guild, not ventured around to other towers she would not have passed the Plain Bob and Grandsire stage, although she had an excellent instructor.

So, as I see it, the plea to our learner ringers is to visit other towers as much as possible at practices and meetings and so become competent at their own expense and not always at the expense of others. Also, a concluding word of advice, do not give up through a disappointment or failure.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

Honorary Secretary,  
Middlesex County Association  
and London Diocesan Guild.

## CENTRAL PRACTICE TOWER ADVOCATED

Dear Sir.—It would be an impertinence to comment in detail on Mr. Dennis C. Morgan's letter, regarding help he desires from the Middlesex Association, since I know nothing of the circumstances of which he writes.

I do feel, however, he may be expressing an all too common attitude of mind adopted by ringers from somewhat backward towers who feel themselves neglected by more experienced ringers.

Ringing is happily on a mainly voluntary basis and so-called experts are not under some form of direction, however desirable such direction might appear to be. Consequently, therefore, as Mohammed is not likely to go to the mountain, hopes are better placed in the mountain going to Mohammed.

In short, the ideal situation is that in every district of say ten miles by ten miles there should be at least one tower where a good weekly practice is held. The persons running such a practice should do everything possible to cater for ringers of all sorts—rounds to advanced methods. There is far more future in this sort of thing than for an individual expert to go alone to a backward tower.

Transport is no longer an insurmountable problem and I know from experience that enthusiastic learners anxious to make progress, whether in simple methods or some further step towards advanced ringing, will undertake a journey most faithfully week by week in order to make personal progress. That which they learn in a tower where more experience is available must surely help them when they attend their own practice night at some other time of the week.

Do not, therefore, stay at home and have a good weep because no one comes along to help you, but rather bestir yourself and go to a tower where you can get some practice.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

## CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—As a humble bellringer who has never yet rung on 10 bells or been in a tower where there are 12 bells I was disappointed with the Christmas morning broadcast. Some of the trouble, I feel, was caused because the recording was not made at the best place.

I hope that in future years we may hear some good Minor ringing or some well struck Doubles from a village belfry. After all we are celebrating Our Lord's birthday—born in a stable with a manger for a bed.—Yours sincerely,

J. WARD.

Coddington, Ledbury.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING FILM WANTED

Dear Sir.—Most of us at some time feel that if only we could communicate in a lecture to the local youth club and other bodies some of the interest and fascination of ringing new members would readily come forward.

Could not the Central Council sponsor and finance a short film (say 20 minutes) to give some idea of the weight and size of bells, methods of handling and structure of change ringing? (Think what Disney would make of the 'blue line' unfolding itself across the screen!) Surely there is in the Exercise a ringer who is also an amateur cine photographer, who could make such a film cheaply, using the resources of his own cine club.

The Central Council could recoup its outlay by loaning copies of the film for showing to various societies and groups on the same basis as many local authorities hire out other types of educational films.

If the members of the church won't climb the spiral staircase to discover our art, we must take some representation of that art to them.—Yours faithfully,

H. REYNOLDS.

Polegate, Sussex.

## LEEDS BELLS—A 200th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir.—I was interested to see that the College Youths' band which rang the peal at Leeds, Kent, gave the weight of the tenor as 18½ cwt.

When we had completed our peal the visitor in the band asked me the weight of the tenor, to which I replied, 'I expect she would be glad to be about 15 or 16 cwt., but we always call it 20 cwt. in E. because everyone always does.'

Mr. Dove follows the tradition and gives the weight as 20 cwt., so I wonder where the College Youths' band got the 18½ cwt. from or whether it was just a guess.

The bells in this historic tower are still in a wooden frame on plain bearings. They go well in wet weather but at other times some of them slip wheel and play other tricks. The circle is excellent, especially for such short draught of rope, and somewhat surprisingly so in a very large tower. Often such conditions with an old frame seem to produce an overlarge circle with ropes coming down in all sorts of odd places. The notes of some of the bells, to put it kindly, are a bit wild, but one has the feeling they could be tuned into quite a reasonable ring.

1961 is an historic year for Leeds as the 200th anniversary of the ringing of the extent of Bob Major by James Barham's band of fourteen men occurs on April 7th and 8th. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a commemoration peal, but there is no intention of emulating Mr. Barham or his worthy twentieth century would-be successors.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

## QUARTER PEALS OF 10,080 CHANGES

Dear Sir.—Regarding the 'Pot-pourri from Church Bells' by Mr. Claude Rush ('R.W.' January 6th), his article includes a Quarter Peal of 10,080 changes rung at Bromley, Kent, in 1775. A similar report is to be found in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, Worcs. 'On Monday, November 8th, 1773. Was rung in this tower a complete quarter peal of Bob Majors Containing 10,080 changes in 6 hours and 20 minutes by the following persons:—Jam's Bishop treble, Edward Pardoe 2nd, Ino. Milward 3rd, Ino. Gadd 4th, Ino. Pardoe 5th, Ino. Watkins 6th, Samuel Green 7th called, Jam's Dovey tenor.'

Berrow's Worcester Journal of November 25th, 1773, gives a full description of the performance:—

'On Monday, the 8th instant was rung at Stourbridge, in this County, in six hours and twenty minutes, a complete Quarter peal of Bob Majors, being 10,080 changes, by eight young men of that Town, upon eight of the most musical and best hung Bells within a Hundred Miles of the Place; and being by some thousands more than ever were rung within the same distance. So great was the Pleasure and astonishment that many were induced to express their Approbation, who before had a Dislike to music of that kind! —Yours sincerely,

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

## THIRD PARTY RISKS

Dear Sir.—The peal at Beckenham on December 31st might have failed because of that bane of all peal ringers, 'the intruder' to the belfry. After an hour's ringing the black gown'd verger appeared in the doorway, stood there for a minute or so while the ringer of the sixth vainly tried to 'shoo' him out. He then broke through the circle of ropes and strode across the belfry to the ringer of the ninth, who happened to be conducting the peal, and told him that 'he was going home now and proposed to lock the church up because it was New Year's Eve and there might be irresponsible revellers about who might get up to mischief if the church were open and he hoped we could let ourselves out.' Had quite a conversation before he left and it is a tribute to the band, which included two first peelers, that the ringing proceeded quite smoothly throughout the interruption.

Similar interruptions have not always been so fortunate in their result. The incident was reminiscent of one which took place 15 years ago on Armistice Day—Sunday, November 11th, 1945—at St. Peter's, Woonon, Liverpool. A band, including the late George R. Newton and the late J. C. E. Simpson, who was conducting, was in the last course of a peal of Superlative when the Vicar came into the belfry, stood in the doorway for a moment and exclaimed, 'Ha! Mr. Newton.' He then strode across the tower just to tell George 'It's all right for you to come here for your monthly meeting next Saturday,' and then disappeared downstairs leaving behind some very ragged ringing which was only 'sorted out' just in time.—Yours sincerely,

P. W. CAVE.

Beckenham, Kent.

## METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—Perhaps Mr. Amos would be good enough to let the Exercise know the correct names for Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major when they are rung with 6th's place bobs. Or are they only call changes?—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## SOME THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Amos' letter on page 12, regarding 'methods v. variations,' I think there are plenty of words which could well be used to describe various ways of producing new methods from old ones. In Roget's 'Thesaurus,' we come across some very interesting words, of which the following are a selection: alteration, mutation, modification, modulation, etc., etc.,

I think that a good word to use for methods produced by sticking 'places wrong' into the dodging of a 'places right' method would be: relation, this term could also be applied to such methods as New Cambridge, produced by moving 12 places from mid-section to cross-section. Thus Biddenden is a relation to Yorkshire. New Cambridge is a relation to Cambridge. Childwall to St. Clement's. Thelwall to Double Oxford, etc., as relations one to another are all members of a family. Where these places wrong are used to a great degree, perhaps the term mutilation would be more applicable.

We speak of Double Bob being the 2nds place variation of Reverse Bob, yet both are individual plain course methods in their own right. Similarly, Hereward is the variation of Double Oxford, produced by having a plain hunt half-lead, i.e., 1sts instead of 7ths at H.L., this again is a method in its own right.

If a band rings a peal of an 8ths place L.E. method using 4ths place bobs, when 6ths place bobs are usual, they cannot call it any new name. But if we ring Plain Bob Doubles using all sorts of funny bobs and singles we can use nine different names!

As a lead of Yorkshire Major contains 32 changes, and Biddenden has only six rows different from Yorkshire (in each lead) we can call this an 18 per cent difference from the parent method (roughly). However, April Day is P.B. with Grandsire single for Bob, and has four rows differently produced at the lead end out of 20 (i.e., two leads), this being a 20 per cent difference from the original, but with the further complication that any given bell is now in a different position of its 'blue line' while in Biddenden you don't swap lines when the work in 56 comes along although two places wrong are made and the dodge is done the other way round.

I conclude by saying that it seems, from theoretical considerations only, that it is more difficult to ring April Day as Plain Bob with Grandsire Single, than to ring Biddenden as Yorkshire with places in 56 wrong.

I should like to hear other people's views on the matter.—Yours, etc.,

\*FARMER.\*

Manchester,

P.S.—Roget has many more really 'cracking' words which might well be used to describe some methods!—F.

## VALIDITY NOT QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. Amos read the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' regarding Doubles sufficiently carefully, he would have observed that no one has questioned the validity of April Day, Northrepps, etc., as methods. What has been debated is whether they are different methods.

It is perhaps fair to draw an analogy with compositions, of which many are produced bearing marked similarities to those already rung. Although subsequent versions are perfectly legitimate compositions, they are quite properly submitted as variations.

I hope Mr. Amos will continue to derive pleasure from ringing Northrepps and Old Doubles, as I have myself, but to continue arguing whether they are separate methods or merely variations on a theme seems to me quite futile.—Yours sincerely,

ANTONY BROOKS.

London, S.W.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Gray 1, Mrs. L. Jones 2, C. Dilnot 3, K. Triplow 4, S. James (cond.) 5, Miss H. Palmer 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

## METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—I'm sure that, to many of our younger ringers, the correspondence on 'Methods or Variations' is getting a little involved, and it is to them that I am writing to try and clear the 'fog of battle.'

The Central Council exists to give guidance to the ringing fraternity in general, and is not a dictatorship. In its Decisions it says that a method must start and end in rounds, and have the same number of leads as working bells.

53412 If we consider the 2nd in the  
35142 first lead of Plain Bob Doubles,  
13524 it is seen that it strikes two  
13254 blows in 5ths, two in 4ths and  
13524 two in 3rds. in the order  
31254 5. 5. 4. 3. 4. 3.

If the order is altered to 54312  
5. 5. 4. 4. 3. 3. the method  
is changed to Reverse Canter-  
bury. 45132

If the Reverse Canterbury 14523  
order is now altered so that 41253

54312 an extra blow in 5ths is struck  
45132 and one less in 4ths, produc-  
41523 ing 5. 5. 5. 4. 3. 3, the method  
14523 produced is Place Bob.

14253 If St. Simon's is compared  
41235 with St. Nicholas' and Westmin-  
ster, similar differences apply, then, if St. Simon's front work is varied to give St. Martin's and St. Osmund's, and then these variations are applied to St. Nicholas' and Westminster, four more methods are produced.

By these slight variations in the structure of Plain Bob and St. Simon's, new methods are produced with their own coursing order, affected only by calls, with differing work for each Plain Course.

The same type of variations can be applied to any method to produce new methods with different work to the Plain Course. A comparison of Cambridge with New Cambridge gives one example. This cannot be applied to Minor as a repetition of changes will occur, but it exists in Major, Royal and Maximus form.

Now the question, 'When is a variation a new method?' To me, and I have rung many peals of Doubles, it is when the variation produces a different Plain Course to the original, and I think that is generally accepted.

The acid test seems to be, then, not as Mr. Amos states, can an extent of 120 changes be produced, but can a Plain Course differing from any other method be rung. A Bob or Single, whichever type may be used, exists to produce an extent of a method. It has no effect on the structure of the method beyond altering the coursing order, and this alteration of coursing order does not constitute a new method.—Yours sincerely,

V. GRIFFIN.

Swindon, Wilts.

## ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Major Samson for his letter (p. 835) and interest shown in Beaminster's ring of bells. I must make it clear now that it is not a 'maiden' ring as about half of the eight were 'touched' by the tuner's chisel, presumably in 1887.

As it is the purpose of a bell to be heard, it is only fitting that it should speak with the best voice possible, and why should not musical ears be considered? After all it is the tune and not the tonal characteristics which will be altered. I am assured by the bell founders of this, and the bells will still be readily recognised as the Beaminster ring.

Major Samson admits the bells would sound better but insists that they should be left alone! With regard to the one-eighth turning would he rather the bells were continued to be rung in their present position and run the risk of a cracked bell?—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

Beaminster.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: T. Holloway 1, P. Harding 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, E. Norris (first of Major) 4, F. Penn 5, N. Kne 6, E. Hitchins 7, F. Slatford (cond.) 8. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

## A PLEA FOR DOUBLES RINGING

Dear Sir,—Although I cannot agree with much of the substance of Mr. Percy Amos' letter in 'The Ringing World,' I do feel that part of what he says is worthy of support and careful consideration. I have always been of the opinion that Doubles ringing must be viewed in an entirely different light from ringing on the higher numbers. Our art had its beginning on five bells, and many of the methods which were practised in those early days have survived more or less intact in districts where there are considerable numbers of five-bell towers.

It is all very well for method specialists to point out that there are plenty of very interesting methods and principles which comply with theories that have been evolved for the higher numbers, but it cannot be expected that there will be very many country five-bell bands who will aspire to Smithfield, Undershaft, etc.—and why should they bother? Some of these methods would make many of our most proficient eight-bell ringers think hard!

In the case of some five-bell towers, there are eight-bell towers nearby to which a beginner will be attracted and may eventually become attached, but this is not always so, and there are hundreds of ringers who will never consider themselves other than Doubles ringers. This applies particularly to an area like this diocese, where approximately 50 per cent of the rings are of five bells, and consequently Doubles ringers constitute a large proportion of our Guild membership. Most of these ringers would never agree to any drastic change in the traditional attitude to five-bell methods, and I hope that Central Council members who, though 8-, 10- and 12-bell ringers themselves, represent Guilds and Associations whose members include five-bell ringers, will safeguard their interests and respect their views.

There can be few who would agree with one very prominent member of the Exercise who maintains that there has never been, and can never be, a true peal of Doubles rung because there are 42 repetitions of all the changes. I'm afraid there are far too many who are willing to accept the views of the 8-, 10- and 12-bell ringers who occasionally condescend to ring on five bells and then think they are experts. Perhaps they are experts in the modern view, but Doubles ringing is not a modern art.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

(Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild).

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LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', Strand, on Dec. 18th, 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. N. Bagworth 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, A. Macve 6, N. Bagworth 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the Christmas carol service.



# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 13)

**Re-opening of Redcliffe Church Bells.**—The issue of January 11th, 1873, refers to the adding of two trebles to the ten, the cost: being between £200 and £300. 'Redcliffe now possesses one of the finest peals of bells out of the metropolis and in the County of Gloucester: there are only two other churches favoured with a peal of 12—Painswick and Cirencester. The special service to commemorate the adding of the two bells was on December 31st, 1872.

**St. Nicholas', Brighton.**—May 24th, 1779—11.08 Bob Major, 6 hours 50 minutes.

**St. John's, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**—New ring of six in a new church opened Sunday, December 15th, 1872, by ringers from St. Michael's, Workington ('pulley-hawley men'). 'We are sorry that these new bells were not opened by change-ringers, so as to incite the new ringers to study the noble art thoroughly—an art very little understood and appreciated in Cumberland.'

**Westham, Sussex.**—On New Year's Eve 31 December 1872) our ringers met for their usual two-hours' practice after which they adjourned to the National School where the vicar had prepared some substantial refreshment. They afterwards resumed ringing till only five minutes remained of the old year when the bells were set and the vicar, in a short prayer, asked God's blessing for the coming year: this was followed by the Lord's Prayer in which all present heartily joined.'

**Half-muffled Peal at Waterford, Ireland.**—Monday, January 5th, 1873, at Waterford Cathedral, as a tribute to the late J. Lock, Esq., County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Rounds were followed by whole pull and stand, corresponding with deceased's age. 'This is probably the first muffled peal ever rung in Ireland.'

**Carillon Machine at Worcester Cathedral.**—Installation completed Saturday, December 1st, 1872. Constructed and installed by Gillett and Bland, Croydon. 'It is due to Messrs. Gillett and Bland to state that they were the first to introduce Carillons into this country. The carillon machine now in our Cathedral is the second manufactured by the firm upon the new principle... they are also making clock chimes and carillons for Bradford Town Hall at a cost of £4,500 without any fixings.'

**Payment to Permanent Ringers Essential.**—A letter from Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Clyst St. George, Devon, begins: 'It is quite a mistake to suppose that a regular attendance of ringers for all the required services of the church can be maintained without a well-regulated payment... Why are they not paid as well as the organist and other church officials?... In my earliest edition of *Belfries and Ringers* published 25 years ago I pointed out the advisability of having an endowment fund for the payment of ringers. I speak of ringers proper (not bell-haulers) for all the services of the church, including chiming... A notion seems to be gaining about that many are endeavouring to establish voluntary bands of ringers without pay or reward. What I maintain is, if such were the case, they are playing an unjust game and building on a sandy foundation...'

Another correspondent, signing himself *Round at Hand*, includes: 'I have noticed how differently those who ring gratis are treated to those who sing gratis.'

**St. John's, Manchester.**—On Sunday, January 1st, 1873, the bells of the above church were opened having undergone thorough repair by Messrs. Warner, of London (foreman Mr. Boswell).

**St. Giles', Cripplegate.**—Monday, January 1st, 1871, the Cripplegate Society of Ringers held their annual dinner at The Golden Lion, Finsbury Street. The entertainment included tunes on a splendid peal of handbells (upwards of 60) lent by Mr. W. Allen.

**Wargrave, Berks.**—'A Learner and Lover of the Beautiful Science of Change-ringing' writes: 'Monstrous, indeed, have been the use and desecration of the most valuable pieces of Church furniture... our belfries and

bell-ringers have been almost uncared for, and the natural result has been that thousands of pounds worth of precious metal have been... devoted at times to commemorate horse-races, boat-races and, in days of yore, even bull-fights.' He was writing expressing his pleasure at being present at the Wargrave Annual Bell-ringers' Supper at the Vicarage on New Year's Day, 1873.

**Hundon, Suffolk.**—This ring of bells (tenor 10 cwt., F), has been rehung by Mr. F. Green, church bellhanger, of Tuddenham, Suffolk. (? Which Tuddenham.—C. R.)

**Worth, Sussex.**—Reference to 720 Minor, rung August 28th, 1845, includes: 'Note. John Alchorn, Clerk and Sexton, was present at the casing at Mr. C. Oliver's, near Old Bethnal Green Church, on 2nd October, 1844, and was also present at the weighing of the bells at the bottom of the tower shortly before Xmas. The expenses of making the frame and the wheels, recasting the bells, and putting the whole up, cost £135, and the timber found by the parish.'

**St. Peter, Old Windsor.**—Reference to the dedication of a new (sixth) bell, presumably in 1872, the following appears: 'The ringers of this parish are a remarkably well-conducted set of young men and are always invited to join with the men of the Church choir in a supper at the Vicarage on St. Peter's Day, and during the Christmas Season.'

**Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.**—After the funeral of Professor Sedgwick on February 1st, 1873, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, in all about 4,000 changes; the bells fully muffled for the first half and half-muffled for the rest.

**'Disgraceful Treatment of Ringers at Hingham, Norfolk.'**—In the issue of February 22nd, 1873, under this heading, the paper says: 'We are grieved to hear that a party of ringers from Norwich lately visited Hingham in the hope of being able to ring the Church bells, but that the ringers of the place mobbed and hooted them from one end of the town to the other and would not let them ring: which is doubtful if they could have done as the bells are in such very bad condition.'

**St. Mary, Leaton, Shrewsbury.**—New ring of five opened Friday, February 7th, 1873.

**'What Ringing was and Ringers were in London in 1726.'**—A correspondent, J. R. Haworth, quoting from a weekly, Old and New London, writes of the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet Street: 'In 1710 ten bells were cast for this church by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester and, on 11 January 1717, it is reported that the first complete peal of 5.040 Grandsire Caters ever rung was effected by the London Scholars. In 1718 two treble bells were added, and on 9 January 1724 the first peal ever completed in this Kingdom

upon 12 bells was rung by the College Youths, and in 1726 the first peal of Bob Maximus, one of the ringers being Mr. Francis (afterwards Admiral) Geary. It is reported by the ancient ringers, says our trustworthy authority, that everyone who rang in the last-mentioned peal left the church in his own carriage. Such was the dignity of the "Campanularium" art in those days. When St. Bride's bells were first put up, Fleet Street used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry who had come far and near to hear the pleasant music float aloft.'

**Re-opening of Church Bells at Lezant, Cornwall.**—Thursday, February 20th, 1873. The church and tower having been thoroughly restored and two of the bells, the tenor and the fifth, which were cracked, having been recast, have been rehung with the other four by the Messrs. Hooper, sons of the late well known Mr. Hooper, of Woodbury, Devon. The original ring was cast in the 18th century by Messrs. Pennington, whose foundry was in the adjoining parish of Stoke Climsland.

**'A Friendly Word to Ringers.**—Now that we are in the season of Lent, we would remind our ringing friends that, as Churchmen (which they all, of course, profess to be) they would be acting in unison with the intention of the Church, if they give up all thoughts of ringing for mere practice and amusement (excepting the usual ringings and chimings for Church services) until Easter Day: they then will all the more enjoy and appreciate a joyous peal on the morning of the Resurrection of our Saviour.'

**St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham, Kent.**—December 8th, 1746.—10.080 changes 'of that admired Peal called Bob Major Double' in 7 hours...

**Cheriton Bishop, Devon.**—The setting of the bells to rights was entrusted to Mr. Thos. Hooper of Woodbury. He died before the re-opening—February 22nd, 1873.

**Burnsall, Yorks.**—A report appears of 1,440 of Oxford and Kent T.B. before Sunday evening service, March 2nd, 1873. At the end the Editor adds a note congratulating the ringers on 'their progress and successful trial of skill, but we think they might have deferred their experiment to a week-day. We would ask if they joined in Divine Worship after their fifty-minutes' excitement.'

With one exception the band that rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Drighlington, Yorks, on December 31st were members of Bradford Cathedral Sunday service band.

Regarding London ringing practices those at St. Olave's, Hart Street, only occur during London University term time. 'This means,' writes Derek E. Sibson, 'that there is no ringing for about three weeks over Christmas and Easter, and none from the beginning of July until the beginning of October.'



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# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LOOKS BACK 80 YEARS

**R**INGERS in possession of an Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report will read on the title page 'Established 17th January, 1881,' which means that this week the Guild celebrates its eightieth birthday, and its members, quite rightly, decided that this important milestone should not pass unheeded. Consequently steps are being taken to recognise this anniversary, and as a result of a recent meeting of the officers and the secretaries of the Guild's fourteen branches, a general appeal was made to the towers to ring, wherever possible, a peal this week in commemoration of the Guild's foundation.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild always recalls with pride the fact that it was the 'baby' which eventually blossomed into manhood as the Oxford Diocesan Guild with a membership in the region of 2,000.

When in the 1870's great efforts were being made to bring order into ringing affairs, and to establish societies pledged to maintain a proper discipline in our belfries and to cultivate the art of change ringing, there were centres of interest in change ringing in the Diocese (which comprises the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire), but most of the Diocese was barren. Although possession several excellent rings of bells change ringing was almost non-existent. Buckinghamshire was a most backward county, but we do read of performances of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor at Farnham Royal, near Slough, mainly due to the efforts of Reuben Flaxman and the now famous J. J. (Joe) Parker, composer of the well known '12-Part.' Berkshire had two active centres, Appleton and Maidenhead.

The two famous ringing families of White and Holfield were already making news, and with assistance from friends in Oxford, these Appleton men were ringing peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent T.B. Major. The Boyne Hill (Maidenhead) company was practising change-ringing and it wasn't long before, under the conductorship of W. A. (Bill) Garraway, peals were being recorded. Reading did not appear in the news at this time, but shortly afterwards some well known Reading stalwarts, such as W. Newell, R. Swain, T. Newman and J. M. Routh, began to appear in peal reports.

Only in Oxford was there any activity in Oxfordshire, where many of the standard methods were being rung and frequent 'date' touches performed. The University Society also had some promising young men who were later to make their mark in the Exercise. H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, W. S. Willett and G. F. Coleridge. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was already prominent, and the Oxford ringers often went to Drayton to ring peals with him on his own bells.

By now change ringing had been started at Slough, and the brothers W. H. and A. C. Fussell began to appear in print. This remote corner of the Diocese found it more profitable for progress to join the old West Middlesex Association, and, helped by George Newson and other well known 'Cumberlands,' peals soon began to be achieved. When, however, the Oxford Guild came into being in 1881, the Slough ringers transferred their allegiance to their own territorial Guild.

## THE OXFORD GUILD'S FORERUNNER

Such was the position when early in 1879 an important event occurred. In March an association had just been formed known as 'The Society of Change Ringers for East Berks and South Bucks,' with Maidenhead as the centre of activities. It was 'open to all parishes in a large surrounding district for the encouragement of change ringing and promotion of order and reverence in belfries.' The Vicar of Boyne Hill (Rev. A. H. Drummond) was president, and a set of rules was drawn up and officers appointed.

On Easter Monday, April 14th, 1879, the first quarterly meeting was held at Boyne Hill, when ringers 'from Maidenhead, Slough, Farnham Royal, etc.' attended. The first annual meeting took place on July 26th, 1879, with the usual routine. The Rev. F. E. Robinson gave instruction in bellringing (College of Campanology, please note!) and the Rev. A. H. Drummond preached about ringing.

A fortnight previously the 'Slough Branch of the West Middlesex Association' rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles at Egham—they had then been change ringers for three years. They were blossoming out and in August and January repeated these performances at Old Windsor and Wraybury. Meantime, J. J. Parker was composing 'complex' peals of Bob Minor and his Farnham Royal band was ringing them.

## FORMATION OF A DIOCESAN GUILD

The first step towards the formation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was a public meeting in Reading on November 13th, 1880. The programme included 'Change ringing at St. Mary's... by an experienced band from Drayton and Appleton, under Rev. F. E. Robinson as conductor.' One of the first objects was 'to improve the class of ringers in the Diocese.' About seventy sat down to tea, and 'the excellence of the ringing afforded a treat to the ringers of the neighbourhood, such as they have seldom, if ever, enjoyed before.' The meeting unanimously decided to form a Guild, and a representative committee was formed to implement the decision.

## THE GUILD'S BIRTH

On January 17th, 1881, a general meeting was held in Oxford—with no ringing! (The College authorities would not oblige.) The Archdeacon of Berkshire presided, and a large number of clergy attended. A very lively meeting ensued with the Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire pressing for the inclusion of 'round-ringers, whilst a majority considered that 'the art of change ringing was the only sure way of raising the tone of ringers.' Others felt that those whom it was desirable to influence would be excluded: so it was ultimately decided 'to admit the round-ringer as a probationer, and on payment of one shilling annually to grant him all the privileges enjoyed by a change ringing member.' The Rev. Dolben Paul was the first secretary and the Rev. F. E. Robinson first Master. The meeting was anxious to encourage the formation of local branches.

## FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

A very successful gathering was the first festival held at Reading on Wednesday, July 20th, 1881. The day began with a service at St. Mary's at 11.30 a.m., when the Dean of York preached on the text 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' He said that we had shaken ourselves free of the superstitious use of bells, and were reclaiming them from a merely scientific use, which had been degrading them. He rejoiced to see a Guild formed which would join together the scientific and religious uses of church bells. About 150 clergy and ringers sat at the dinner. Ringers came from Reading, Wokingham, Oxford, Wantage, Wargrave, Burnham, Maidenhead, Farnham Royal, Hurst, Sonning, Sandhurst and Caversham. Thus was the Oxford Diocesan Guild created on very solid foundations, and it can justly be proud of its great contributions to ringing.

## SOME PERSONALITIES

The Guild has been served most faithfully by its chief officers. In its 80 years of existence it has had only four Masters, six secretaries and four treasurers. The Masters have been Rev. F. E. Robinson (1881-1910), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (1910-1933), Canon G. F. Coleridge (1933-1946) and Rev. C. E. Wigg (1946-). Mr. Robinson was the first ringer ever to ring 1,000 peals. Mr. Jenkyn was the first Central Council librarian (1913-1933) and won the M.C. for gallantry in World War I. Canon Coleridge was the third president of the Central Council (1921-1930) and a 'great' ringer in both build and performances as a 'back-end' ringer. He was so big, in fact, that when the C.C. met at Warwick no bed could be found big enough for him! Among the Guild secretaries was another famous heavy-bell ringer, R. T. Hibbert (1917-45), followed by his son, W. Hibbert (1945-1956) and Miss Marie Cross. The Guild's treasurers have also distinguished themselves by long service, viz., Rev. Dolben Paul (1881-1891), Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (1891-1923), A. J. Wright (1923-36) and A. D. Barker

(1936-). The Guild has also provided a second president of the C.C., Mr. F. Sharpe, the Guild's Deputy Master.

Among the notabilities one must mention J. J. Parker, the famous composer; J. W. Washbrook, whose feats have been unsurpassed; Walter Judge, conductor of the record peal of Stedman Cinques; George Holfield, senior and junior, of Appleton, composer and conductor, respectively, of the record peal of Grandsire Caters; 'Dick' White and his son, Francis, whose bellhanging craftsmanship unsurpassed—to say nothing of Dick's skill as a long length heavy-bell ringer; John Evans of Hughenden, who conducted many of the Guild's early Surprise peals; William H. Fussell, a 1,000-pealer and the only ringer to score a peal in every county in England and Wales, organiser of the 1934 ringing tour of Australia and New Zealand; and one of the Guild's original members, Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins, aged 96 this month, whose father raised the famous 'Mr. Sinkins' pink when he was Master of Slough Workhouse, and named it after his wife, Frank's mother. This flower, incidentally, is now incorporated in the Slough borough coat-of-arms.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Oxford Guild has always been generous with its funds. When 'The Ringing World' was in financial straits, and since, the Guild made it some very general grants in the hope that other Associations would follow its examples, but, alas! there was no response.

In 1924, the Guild instituted a Restoration Fund, and since then no less than £1,270 has been given away in grants to towers having their bells put in order or augmented.

We have no room to list the Guild's magnificent ringing performances, but we congratulate it on its worthy past, wish it a happy 80th birthday year and hope that it will have many successes in its commemorative peal attempts, and go on to even greater achievements before it reaches its centenary.

PALUDIAN.

## GRESLEY'S CHRISTMAS OUTING TO NEEDWOOD FOREST

At the suggestion of the Vicar, who was unfortunately too ill to accompany them, Gresley ringers, joined by three friends from Derby and Duffield, visited four towers in the upland stretch of Staffordshire known as Needwood Forest, in brilliant wintry sunshine on the extra Christmas Bank Holiday.

The recently rebung, light five (7 cwt.) at Rangemore came first. These bells are pretty and go well, but are rather odd-shaped. They are housed in a modern spire. The Ringers shook up what was left of the ringers' Christmas dinner by taking some switchbacks at 75 m.p.h., en route for Yoxall! Mr. Wright and his son, Arthur, and daughter-in-law, Pamela, met us here, and joined in the ringing on this pleasant old six, which seem heavier than 13 cwt.

The way led past the magnificent Hoar Cross Church, 'the Cathedral of the Forest,' but our next call was on the heavy 5 (18 cwt.) in the pretty village of Abbs Bromley. Thanks to the preparation of Mr. Handley, who ran with us, these bells went better than we had been led to expect, and Gresley's fifteen-year-old tenor king, David Eames, qualified for a chocolate medal by turning in the tenor!

The huge watery expanse of the Blyth Reservoir was crossed in the sunset on the way to the last tower, Blithfield, set in a park, with a prettily decorated church, and a nice little six (9 cwt.). Frosty moonlight lit our way via Rugeley to a welcome high tea at Alrewas. The day was pleasantly rounded off by a visit to a comedy film show in Burton.

D. P. J.

The footnote to the peal at Winchester (page 2) should read '625th tower for a peal by the tenor ringer.'

A peal in 14 Minor methods at Cawthorne rung in 1883 has at last been surpassed. On New Year's Eve one in 26 methods was rung



## A LEAF FROM THE PROFESSOR'S NOTEBOOK

Occasionally I have the privilege of looking through Mr Dodge's sheaves of notes. Much of the information contained therein is beyond me, but the other day I came across a page that I flattered myself, was right down my street. Here it is set down exactly as I saw it:

### Extents of Plain Bob Minor Useful to the Young Conductor.

PLAN	
23456	
S 32564 A	
26345	
64253 B	A (Wrong)
45623	B (2nds)
53426 C	C (Home)
S 35264 D	D (Wrong)
56342	E (Home)
64523	
42635	
23456 E	
120	
'S' Group	'B' Group
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
S S S S S S	B B B B B B
S S S P P P	S S S P P P
S S P S P P	S P P S S P
S S S S S S	S S S S S S
P B S S P B	S P B P B S

\* Round blocks.

Each twice repeated for 360. (Except, of course, for Round Blocks.)

#### Notes

1 There must be an equal number of Singles in each part.

2 D must always be a Single.

3 \*B and C could be Singles or Plain.

\*A could be a Bob or Single.

\*E could be plain, Bob or Single.

\* Without affecting the relative positions of S and 6.

Having studied the page in some detail and making sure that I understood it I turned to the Professor, and after apologising for interrupting him I said:

'Let me be sure I have got this right. Here are nine extents of Bob Minor which are based on the same plan. The S Group have a Single at the first lead and the B Group a Bob. The relative positions of the tenors are the same in all 720's but the calls affect the positions of the other bells. These are 6-part peals doubled by Singles at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.'

'6-part extents,' corrected the Professor. 'Let me further point out that to obtain a 720 in these 6-part extents (your definition being both incorrect and incomplete) an alteration must be made at an interval of 360 changes by changing or omitting certain calls and that although the half-way stage is most frequently chosen this need not necessarily be so. In fact, in the above nine extents the alteration could be made at B, C or E in any of the first three parts with a similar alteration three parts later, providing the following rules are observed:

(1) If the lead is Plain or Bob a Single must be substituted.

(2) If the lead is Single a Plain must be substituted.

(At E this could also be a Bob.)

'Note that if a Plain is substituted for a Single (or vice-versa) then the same two bells will be in 3-4 at both points, a fact that may help the young conductor who forgets to count the number of parts, especially when not making the alteration at the half-way stages.'

'An interesting point emerges in connection with these two groups,' continued the Professor. 'Those that end with a Single (namely, S 3 and 4, and B 1 and 6), may be turned into 3-part extents by omitting the Single at the part-end, repeating the calling and ending with a Bob.'

'Of course,' I observed, 'not all these extents are your arrangements.'

'Good heavens, no!' exclaimed Mr. Dodge.

'None of them is. I have simply grouped them together for the purposes of memorisation and classification. They may be found scattered about in various publications beginning with S3 and the 3-part variation of B6, both of which appear in "Clavis," of 1788.'

'Why do you say they are "useful to the young conductor"?' I asked.

'Well,' replied the Professor. 'The plan is basically the same throughout, five leads with the tenors apart are sandwiched between five leads with them coursing. Having memorised the position of the tenors in one part he has memorised them for all the 720's. The plan (really S5) can be called as a Sunday service touch (or on any suitable occasion) until the conductor is quite familiar with it—particularly memorising the position of the tenors between A and D.'

Mr. Dodge then went on to point out the advantage to the young conductor of knowing whether the bells were 'In-course' and 'Out-of-course.'

'Seeing,' he went on, 'that an odd number of Singles throws the bells "Out," this knowledge not only tells him whether two bells have "swapped" places but often allows him to correct others with greater certainty.'

'And how is he going to know this?' I enquired.

'Let us first take the tenors coursing each other "the right way round," i.e., the 5th after the 6th. If the bells are "In" the order of the others will follow 432 (324 or 243) and if the bells are "Out" 234 (342 or 423). It may be useful to remember (he added), that 432 and 423 will come round with a Bob and Single at "Home" respectively. Later on when he moves on to Major the novice will learn that with 6th in 5th and 5th in 6th the order of 2, 3 and 4 will be 234, etc., for "In" and 432, etc., for "Out."

'But supposing the tenors are not coursing?' I asked.

'Some conductors are clever enough to make a "spot check" of a given row, say, at a lead head. This involves sometimes doing an awkward transposition mentally, sometimes a double transposition, which is beyond the powers of the young conductor who already has enough to do. If the novice remembers that when the bells are "In-course" the coursing order of the bells is also "In" he will be in a better position to understand the next part of my explanation.'

'I hadn't realised that last fact myself,' I said.

'No? Well 65432 is the lend-end of a plain course of Bob Minor (which must be an "In-course" row) and you should have known, as I have already pointed out above, that when the bells are coursing 65432 a Bob "Home" will bring them round and therefore the bells must be "In."

'I see,' I said humbly.

'The procedure then is to watch the coursing order of the four bells following the 6th. (Ignore the treble, of course—and in Major 7 and 8 as well.) Where 5-6 are not coursing the 5th will be either the 2nd or 3rd bell in these four. Transpose the 5th with the last bell of the four, or if you do not like the term "transpose" and are a more practical ringer, imagine the last bell to be coursing in place of the 5th. The three remaining bells will then give the "nature" of the leads as though 5-6 were "at home."

'Could you give me an example, please?' I asked.

'Certainly! I will give you two! Take the lead 136245 with a coursing order of 32546. The four bells coursing after the 6th are 3254. If the 4th was in place of the 5th it would read 324. Therefore, the lead 136245 is "In-course." Now take the lead 153264 with a coursing order of 52463 and the bells following the 6th, 3524. If the last bell (4th) was in place of the 5th it would read 342. Therefore, 153264 is "Out-of-course."

Here I had to leave the Professor, and cogitating upon his explanation on my way home I supposed that most, of not all, was familiar to many conductors. In the hope that at least some of it will be of assistance to many others, like myself, I have pleasure in forwarding it for publication. H.C.

Oxford Diocesan Guild, now 80 years old, has plenty of youngsters to carry on its tradition and add to its laurels. There were four firsts of Cambridge Surprise in the peal at Stoke Poges rung for the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, the parent body of the Guild. All these young men are well under 20, two being only 14.

## TAMWORTH HERALDS 1961 WITH A RING OF TEN

The year 1960 was one of special significance to Tamworth, Staffordshire, as it marked the 1,000th anniversary of the death of St. Editha, patron saint of the magnificent Parish Church, and the quarter-centenary of the granting of the Charter to the borough by Queen Elizabeth I.

Special services and various events of celebration took place during the year and to commemorate permanently these two anniversaries, the Mayor (Councillor C. A. Walton) launched an appeal for the addition of two treble bells to the existing ring of eight in the tower of the Collegiate and Parish Church of St. Editha.

A committee was formed, with the Mayor as chairman, to raise the £850 required, and the order was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

A great deal of work was done, both individually and collectively, by the committee, the local ringing band and other willing helpers: their aim was to have the new bells installed in the tower and ready to ring out the year 1960 and welcome 1961, which was achieved.

On December 31st at 3.30 p.m. the two additional bells, each duly inscribed, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. Basil Stratton) after the Vicar of Tamworth (Rev. Alfred Jones) and the churchwardens had accepted the gift from the Mayor. A number of ringing friends and visitors from various parts of the Midlands attended the ceremony, and made good use of the opportunity to take part in ringing on the newly-formed ring of ten bells. Their appreciation was unanimous.

At 11.30 p.m. the local band assembled to ring out 1960 and ring in 1961. The Mayor was in attendance, and expressed thanks for all that had been done, also offering his good wishes for the New Year. The captain of the tower (Mr. George Peers, jun.) handed to the Mayor the sum of £33 from the tower members, which was additional to approximately £125 raised by their various efforts. Ringing then commenced, the twelve sonorous strokes of midnight were rung on the tenor bell, bringing Tamworth's year of commemoration to its close, and 1961 was heralded by the joyful sound of the ten bells.

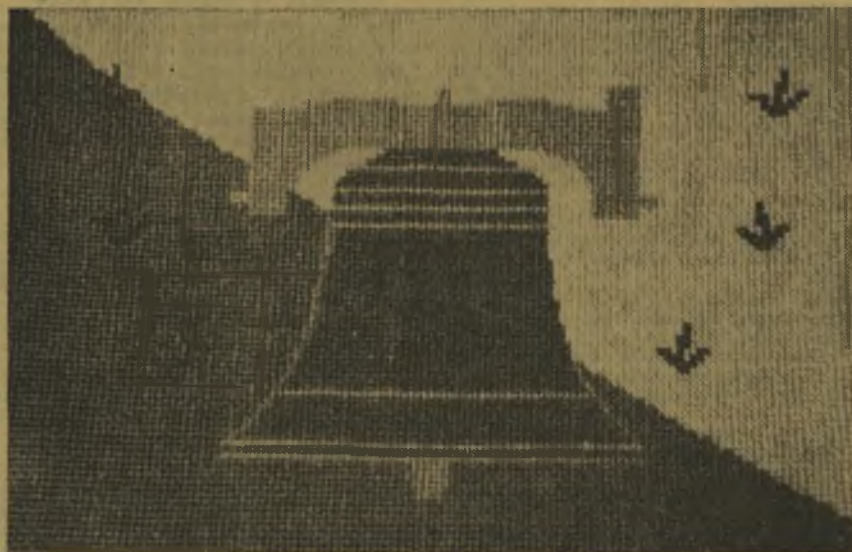
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## BELL DESIGN ON CATHEDRAL KNEELERS



ANYONE who has visited the new Cathedral at Guildford must have noticed, even if only in passing, the number and variety of handworked kneelers. Upon closer inspection it was apparent to me that the designs ranged from the Lion of Surrey to electricity pylons, from Mothers' Unions to Guide, Scout and Sunday school emblems, from Santa Claus to Calder Hall and from bee-keepers to gardeners, nurses and music makers. Bellringers were conspicuous by their absence.

Making further enquiries, I found anyone could assist in making these kneelers, and, what was more, the ladies in charge of this work were prepared to design a special 'bell' kneeler. They borrowed a Guildford Diocesan Guild badge and finally brought out two designs. One showed the badge, complete with lettering, together with three flames of the Holy Spirit (to Whom the Cathedral is dedicated), as shown in the accompanying photograph; the other design was of a smaller Guild badge and three bell ropes, all designs of these kneelers are superimposed on a blue and white, diagonally separated background.

Each kneeler is worked exactly as the diagram indicates and measures 16½" x 10½". It is at the sides of the kneelers that the imagination is used. The sides of one bell-kneeler represent salties, another has methods—as Oxford Treble Bob and Double Bob—on it! I found I was expected to pay for the materials I worked with, about 15s., but the sum payable for the kneeler to be professionally upholstered, about 20s., was optional.

The completed Cathedral will need about 1,700 kneelers and there are, at present, only 800 kneelers finished. There are well over 50 designs to choose from, and about 100-200 kneelers are in process of being worked. If persisted with a kneeler takes about two months to complete, but there is no time limit, each embroiderer or embroidress (yes, there are a lot of men who share in this work!) works at his or her own speed. One lady returned her kneeler, completed, after 20 years!

There are about 9 or 10 bell-kneelers completed, or in the process of being worked, done by ringers throughout the diocese. One ringer is at present working on her third kneeler, and another kneeler is being done by four young ladies from Aldershot! The embroidery is kept as simple as possible, mine is just plain cross stitch, worked in wool on Italian hemp canvas. If there is anyone who is interested in assisting in this work, please contact Miss B. Taylor, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, Surrey.

C. M. H.

Congratulations to Mr. David J. Smith, honorary secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on his engagement.

## AN ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM OXFORD TOWER

Deddington, Oxford, ringers, held their annual dinner at the Unicorn Hotel, Deddington, on New Year's Eve, when 20 ringers, members and guests, sat down to dinner. The guests included the Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. Loveday), the Vicar (Rev. Dr. M. Frost), Mr. Huntriss, Miss Roberts and Miss Weaver.

At the meeting which followed the secretary's report showed that ringing in Deddington was fast 'going from strength to strength' and was as 'alive' today as it had ever been. Sunday service ringing had been maintained one hundred per cent and practices held on most Monday nights. Excellent work was being done by the captain (E. E. Pearson) and vice-captain (W. Ivings) to improve the ringing and to further the art of change ringing.

A highlight of the year has been the training of four new recruits to Sunday service ringing standards. Also a delight was the progress of younger ringers who were fast catching up with 'The Masters.'

Deddington ringers could be said to lay claim to two arts: Church bell ringing and handbell ringing. Art number two was far from 'dormant', and plus other engagements throughout the year the highlight was the Christmas tune ringing visits to houses in the parish. This proved as popular as ever and the ringers would like to thank all who heard them play, for their interest, hospitality and donations.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £45 16s., which Dr. Frost said 'was not as good as the balance of 1959 but was good considering that the ringers had spent £109 14s. 2d. during 1960 on many purchases, etc., to improve the tower, and included new ropes (£31 10s.), strip lighting (£16 6s. 4d.), endowment policy on the bells (£10), plus many other expenses that go to make a happy tower.'

Election of officers for 1961 was as follows: Chairman and treasurer, Rev. Dr. M. Frost; captain, E. E. Pearson; vice-captain, W. Ivings; secretary, C. C. Clarke.

It was fast drawing towards the end of the year when the ringers adjourned to the belfry for the traditional 'ringing out of the old and the ringing in of the New Year.'

C. C. C.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. T. Worrall 1, J. S. B. Powell 2, R. Ballam 3, D. H. White 4, M. V. White 5, G. Prescott (Cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3. Rung after a peal attempt last quarter on the bells before being rehung on ball-bearings by John Taylor and Co.

## OBITUARY

### MR. J. A. FREEMAN

With great regret we record the death of Mr. John A. Freeman, of Lincoln, on Wednesday, January 11th, aged 76 years. He had been Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1947, and Master of Lincoln Cathedral band since 1929. Mr. Freeman had represented the Lincoln Guild on the Central Council since 1945.

### MR. GEORGE HORNER

Mr. George Horner, of the York Minster Society, died on January 7th, aged 85 years.

For 54 years George was a ringer in York Minster, being elected a member of the Minster Society in 1898. He was appointed assistant secretary of the Society in 1905 and secretary two years later, which position he held until his retirement in 1952. He will be well remembered by the older ringers and he was the organiser of the pre-war Snowdon dinners which were held in York.

Mr. Horner learned to ring at the Parish Church of SS. Philip and James, Clifton, York, in which parish he lived for the whole of his life. He was a regular attendee at this church for many years and was Sunday school superintendent.

By occupation Mr. Horner was a railway clerk and for many years, prior to his retirement, was chief staff clerk at the York railway carriage and wagon works.

The funeral service was held at Clifton church on January 11th and was attended by many of his former associates and members of the congregation. At the close of the service members of the Minster Society rang handbells. The interment was in the churchyard of St. Stephen's, Acomb. H. W.

### MR. JOHN MAIN AN APPRECIATION

John Main, of Finedon, Northants, whose passing was reported in 'The Ringing World' last month, was a dear friend with whom my father and I had many happy meetings between the wars. Christmas with grandparents at Finedon always meant a touch of Surprise ringing for Sunday service, for Finedon was a tower where the standard of ringing was respected far beyond its diocesan boundaries.

This was in no small measure attributable to a simple, lovable and endearing personality, in the form of John Main. A treasured photograph in the family album is of John Main, John King (is this the same John King who rang in the memorial peal?) and my father, after a peal at Finedon in the 1930s.

We last saw John two years ago, on a special visit to his house in Finedon, and his wonderful devotion to his church and bells was not in the least diminished in spite of his inability to take an active part in the belfry.

He spoke with great joy of the occasion when he moved into his 'old people's bungalow', and his parish priest found time to bless the new home and its occupants.

John Main was a great man, whose religion, stripped of all sentimentality and undue emotion, was warm, alive and completely natural. T. C. B.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the short notice the first quarterly meeting of the Ashford District on January 7th was well attended and some fifty members gathered at All Saints', Biddenden.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. B. Allen, and Mr. J. Longman was at the organ. A good tea was enjoyed at 'The Chequers.'

In his summary of the District's activities in 1960 the secretary (Mr. C. T. Hillis) said the year had been a very successful one. Over 50 new members had joined the Association; 30 peals had been rung in 24 of the District's towers. Nine meetings had been held, and had been well attended. Six new members were elected to the Association.

Mr. J. Willis, the chairman, thanked the Rector and the organist for their kindness, and Mr. S. G. Waters, genial young captain of the Biddenden ringers, for making all the arrangements.

Some good ringing was enjoyed on this fine eight (tenor 23 cwt. in D) until 9 o'clock. C. T. H.



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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bunwell, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the school, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR O1X. 3720

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in New College, Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Peterborough, Saturday, February 4th. Afternoon ringing at St. Mary's 2.30-4 p.m. Service at St. John's, 4.30. Business meeting, St. John's Vestry, 6 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. Plenty of cafes available. 7329

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, February 4th. Basford, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by February 1st, to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7347

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner, February 11th, at Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (12s.) from District secretaries or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Apply early to avoid disappointment. 7343

**NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Dinner, February 18th. Eight towers within the city open (including All Saints') at times between 1 and 6.30 p.m. Dinner at University 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets at 15s., together with details from Secretary, Bellringing Society—by February 13th. (S.A.E. appreciated.) Cheques payable to U. of N. Students Union. Everyone welcome. 7337

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Annual dinner, March 11th, 7 p.m. All past members interested but not contacted please write to: R. Johnston, 17, Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester 13. 7334

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**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual business meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Truro, on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea after the meeting at a small charge and ringing later.—W. H. R. Trewella, Sec.

#### 5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

By I. M. HOLLAND

23456	B	M	W	H
23564	X	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
26354	X	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	2	—
52436	—	—	3	—
52364	X	—	—	—
34625	—	—	2	—
42356	X	—	—	—
54326	—	—	3	—
63425	—	—	—	—
32654	X	—	—	—
53624	—	—	3	—
42635	—	—	—	—
23456	X	—	—	—

Contains the 9 combinations, and the 6th the extent in 5-6 without 82's or 83's.

Rung at Pontefract, Yorks, on August 2nd, 1960, conducted by the composer.

#### WINNING THROUGH AT BARNES

Dear Sir.—The story behind the first successful quarter peal at Barnes goes back to early 1953 when a band, of which I am the only original member left, was convened under the tutelage of Mr. Nevil G. Hollingworth.

The bells had been silent since before the war and it was decided to overhaul them and put them in good order and this was done under the inspiration of Rev. P. Steed, the then Rector.

By the Coronation in June in we could ring passable rounds and no one, except Mr. Hollingworth, had handled a rope before the previous March. Progress was reasonably continuous but we lost more members than we could rapidly replace and every two paces forward were followed by one backwards.

In 1957 we, unfortunately, lost the help of Mr. Hollingworth and then for some time matters went from bad to worse and on many occasions the two or three 'regulars' felt like giving up. But we knew that if we did it would probably mean the end and that also meant breaking faith with all those who had encouraged us.

In 1959 matters took a turn for the better when Putney came to us on practice nights because their bells were being rehung. To them we owe a great deal. More especially, in 1960, our thanks are due to M. C. Cuthbert, from Mortlake, who has pushed us through many a plain course and touch. He, too, is busy at Mortlake with a mixed band of ringers and learners, who are starting regular practice once more. So it is encouraging that there is ringing in three neighbouring towers in South-West London and even more so that the ringers are all young people with an average age in the early twenties.

This brings the story up to date and encouraged by the Rector, Rev. A. C. Heath, and a P.C.C. willing to grant money for ropes, etc., and a congregation which, on the whole, does not actively object, we hope, Mr. Editor, that others also will hear more of us and come to know the reason why we ring.—Yours faithfully,

J. HARROLD.

Barnes.

#### MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. Brian Druce, who was ordained at Advent, was a member of the Witney Ringing Society for some years.

An attempt was made on December 31st to ring three peals of Kent Treble Bob at Brightwaltham, Appleton and East Ilsley. The morning attempt was successful, but at Appleton Plain Bob was substituted owing to one of the band having to drop out. The attempt at East Ilsley came to grief after 55 minutes owing to a miscall.

The band who rang the peal at Stoke St. Mary would like to thank the Rector, the Rev. Peter Howell, for the excellent tea afterwards and also for allowing them to visit the other two rings in his parish—Thurlbear with its lovely heavy four (tenor 17 cwt.) that can only be chimed at the moment, and Orchard Porthman's four bells (tenor about 8 cwt.). The visit gave the Rector (who has just left Twenton-on-Avon, where he was curate) a chance to ring on two of his rings of bells for the first time and with ringers who have had pleasure of ringing with him many times at Twerton.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, M. W. Harrison 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, J. Higgs 5. A wedding day compliment to Miss Pamela McAvan and Mr. Edgar Thorpe, also for the wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, and a birthday compliment to the bridegroom's mother.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Geraldine Piper 1, D. Hershell 2, Bruce Piper 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, Christine M. Harbott (first as cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 4.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. T. Olliffe 1, E. J. Hill 2, F. W. Bowden 3, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 4, P. Beedie 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. J. Smith 7, T. W. Timms 8. First of Cambridge for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8. Rung for the engagement of David Smith to Jean Knight, and for the ordination of Brian Druce.



**5,040 RAVENSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL**By **SHIRLEY BURTON**  
M W H 23456

—	3	52436
2	—	56234
—	3	35264
—	—	42563
—	—	64523
—	—	35426
—	3	23456

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, October 3rd, 1960, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

**5,152 TYRONE SURPRISE MAJOR**By **STEPHEN IVIN**  
M W H 23456

2	—	A	56234
—	3A	—	45623
—	2	B	52364
—	—	—	63425
—	A	—	25634
—	4B	—	42356
—	—	—	65324
—	—	—	23456

Rung at Rochester, Staffs, December 10th, 1960, conducted by D. P. Jones.

**5,042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**Arranged by **PETER BORDER**  
23456 M W H

34256	—	2
52643	—	—
36245	—	—
43265	—	3
64235	—	—
32546	—	—
(42536)	S	—

Rounds at treble backstroke snap immediately after Single.

First rung at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on November 3rd, 1960.

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## OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

**T**HIS is the Golden Jubilee year of 'The Ringing World.' On March 24th, 1911, Mr. James Sparkes Goldsmith published the first number, and except for stoppages arising from the restriction of newsprint and the printers' strike publication has been continuous.

On March 24th, 1961, 'The Ringing World' Committee hope to publish a souvenir issue to commemorate this great occasion in the life of a journal that has probably passed through more vicissitudes than most publications, but nevertheless since it has been in the possession of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has steadily accumulated a financial reserve to meet any unexpected buffet (but not too many of them!).

This issue of March 24th will be of 24 pages plus a four-page cover, in two colours. Special contributions for this issue, reminiscent in character, would be appreciated by the Editor. Another feature we hope to include is a list of readers who have taken the journal week by week from No. 1. If space permits, we should like to give up to ten lines about each of these old worthies. What we want are briefly those details ringers like to know—age, tower, ringing offices held, peal totals. We expect to find some instances of husbands and wives, where the wife took the paper from No. 1 before marriage and then the couple had a joint copy.

On the third Saturday in June there is to be a special gathering of ringers from all over the country at Guildford to honour the memory of the founder. His grave at Pyrford, which has a small church without a ring of bells, will be visited; there will be a special service in the new Cathedral of Guildford, where the sanctus bell is a memorial to him; finally, the day will conclude with a social evening. Ringing will be possible in many towers in the Guildford area on that day.

Because of this commemorative gathering the Guildford Diocesan Guild are forgoing their summer festival. Headed by Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Guild Executive are making the necessary arrangements in consultation with Mr. F. I. Hairs, 'The Ringing World' Committee representative.

At the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Whit Tuesday a reference will be made to the Jubilee. The form it will take has not been decided, but the theme will be one of thankfulness that the Exercise has had such a vehicle as 'The Ringing World' to knit it more closely together and promote the goodwill and fellowship of church bellringers the world over.

## ST. CLEMENT DANES': A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

**W**HEN the restoration of the church and bells of St. Clement Danes', Strand, was completed late in 1958 it seemed unrealistic to suppose that the bells would be rung on Sundays with any degree of regularity, although it was hoped that enough past and present members of the Royal Air Force would come forward for ringing to take place at least once a month. With various subtractions, for personal and Service reasons, and some welcome additions, those who assembled on the afternoon of January 4th, 1959, have also rung for Evensong on the first Sunday of every subsequent month; by no means all connected with the Royal Air Force, they have nevertheless loyally supported the gatherings, mostly travelling long distances to do so, and I am most grateful to them all.

This, however, is by no means all the story. Throughout the same period Wilfrid Wilson has made himself responsible for ringing for Mattins on the second Sunday of the month, and quarter peal attempts, mostly successful, have been made consistently, in many of which visitors to London have taken part. In addition, lists kept in the belfry show numerous other visits, notably by Frank Gant and his company from Hornchurch (11 times), the University of London Society (10), bands arranged by Alan Bagworth, who is also a 'first Sunday' regular (9), and the Middlesex County Association (6). Altogether, out of the 208 possible occasions during 1959 and 1960 on which the bells could have been rung for morning or afternoon service, ringing took place 103 times, and it looks as if this record will be even bettered during 1961.

One of the conditions on which I undertook to co-ordinate ringing arrangements at this church was that all who wished to ring there, on Sundays or at other times, would be welcome so long as I knew in advance and was satisfied that they were responsible people. This has, I think, been amply fulfilled, and so far as Sunday ringing is concerned my thanks are due to those members of every Society in and around London who, collectively or individually, have co-operated to turn a tentative experiment into a great success. Is there a moral in this, I wonder? E. A. B.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. Treble	GEORFREY R. PARKER .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 9
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey R. Parker, who were married at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, the previous day; also to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, upon the 62nd anniversary of their wedding.

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 9
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 10
MICHAEL ELSON .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 750th peal.

In memoriam John A. Freeman, of Lincoln.

**LINCOLN.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 24 cwt.*

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN .. .. 7
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 8
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	JACK BRAY .. .. 10
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. .. 5	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 11
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 6	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* 600th peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of affection and respect to John A. Freeman, who was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for 14 years and Master of the Company of Ringers of Our Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln for 32 years.

**TEN BELL PEALS****LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Jan. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,**AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,***A PEAL OF 5040 XANTHI SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.*

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit DT).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK

First peal in the method.

**DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,***A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS***Tenor 20½ cwt.*

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .. 6
*YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. 2	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 7
†MOLLY TROMANS .. .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 8
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. .. 9
ERNEST SIITCH .. .. 5	C. FREDERICK JUKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

\* First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells. † First of Stedman.

The annual peal for the Guild.

**XANTHI SURPRISE ROYAL**

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**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,***A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.*

HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	BARRY HENDRY .. .. 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 8
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 200th peal together.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.****ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tues., Dec. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

*Tenor 37 cwt. in C.*

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 2	ANDREW STUBBS .. .. 6
GEORFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

**ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR***Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.*

JAMES THORLEY .. .. Treble	*THOMAS H. FOSTER .. .. 5
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 6
*BARBARA HALL .. .. 3	G. FRED TERRY .. .. 7
*ALAN GRUNDY .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Hargraves, Mrs. J. J. Taylor and Mr. R. F. Woodhead.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.****THE SUFFOLK GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 28 cwt. in D.*

RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. Treble	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. .. 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 7
ROGER J. PALMER .. .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 27).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells.

**EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,***A PEAL OF 5152 QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR***Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.*

DELIA SMITH .. .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .. 6
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 3	GEORFREY R. PARKER .. .. 7
GEORFREY PAUL .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method.

**COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.***A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.*

*JANET TAYLOR .. .. Treble	RICHARD DEAN .. .. 5
THOMAS TOCOCK .. .. 2	*DAVID KIRKALDY .. .. 6
ERNEST ELDRIDGE .. .. 3	*JAMES MULLER .. .. 7
*ASHLEY PUGH .. .. 4	PHILIP TOCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. M. L. Westropp, M.A., and Mrs. Westropp, who are leaving for Windermere.

**QUADRING SURPRISE**

58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 14 x 38 x 56 x 18

2nd place lead-end 17856342 4th place bob



### HYDE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. .	5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. .	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. .	6
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. .	7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	4	JOHN WORTH .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition has now been rung for the first time.

### KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,680 Little Bob, with six changes of method.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. .. .	Treble	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. .	5
ROY DUESBURY .. .. .	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. .	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. .	3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. .. .	7
EDWARD B. SMITH .. .. .	4	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. .	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* 200th peal for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. W. Thomas, on the 21st anniversary of his induction.

### LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .	Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. .	5
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. .	2	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. .	6
*RAYMOND PECK .. .. .	3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. .	7
WALTER RUFFLES .. .. .	4	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to the conductor. Also a birthday compliment to Ernest S. Bailey.

### NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. .	Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. .	5
JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS .. .. .	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. .	6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. .. .	3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. .	7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. .	4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. Geoffrey J. Hemming has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

### SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Loughborough District.)

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. .	Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. .	5
CELIA COWLEY .. .. .	2	DAVID SWIFT .. .. .	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. .	3	C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. .	7
TOM HARRIS .. .. .	4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in the method by all the band.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods: 1,760 Cambridge, 1,760 Yorkshire, 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. .	Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. .	5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	2	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. .	6
*RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. .	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. .	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. .	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise in three methods. First of Spliced Surprise in three methods as conductor.

### SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*RAYMOND W. SELBY .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. .	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. .	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. .	6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. .. .	3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. .	7
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. .	4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Surprise.

### WILLESden, MIDDLESEX.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 SHEFFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. .	Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. .	5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. .	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. .	6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. .	4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. .	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 283).

### HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. .	5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. .	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. .	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. .	7
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. .	4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

### BANWELL, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. .. .	Treble	*ANTHONY E. COX .. .. .	5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. .	2	*D. JOHN HUNT .. .. .	6
*DOREEN COX .. .. .	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. .	7
*DON C. EXELL .. .. .	4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Cornwall for the Association.

### BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*VIVIEN ROWE .. .. .	Treble	†DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. .	5
*HILARY N. KIPPIN .. .. .	2	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. .	6
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. .	3	†TOM CHAPMAN .. .. .	7
NORMAN HAYES .. .. .	4	*TONY R. CARTER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Triples.

### BRISTOL.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. .	Treble	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. .	5
DONALD E. COBB .. .. .	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. .. .	6
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. .	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. .	7
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. .	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

### SHEFFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

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## BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
JOAN BACON .. .. Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT .. .. 5
E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 2	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 6
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 4	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of the Guild.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JEAN F. BARNETT .. .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 2	†PETER G. RICHARDS .. .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
WALTER J. LEMON .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. P. C. Collins.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT &amp; OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

NEIL KITCHEN .. .. Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. .. 6
ARTHUR RIGBY .. .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. .. 7
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.  
A farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. R. Brown, B.A.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: One extent of London Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

EDMUND MALIN .. .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 4
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. .. 3	*MICHAEL ELSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL ELSON.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of four Minor methods on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Surprise Major.

## HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RAYMOND J. FULLER .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4
DORAH HOPKINS .. .. 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

## TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 4
*MARLENE JONES .. .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. .. 3	BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a last token of respect to the Rev. R. de B. Coussmaker, once Vicar of this parish; also to mark the ordination of his son, C. R. C. Coussmaker.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 12 of Grand-sire, six of Reverse St. Bartholomew, six of April Day and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*JAMES S. BAKER (12) .. .. Treble	HERBERT SUTTON .. .. 4
JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 2	A. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. .. 5
FRANK R. MORTON .. .. 3	*TERENCE E. TRICKETT (14) Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* First peal.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.
MRS. G. S. MILLS .. .. Treble	JAMES WALSH .. .. 4
*ROGER PARKINSON .. .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 3	BARRY PICKUP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY PICKUP.

\* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. D. Baggaley.

## DROITWICH-SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Kennington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 4
JAMES E. PULLON .. .. 2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3	*MARTIN POWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

\* First peal. Average age of the band 15 years. Youngest band to ring a tower bell peal for the Association.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the casting of the three trebles.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Mark.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*MAURICE A. NEW .. .. Treble	CHRISTINE LANSLEY .. .. 4
*GORDON W. LAND .. .. 2	*ANTHONY M. STRATFORD .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. .. 3	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TERENCE COLLINS.

\* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. 25th peal on the bells.

Rung by a teenage band, and believed to be the first teenage peal in the county, and for the Association. A compliment to R. J. Purnell and Miss C. Lansley on their recent engagement.

## LUPPITT, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, ten extents and eight 240's of Grand-sire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*E. W. BROOM .. .. Treble	C. CHURCHILL .. .. 4
MISS M. P. BARNARD .. .. 2	F. J. SAGE .. .. 5
A. J. CRABB .. .. 3	L. MARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. SAGE.

\* First peal. First in two methods by all.

## STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK SANDFORD .. .. Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. .. 5
JOHN HOPE .. .. 3	ROBERT HATCHER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging (1957).  
Rung as a token of appreciation to Mrs. E. C. Richards, benefactor of this church.

## WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at back-stroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. .. Treble	SAMUEL COOK .. .. 4
JAMES E. PULLON .. .. 2	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

The treble ringer has 'completed the circle' to peals.

## ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods, viz.: Six each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBIN H. ROGERS .. .. Treble	JAMES LINNELL .. .. 3
DAVID BURBIDGE .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.



**DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE .. 4
CHARLES PERKINS .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Three each of Carter's Principle and Stedman, six each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

CHARLES F. TRUMAN .. Treble	*DAVID BURBIDGE .. 3
ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4
WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor	

\* First peal in eight methods 'inside.'

**LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Plain Bob.

BRIAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

**MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
NON-ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent combined, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

WILLIAM E. GREEN .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 2	JOHN F. PEARSON .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent each of College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

PETER J. COLES .. Treble	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 4
*ROBERT E. HARDY .. 2	*MARTYN HARBOIT .. 5
STANLEY HUCKLE .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR**

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

*ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. Treble	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4
†WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 3	PETER WAKEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association. First of Surprise on the bells.

**STOKE ST. MARY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 16 extents Plain Bob (four callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten callings).

*PAIRICIA A. BURT .. Treble	*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3
*DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. 4
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal on five bells. Second peal on the bells, the other being in 1948.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. Peter Howell as Rector of Orchard Portman with Thurlbear and Stoke St. Mary.

**STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

TESSA P. KEMP .. Treble	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3
SYLVIA MARSH .. 2	ADRIENNE GIBSON .. 4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and on the bells.

**TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 4
ERNEST WHITING .. 2	GEORGE C. J. FILBY .. 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**ALDEBY, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Jan. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

**AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two 240's (Morris' arrangement) and two extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

DAVID CUBITT .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	*GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4
PETER M. ADCOCK .. Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

\* First peal in seven Doubles methods.

**HASKETON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. 5
BRENDA E. DOWNING .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

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NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4
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*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
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**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY .. .. Treble	G. FRED TERRY .. .. 4
*THOMAS H. FOSTER .. .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR.. .. 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in four methods.

A birthday compliment to Miss Bryony Foster, daughter of the ringer of the second bell.

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**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 46 lb. in E.

MARION S. AINSWORTH .. Treble	*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	FRDERICK ROSS .. .. 5
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: Two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., two of Single Court and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD BROXHOLME .. Treble	PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. .. 4
HORACE HURST .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 5
G. LEONARD THOMPSON.. .. 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild, who was interred this day. R.I.P.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**BEDFORD.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFERY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in C.  
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 1—2 | JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 3—4

BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Jan. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours.*

*AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, and as a birthday compliment to Miss P. Ballard.

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*

*AT 19, CROMLEY ROAD, WOODSMOOR,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

\*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 3—4

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Brian Harris.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT .. 1—2	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 5—6
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 3—4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.  
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs on the 45th anniversary of their wedding.

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## DATE TOUCH

**RUXHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 521 Plain Bob: E. Daniels 1, June E. Wright 2, L. Wright 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. Arranged in honour of the birthday of L. Wright and his 40 years of ringing.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss D. J. Wallace 1, A. M. Macve 2, D. C. Manger 3, N. J. Martin 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all except 6. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Cork 1, Miss R. Perrin 2, Miss M. S. Taylor 3, Miss P. Fennell 4, J. C. Perrin 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Paine 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mempham 3, D. H. Paine 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Charles H. Moore.

**BABBACOMBE, DEVON.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens (first quarter) 1, G. F. Nix 2, J. W. Perkins 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, R. Blackler 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8. First quarter of Triples by a Babbacombe trained band. For Evensong.

**BECKLEY, OXON.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (840 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): Margaret Cozier (first quarter of Doubles) 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. M. Jones (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, E. R. Venn 5, A. birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

**BLAGDON, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. E. White 1, C. C. Andrews 2, G. Gillis 3, B. M. Wilson (first quarter) 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, P. F. Fear 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. John's, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Black 1, Miss D. V. Gould 2, F. Price (cond.) 3, A. G. Rose 4, C. Conway 5, A. Buswell 6, A. V. Davis 7, A. Miller 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1 and 6. Rung for Matins.

**BRIGHTON.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: B. J. Stone 1, D. P. Snowwell (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4. First of Minimus for all.

**BURFORD, OXFORD.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary L. Taylor (first quarter) 1, W. J. Dixon 2, Brenda Hall 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, C. F. M. Collett 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, Linda Westmacott 8.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury): R. Padbury (first in three methods) 1, L. W. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Bene't's, on Jan. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: C. A. Johnson 1, T. R. Dennis 2, H. Muirhead 3, H. J. F. Muncey 4, S. Brown 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

**CHELTEMHAM, GLOS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Farmer 1, C. Burridge 2, E. T. Newbury 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, G. R. Drew 5, I. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratton (cond.) 7, W. Newman 8. A farewell to 1960. (Rounds came up at 11.58 p.m.)

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): N. Avis (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Fairhead 2, F. G. Oliver 3, J. Avis 4, U. W. Wildney 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Chown (12) 1, Miss B. Cummins (first 'inside') 2, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 3, Miss G. Barnes 4, E. J. Lambert 5, T. Hefford 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: E. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Miss D. Wallace 4, F. Jones 5, P. Davis 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Relf 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, J. Adcock 10.

**DROSFIELD, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Hilary Jackson 1, A. Wilson 2, R. Bradbury 3, Angela Scutt 4, K. R. Goodall 5, J. W. Sykes 6, G. N. Goodall 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading: Mrs. E. E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. Minnear (first quarter) 2, A. Ivings 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, B. Sykes 8. Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Oxford to preach at Matins.

**DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss D. Edwards 2, G. Marchant (cond.) 3, C. Marchant 4, D. Miller 5, C. Dymont 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1960.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to J. A. Freeman, late Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. A. Leigh 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. C. F. Rogers (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Warner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, L. G. Fox 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. C. Leigh 1, E. C. F. Rogers 2, E. J. Jenner 3, J. E. Warner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6. For Evensong.

**EDMONTON, MIDDY.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Iris George 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. George 3, D. Langdon 4, J. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, T. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

**ELSTREE, HERTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): D. Bowen 1, R. Hardy 2, E. Edmondson 3, Miss P. Jervis 4, S. Huckle 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

**ENMORE, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, R. Ford 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, E. J. Ford 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Ford.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, G. Cockham 6, F. J. Oakshott 7, J. Munton 8. First of Stedman Triples for 2, 3, 6 and 8. For evening service.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. V. Greaves 1, Miss M. E. A. Greaves 2, Miss A. M. Greaves 3, E. A. Daniels 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDY.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): B. Watson 1, A. Goodall 2, A. Richardson 3, G. Ellis 4, C. Ward 5, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. Rung in memoriam F. Tubbs, who died on January 9th, aged 74.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Munns 1, J. E. Goodwin (first on six) 2, J. Y. Parker 3, R. C. Morley 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. R. Mann 6.

**GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure): M. Saunders 1, C. A. Lewis 2, R. A. Hatcher 3, J. W. Hope 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, D. P. Davies 6. To commemorate the dedication by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon of an electric radiant heating system, the gift of Miss Isobel Vaughan-Morgan, in memory of Mr. P. V. Vaughan-Morgan.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Jan. 1st, at St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Miss B. Edwards 1, P. W. Williams 2, N. R. Waite 3, B. S. R. Allen 4, M. D. Ling (cond.) 5, H. Worral 6. Rung for New Year's Day.

**GNOSALL, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. N. Dyke 1, J. Friend (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key 4, D. Friend (cond.) 5, T. Edwards 6. A compliment to Miss D. Bowell on her 21st birthday and on becoming engaged to Mr. K. Walker. Both are members of the local band.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, Mrs. J. Tait 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung on the occasion of the 60th birthday of the tower foreman, Alfred H. Webb.

**HASFIELD, GLOS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Kennington Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Anne Broxton 2, Maryn Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, J. Dean 6. First quarter in the variation by all the band.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Carpenter 1, F. Bowden 2, C. Johnstone 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott 5, J. L. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett 7, A. V. Queen (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Smith 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, M. F. Oakshott 4, A. Cheesman 5, Susan Bell (first in method) 6, W. Oatway 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rachel Ann, grand-daughter of the conductor.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: B. Hawkins 1, G. Peters 2, G. Marriner 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. Cheesman 5, Susan Bell (first in method) 6, W. Oatway 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rachel Ann, grand-daughter of the conductor.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, J. Young 2, R. E. Dean 3, P. Dean 4, E. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, A. Boarder (first quarter) 8. Rung for the Christmas Festival. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Dean 1, Jill Cook 2, E. D. Poole 3, E. Silvey 4, J. Young 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

**MARSHFIELD, GLAM.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Taylor 1, F. Reed (cond.) 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, J. Wilcox 4, A. Wingate 5, D. Pike 6, D. Hughes 7, C. Bryant 8. First of Major 1, 4 and 7.

**MATHON, HEREFORDS.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): J. Lane 1, W. Nutt (cond.) 2, J. Ranford 3, R. Lewis 4, W. Huband 5, G. Gwynne (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Fred Merrick, buried this day at Suckley.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 15th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal: R. Wills (first attempt) 1, F. Uden 2, H. J. Uden 3, J. Chave 4, N. Baggworth 5, M. Goble (first attempt) 6. A farewell re-statement to Richard Wills, who sailed for Australia on January 17th.

**NORTHLEIGH, OXON.**—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Goodman 1, M. Wright 2, M. Woodward 3, R. Wright 4, I. Wotherspoon 5, E. Patching 6. First quarter by all except tenor. Believed to be first quarter on the bells by a local band.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, G. S. Bush 2, Ruth Anderson 3, W. Barker 4, R. Patrick 5, F. Boyall 6, L. W. Hadman 1, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Ruth Anderson and Mr. John Woodman, and for the birthday anniversaries of ringers of 2 and 7.

**SANDHURST, GLOS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine V. Pullin 1, Clare B. Chambers 2, M. D. Ling 3, N. R. Waite 4, A. T. Collins 5, D. C. Bowen 6, C. C. Clark 7, A. R. Mann (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the Raving Ringers' Reunion at Gloucester.

**SOMERTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Honour 1, E. G. Jones 2, C. H. Kinch 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. C. Clark 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Thompson (first quarter) 1, P. Wakefield 2, M. J. Cook (first as cond.) 3, R. Wakefield 4, R. Fenton 5, B. Wakefield 6.

**SPAXTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, E. J. Ford (cond.) 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Webber 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robin Ford, a ringer of this tower.

**THORNHURST, GLOS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. M. Exell 1, P. Bridle 2, S. Poole 3, M. Wills (first quarter) 4, D. Exell (cond.) 5, C. J. Richards 6, V. Wills 7, H. N. Evans 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to W. G. Symes.

**TIRELY, GLOS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, Anne Broxton 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, L. Woolley 6. First quarter in the variation by all the band.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Hayne 1, W. G. Trevett 2, N. J. Hayne 3, Mrs. A. Shackleford (first quarter on working bell) 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,330 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, A. J. Boyack 2, D. Ellisdon 3, M. Hayes 4, P. D. Chapman 5, D. Hewitt 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, M. Young (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for the departure of 1960.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. H. Rogers 3, J. Chance (first of Stedman Triples) 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

**WILTON, WILTS.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Trimby 1, E. A. Haines 2, C. F. Haines 3, A. Newman 4, A. Haines 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the ordination as deacon of R. O. Fry.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, Susan J. Rawlings 3, A. Bagworth 4, A. Bishop 5, J. Perrett 6, K. Newman (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Hartley 8. For Evensong.

**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hims (first quarter) 1, M. Clark 2, S. Cole 3, A. Lane 4, J. Evered 5, T. Hims 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, P. J. Gardner 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. F. Shearn, a valued ringer and a great loss to this tower, cremated January 11th.



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Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stockland, Devon, with their president, Preb. E. V. Cox, on January 13th to celebrate his sixty years as a ringer. It was in this tower that he was taught to ring by the captain of the call change band, when his father was Vicar of the parish.

Who was the young lady from Bristol, who was stranded in Gloucester and rescued by a bachelor from 'the foggy, foggy dew'?

Miss P. Phillimore, tower secretary of Pewsey, Wilts, asks what is the highest number of towers rung in by the same band of six from a village or town church.

Douglas Burnett, Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has passed the Lay Readers' Examination for the Diocese of Truro and is to be publicly licensed by the Archdeacon of Cornwall at St. Ewe on February 12th.

If 'Observer' from St. Michael and All Angels', Newburn, Northumberland, cares to get in touch with Mr. Joe Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, he may be able to help with the question of bell-ropes.

When the New Year had only begun 16 minutes before, one of the young Durlough, Somerset, ringers was heard to ask the captain, 'When do you want this year's Association subscription?'

Handbell ringers at Waltham Abbey called at nearly a thousand homes during the eight nights prior to Christmas and collected £60 10s. towards the Abbey's restoration fund. The handbell team also rang some carols during Matins on Christmas Day.

After the peal of Grandsire Triples at Madeley, Shropshire, on January 14th the ringers met the Vicar and the rest of the Madeley band in the Six Bells Inn where they were entertained to an excellent tea by Miss Diana B. Lewis, whose 21st birthday was the reason for the peal. Afterwards Mr. J. L. Stanier, on behalf of the Madeley ringers, presented a silver rose bowl to Miss Lewis to mark the occasion.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who took part in a handbell peal of Bob Major on January 15th, their 45th wedding anniversary, rang in a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells on their wedding day. They have decided not to attempt one of Minimus for their golden wedding!

The recent peal at St. Giles', Cripplegate, rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is the first peal of Maximus on the bells.

The bells and morning service from All Saints', Stamford, are to be broadcast in the Midland and Northern Home Services on Sunday, February 5th.

The double dagger against the name of Mr. Herrick B. Bowley in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicesters Cathedral (see page 34) should read 350th peal.

On October 31st, 1953, Mr. Francis R. Lowe 'circled' Derby Cathedral to peals by ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Caters. Will Mr. Gordon Halls please note? (Page 24, Belfry Gossip.)

By ringing her first peal at Crayford on January 14th, Miss Jean Barnett became the fourth generation of her family to take part in a peal there. Also in the band were her father, both grandfathers and her godfather, who conducted the peal.

Lt.-Col. D. L. Scott, R.A.M.C., of Fircthorpe, Sunnyside, Fleet, Hants, appeals for a set of 12 second-hand handbells, for a group of ringers he is starting in his unit. He feels that handbells might be a wonderful way of providing music (particularly Christmas music) when stationed abroad.

The late Mr. F. Tubbs, in whose memory the quarter peal at Finchley was rung, was first made a member of the Finchley band in 1907, and served as a member for 5 years, retiring from active ringing two years ago. He was by no means a prolific ringer, but in his prime he was a solid and reliable six bell man, as the peal boards in the tower will show. Although his attendances of his latter years were not regular, the band will miss him and feel that yet another of the links with the past has been broken.

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E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,  
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## BELLS FOR NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Since its foundation, the Nottingham University Society has sought a tower where it could practise regularly and be responsible for the ringing, and it was thought that it might be possible to ring at All Saints' (8), if the church authorities would give their permission. The Vicar, the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins, welcomes the possibility and allowed representatives of the Society with their president, Mr. Paul Taylor, to inspect the bells. They found that the bells, although suffering from the effects of 40 years' neglect (they were cast in 1864 by Taylors, of Loughborough), could probably be made ringable again with a little effort at very little initial cost. Last February, the Vicar invited the chairman, Mr. Bruce Grainger, to report on the situation to the P.C.C. with a view to allowing the Society to attempt the necessary work.

Early in the Christmas term, after the architect had made a favourable report on the tower fabric, the University bellringers moved in and spent several weeks cleaning the bearings, replacing missing fittings and removing a great accumulation of dirt. Finally, on November 24th, Mr. Taylor pronounced the bells ringable and they were rung for the first time for 40 years. Although some of the bearings are a little oval all went well, except that in the first touch, of Stedman Triples, Mr. Taylor had great difficulty in keeping the sixth up. This was because the rope had been lowered on the wrong side of the pulley and the fault was quickly remedied! We are very grateful to Mr. Fred Salter, of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and Mr. Michael Rose, of Attenborough, for the loan of bell ropes for this occasion, and to All Saints' P.C.C. for buying a new set of ropes with distinctive sallies in University colours.

So far, 14 volunteers from the parish are learning to ring so that ringing may continue during University vacations, and we have begun to practise on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. with ringing for Evensong on Sundays at 5.45 p.m.

The bells will be open on Saturday, February 18th, before the Society dinner. They will be rededicated on the following day during Evensong by the Bishop of Southwell. Any communications should be addressed to the secretary of the Bellringing Society, c/o The Societies Room at the University. B. G.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 4



MR. LESLIE G. BRETT,  
Suffolk Guild.

The county of Suffolk is situated in a rural and agricultural area of Britain, and many of its ringers are farm workers. If it was an industrial district, many of these ringers would be much better known than they are at present. Much of the transport is by push-cycle, and for that reason their ringing is largely confined to their own county. Amongst the best of these ringers is Leslie G. Brett, of Framsdon, Master of the Suffolk Guild, who has done much to maintain the high standard of ringing for which the county is noted.

Leslie was born at Framsdon on December 24th, 1904, and was educated at the Helmingham village school, which he left at the age of 12 to become a farmer's boy, working seven days a week for only 7s! He was taught to

handle a bell at Framsdon in 1922, and learnt the rudiments of change ringing from W. G. Crickmer, who rang in the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. His first 720 of Minor was at Bedford in October, 1922, and his first peal was Bob Major at Framsdon on January 5th, 1923.

About this time, the Helmingham band were beginning to practise London, and Leslie is very proud to have rung in the first peal in this method at Helmingham on September 27th, 1924, in which there were seven 'firsts.' He well remembers this peal, as summer time was ignored by most farmers, and he had to work until 6 p.m. On this occasion he had been assisting with threshing operations on a warm day, with plenty of dust. His 'wash and brush-up' consisted of water from the engine's water butt, and handkerchief for a towel, and no time for tea! However, a good peal was rung, and Messrs. G. H. Cross and G. A. Fleming are the only other surviving members.

His peals total to the end of 1960 is 479 (conducted 156) and amongst this number have been 100 peals at Framsdon and Helmingham. The Helmingham band were famous from 1925-1939 for scoring peals in new Surprise methods, and Leslie rang in 46 of them, conducting 9.

On one occasion, in 1926, he cycled over 80 miles, and rang peals of London at Earl's Colne and Colchester, Essex, in one day. Many of his early peals were rung under the conductorship of the late W. G. Rumsey, T. W. Last, G. Whiting, and he rang 300 peals with that fine ringer and conductor, the late Leslie C. Wightman.

He is very proud to have rung one peal with William Pye—London at Elvedon, and also to have rung in James George's 1,000th peal on tower bells, Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich, it being Jimmy's first peal of Cambridge 12, and Leslie's first on 12.

He served as district secretary of the Debenham District for six years, and since 1957 he has been rightly honoured by being elected General Master of the Suffolk Guild.

Leslie is of a very modest disposition, and if he had been living in some other part of the country, where peals are easier to get, it is safe to say that he would have scored twice the number of peals he has done already. He is a first class striker, a competent conductor, and, equally important, he is a very pleasant chap with whom to ring, and to enjoy his company. May he continue in good health, and so enable him to build upon the fine record he already holds.

APACE.

## THE JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

### Guildford Guild's Plans

An announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, on January 14th, of plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Guild Master), who presided over an attendance of more than 50, said the actual date of the anniversary was March 24th, and it was proposed to hold a celebration meeting in the Guildford area on the third Saturday in June. There would be ringing in various towers around Guildford, a visit to the grave of the founder of the journal (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) at Pyrford churchyard, a service in Guildford Cathedral where there was the Goldsmith memorial bell and they hoped by then the Pulling memorial bell. Tea would be served in St. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, to be followed by a social evening. In view of these circumstances the Guild's summer festival would not be held.

Mr. Denyer also presented a report on the Pulling memorial bell. He said an order had been given for the bell, which would weigh 12½ cwt. and cost £625. The Guild had

collected and had funds available of £500, which meant that another £125 had to be found. The Cathedral authorities had informed them that they could not meet the cost of the electric wiring, etc., which would mean raising another £125. His immediate concern was meeting the cost of the bell.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. A. May) said eleven peals had been rung in the District during the year and he congratulated Pat Laycock, Clive Johnson and Elizabeth Stevinson on ringing their first peals. Mr. S. A. Ponting (honorary secretary) reported an improved financial position. The officers were re-elected. Twelve new members were elected.

When nominations were asked for as Guild officers, Mr. Denyer said he would not be standing as Guild Master as he would have held the office for three years. On the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the meeting nominated Mr. Harold A. Pitstow.

Congratulations were extended to Godalming on their large number of young ringers. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. E. O. Ware, and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the three churches in the centre of the town.



## LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border, of Coventry, head the list of peal ringers for 1960. Mr. Border has 107 peals to his credit and his wife 78. The next lady is quite low down—Miss Carol Fernley, who rings at Norbury, Cheshire, with 44. Mr. Border is also the leading conductor with 68 peals.

John A. Anderson, the young Birmingham ringer, just reached the century, to be followed by George E. Fearn, secretary of St. Martin's Guild, with 97.

The Leicester contingent is headed by Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, with 95. He was unsuccessful in another 18 attempts. Mr. Morris also heads the list of handbell peals with 17. To critics of peal ringing, he would reply that he rang for three services every Sunday throughout the year and never missed one.

Another Leicester ringer—from St. John the Divine—is close behind him—Mr. John M. Jelley with 89. The Home Counties leading ringer, according to our records, is John R. Mayne with 75, followed by Bernard F. L. Groves (Maidstone) 71 and A. Patrick Cannon (Dorking) 68.

Cheshire's leader is Brian Harris with 75. There are five members of the Norbury band in the list. During the year 28 peals were rung at their tower, one of which was the 300th in the tower.

East Anglia is headed by Roderick W. Pipe with 68, Lincoln by Jack C. Millhouse 65, Hampshire Geoffrey K. Dodd 53, and N.E. coast J. Alan Ainsworth 52. There are two one-armed ringers in the list—Basil Jones 65 and Reginald W. Rex 56.

Veterans have a fair representation, apart from Ernest Morris. Included is the convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee, J. Frank Smallwood, James Bennett and Len Stilwell.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Peter Border ..	107 (cond. 68)		107
John A. Anderson	100		100
Geo. E. Fearn ..	97 (10)		97
Ernest Morris ..	78	17	95
John M. Jelley ..	80 (29)	9 (1)	89
Ruth M. Border ..	78		78
John McDonald ..	76 (22)		76
John R. Mayne ..	74 (57)	1 (1)	75
Brian Harris ..	72 (12)	3 (1)	75
A. James Poyner ..	72 (11)	1	73
Bernard F. L. Groves	66 (13)	5	71
A. Patrick Cannon	68 (28)		68
J. W. Cotton ..	68		68
Roderick W. Pipe ..	68 (33)		68
Brian G. Warwick	59 (55)	8 (8)	67
Robert B. Smith ..	61 (11)	5 (4)	66
Basil Jones ..	65 (18)		65
J. C. Millhouse ..	65 (30)		65
Norman J. Goodman	61		61
Ian H. Oram ..	61 (22)		61
John A. Acres ..	44 (1)	16 (3)	60
Leslie Bumphrey ..	57 (3)		57
Ernest J. Munday	56		56
Reginald W. Rex ..	56		56
J. Martin Thorley	56 (29)		56
T. J. Lock ..	54 (2)	1	55
Geoffrey K. Dodd	53 (35)		53
J. Alan Ainsworth	52 (30)		52
Howard W. Egglestone	49 (13)	3 (2)	52
W. Eric Critchley	45 (24)	5 (2)	50
Crawford T. Hillis	48 (14)		48
Derek P. Jones ..	47 (30)		47
D. John Hunt ..	46 (11)		46
R. J. Clifton ..	45		45
Geoffrey R. Drew ..	45 (24)		45
John R. Cooper ..	45 (3)		45
David J. Purnell ..	45		45
Dennis A. S. Symonds	42	3	45
George S. Deas ..	44 (2)		44
Carol Fernley ..	44		44
Eric N. Harrison ..	44 (3)		44
Cecil W. Pipe ..	43 (1)		43
Patricia A. M. Halls	43		43

Gordon A. Halls ..	43 (14)	43
Barrie Hendry ..	42 (4)	42
Herbert W. Woolven	42 (5)	42
John Worth ..	42 (22)	42
Alick Cutler ..	41	41
Richard E. Price ..	41 (6)	41
Muriel Reay ..	41	41
Ian M. Holland ..	40 (15)	40
Albert W. A. Leggett	40	40
Philip Mehew ..	40 (1)	40
Frank B. Lufkin ..	39 (36)	39
Patrick I. Chapman	38 (3)	38
Bryan D. A. Woolley	38	38
Eileen M. Fearn ..	37	37
John Pinfold ..	37	37
Michael D. Fishwick	37	37
L. N. Melton ..	36 (12)	37
Frank C. Price ..	36 (4)	36
John E. Anderson	36	36
P. G. K. Davies ..	36 (1)	36
Ronald C. Noon ..	35 (23)	35
Stanley E. Bennett	35	35
A. M. Macve ..	34	34
John H. Fielder ..	34 (1)	34
Edwin T. Chapman	34	34
Urban W. Wildney	34 (9)	34
P. A. Corby ..	33 (25)	33
K. R. Dunstan ..	33	33
Ernest G. Pearce ..	33	33
B. A. Shackleton ..	32 (1)	33
Howard Scott ..	29	33
B. W. Fairhead ..	32 (6)	32
R. G. Hooper ..	31 (9)	32
John R. Partington	32	32
Alan R. Syder ..	32 (2)	32
Martin C. Faulkes	31 (1)	31
Bryan Pattison ..	29 (23)	31
Patrick J. Bird ..	30 (8)	30
David Cubitt ..	30	30
Ralph G. Edwards	30	30
Patrick W. Salumarsh	30	30
James R. Taylor ..	28 (2)	30
Geo. E. Thoday ..	30 (4)	30
E. P. Woolgrove ..	30	30
T. Cullingworth ..	29 (2)	29
James H. Musson ..	28 (24)	28
T. Hecton Bennett	26 (4)	27
F. Derry ..	27	27
Frank Osbaldiston	26 (1)	27
S. G. Ponting ..	27	27
A. Sayers ..	27	27
R. L. K. Whittell ..	27	27
James Bennett ..	26	26
Jennifer M. Davies	24	26
R. Leigh ..	26 (4)	26
Clifford J. Richards	26	26
C. R. Burrell ..	25 (2)	25
Wm. H. Dowse ..	25 (2)	25
Alan J. Frost ..	25 (4)	25
Geoffrey J. Hemming	25 (6)	25
Gerald C. Hemming	25 (8)	25
John R. Kettering	25 (13)	25
John Robinson ..	25 (8)	25
R. Roger Savory ..	25 (7)	25
J. Frank Smallwood	25 (1)	25
Norman Smith ..	25 (16)	25
Ronald W. Steward	25	25
Leonard Stilwell ..	25 (2)	25

### EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

For various reasons the company was smaller than usual at the annual dinner of the Guild held at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, on January 14th. This was a pity, as both meal and entertainment were excellent. By unanimous agreement there were no speeches. The artistes were Mr. Roy Large, of Tonbridge, whose baritone voice is a joy to listen to and the Rev. R. W. Lax-West, rector of Northiam, who is a member of the Magic Circle. His magic and after-dinner stories caused much amusement. The highlight of his show was when he had Joan Garnett lying on a board resting on two chair backs and after 'putting on the spell' took one chair away. He repeated the illusion thus making a fitting conclusion to an excellent evening.

### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 7th in the new St. Martin's Hall, the chair being taken by the Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. The chairman welcomed several visitors from Coventry and Worcester and also Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

The following new members were elected: Michael Lister (Packwood), Miss Ann Fellows (King's Norton), Geoffrey Davis (Edgbaston), Charles A. S. Webb (Northfield), Mrs. Beryl Park, Mrs. Rosemary Waterhouse and Maurice F. Edwards (Yardley). The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Tony Price (Sunbury-on-Thames), Mrs. Marion Ainsworth (Newcastle upon Tyne), A. Rex Agg (Hitchin), Edward W. Colley (Four Oaks), Miss Alice Lester and Geoffrey Pullin (Packwood), Albert M. Tyler and Frank Hansford (Bristol), Eric Naylor (Bath), Arthur Gibb (Rushdon), Arthur D. Barker (Slough), and Thomas J. Setter (Yeovil).

The Guild has received a very generous donation of £20, from an anonymous donor, to cover the cost of a new peal book. This was an expense that the Guild would have had to meet, and the balance sheet shows an increased balance instead of a depleted one, due to the kind friend.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected to serve for the year 1961, viz.: Master, Edgar C. Shepherd; Ringing Master, John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., and Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Edgar C. Shepherd; honorary secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

A proposition to increase the subscription to meet growing expenses was passed with one dissentient. The annual subscription for resident members is now 5s., and for life members 10s.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kingsbury, on April 8th, subject to the approval of the incumbent.

Mr. Frank W. Perrens will occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner to be held on March 4th at the White Horse Hotel. Early application for tickets is essential as the number is strictly limited to sixty.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bryan S. W. Green for the use of the hall for the meeting.

### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

#### East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Buckerell on January 14th. Ringers attended from Honiton Clyst, Hem-yock, Luppitt, Coteleigh, Honiton, Sidbury, Ottery and Dunkseswell. The service was conducted by Rev. H. Smith, and the tea was arranged and served by the young girl ringers of Buckerell. At the meeting nine new members were elected and four certificates were presented by Mrs. Woodley (the chairman's wife) to Miss J. Collins, Mrs. L. White and Miss D. Pratt (Buckerell), and Mr. M. Squire (Honiton).

### BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen new members were elected at the annual meeting of the Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 14th, with Canon A. P. Morley, honorary president, in the chair. The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. J. W. Buxton, honorary secretary; Messrs. H. Rusby and W. Womack, auditors. The annual outing will be held on June 3rd. The next meeting will be at Ossett on February 11th. The vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Moxon, included thanks to Canon Morley for conducting the service and for the excellent tea served in the Rectory rooms.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHRISTMAS DAY STANDARDS

Dear Sir.—I was surprised by Mr. Rush's comments on the Christmas Day broadcast in your issue of January 6th. Although I mean no criticism of the ringers concerned, as I am sure that they gave of their best, I think that a great many people would agree with me that the ringing from four of the towers was comparatively poor. If Mr. Rush really thought that the striking from three of them was 'good', 'very good' and 'regular', as he says, then I would suggest that his standards are not nearly high enough to justify his setting himself up as a critic in your columns. —Yours faithfully, ROBIN G. LEALE.  
Surbiton, Surrey.

## FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.—I regret that the composition of 5.057 Grandsire Caters, peal No. 3685 in the Norwich Diocesan Association's report for 1952 is false, for leads in the 26th and 34th courses repeat.

If the 25th and 26th courses are called 1. 2 (62354879) and 2. 3. 4 (25364879) a true peal of the same length results with the 7968, 7869, 978 and 879 blocks intact.

I am indebted to Mr. Roderick W. Pipe for drawing my attention to the error. Unfortunately he, too, has conducted this composition and to him and his band and to those who rang with me, I offer sincere apologies. —Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.  
Norwich.

P.S.—Again, since the same turning course was used in an earlier peal, No. 5569 in the N.D.A. report for 1951, page 33, is also false. —N.G.

## WHAT THE DICTIONARY STATES

Dear Sir.—For the benefit of Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, and/or any others who may be in any doubt as to the dictionary version of the word VARIATION, may I be granted space to quote? This is what the latest copy states: 'Variation is: the act, fact, or process of varying; modification, change, or deviation in form, condition, appearance, or extent. A thing which is somewhat different from another of the same kind. In mathematics: a relation between two quantities so that one changes with the other in the same ratio. In music: the repetition of a melody, or theme, with changes or embellishments in harmony, rhythm, etc.'

In view of this, it is, I contend, futile of anyone to argue that some of the newly named Surprise methods are not merely variations of others.—Yours truly, P. AMOS.  
Weston Favell.

## U.A. AND PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—At the meeting of the Universities Association on January 7th, it was decided that peals of Minimus were not to be included in our records. We should like the peal rung at Oxford on November 2nd to be credited to 'Non-Association' and not to the Universities Association.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. ROAF.

Honorary Secretary, U.A.C.R.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

## 5.160 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir.—Re the peal of Plain Bob Royal, published on page 16 of January 6th issue of the 'R.W.'

The second course after the turning course which produces the course end 34256 should read W M H. and not M H. as printed.—Yours faithfully, F. HODGSON.  
Darlington.

## F GROUPS

Dear Sir.—May I explain that the labelling of the course heads on page 63 of Corrigan's publication as F.1, etc., was inserted by the publisher himself and should be ignored. It bears no relation to the manner in which these designations are introduced on page 62, according to which F.1 is the false course head found by the system set out, and can thus be any of the four members of an F-set. There are many errors and omissions in the booklet, arising from A.J.C.'s illness at the time of production. The contributors were asked to omit every unessential word to save him work, yet for some reason he sub-edited and set two versions of my scheme. After I had returned a corrected proof of the versions most resembling my original manuscript, he accidentally pried the type and printed the other version with its errors and omissions uncorrected.

The theoretical basis for the grouping of F-sets might well be made more widely available than it has been so far, but I doubt whether publication in this paper would be justified. The exposition employs the algebra pertaining to group theory, and would be readily intelligible to only a minority of your readers.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

Chesham, Bucks.

## CORRECTION

Dear Sir.—In the table of F groups, published on January 13th, F.2 of S should be 34625.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Long Eaton, Nottingham.

## LITTLE COMPTON, WARWICKS

Dear Sir.—Referring to the interesting report of an outing ('R.W.' January 13th), I fear the Vicar of Little Compton was somewhat adrift when stating that his bells had not been rung since the war. To my knowledge they were rung as recently as Easter Tuesday, 1957, by a band of which I had the privilege to be a member. Adlestrop was also visited on the same day.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

Dear Sir.—I do not wish to damp the spirits of the Raving Ringers, but the bells of both Adlestrop and Little Compton were rung in full peal as recently as 1957, when I visited these towers and others nearby on a day's tour.

With just another reference to Mr. Williamson's performance on four handbells, I should like to ask whether the bells were rung 'hand and back' or just tapped on one side?—Yours faithfully,

R. D. SHORT.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

## LEADING SERVICE BANDS

Dear Sir.—Is it possible to have a list of leading service bands? I would suggest something on the following lines:

(a) A list of bands that rang all bells for all the usual services during the year (indicating the number of bells and number of services);

(b) A list of bands that rang peals during the year; and

(c) A list of bands that rang, say, five or more quarter peals, indicating the number rung for services.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincs.

NOTE.—In view of the large number it would be better if these lists were compiled by Guilds and Associations. We should like to hear of bands that have exceeded Willesborough's record.—Ed.

## METHODS OR VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Amos asks in his letter ('R.W.' January 6th) what April Day is when to a peal by itself. We have the problem of whether or not the call is a part of the method and as I understand it a call is not a part of the method but merely a means of enabling to be rung changes which are otherwise unobtainable. A peal of Plain Bob Major rung with a 6ths place bob instead of the conventional 4ths place is still Plain Bob Major. Similarly, Double Norwich C.B. Major is still Double Norwich whether a 4ths or a 6ths place bob be used. Thus Plain Bob Doubles with a 3rds place bob is still Plain Bob; it is unnecessary to change the name to April Day, but necessary only to specify which call is used.

In most single hunt methods the effect of the call takes place between the two leads or divisions, between the lead end of one lead (treble's handstroke) and the lead-head of the next lead (treble's backstroke), the actual work of the leads being unaltered. However, in 'April Day' the internal work of two leads is altered at a call and in order to obtain all possible callings it is necessary to employ a special start to the first lead of the first course. Thus half a bob is rung at the start and half a bob at the end of the extent, surely a most irregular arrangement.

With regard to the terms method and variation, I think the most obvious thing that a method must possess is its own plain course. If the plain course be altered only slightly then a different method is produced. There is no need for the term variation in this context and the use of it is only confusing. After all, it could be said that every method was a variation of plain hunting, the only difference being in degree of complexity. Add dodges and places in small doses and then add a treble bob hunt for the treble and London Surprise Major becomes a variation of plain hunting. If we use the term variation here the problem will arise as to when a variation is sufficiently different so as to qualify for the title method.

The normal position for a call is at the treble lead or thereabouts, but in Double Norwich C.B. Caters the effect comes within the lead when the treble is in 4-5 up:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9  
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 9 7  
—4 2 6 1 3 5 8 7 9  
2 4 6 3 1 8 5 9 7 etc.

Would it then be possible to ring a composition of Plain Bob Major in which the following type of call is used?—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7  
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7  
—4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5  
2 4 6 8 1 7 3 5 etc.

If so, is there any record of this being done?

I have long wondered why we do so illogically tolerate the names St. Simon's Doubles and St. Clement's Minor for what is the same method on different numbers of bells. For extensions on higher numbers of bells, I believe that the name St. Clement's is used throughout. Is there perhaps an historical reason? In any case I think it is about time that the position was sorted out.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN S. BARNES.

Sutton-Courtenay, Berks.

## OTHER BELLS REJOICE

Dear Sir.—Regarding the last few words of item one in a Belfry Gossip par (page 24)—thanks!—Yours truly,

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P.S.—Looks like a peal of Bells might be a possibility.—R. D. & R. G. B.

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## ANOTHER 100,000 CHANGES IN 1960

At the annual belfry meeting of the St. Mary's, Willesborough, Guild of Change Ringers on January 17th. the captain, Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, reported that with 113,004 changes for service ringing in 1960 the 100,000 mark had been passed for the sixth year in succession. Not only that, but three new Minor methods and ten new Doubles methods brought the totals to 29 Minor and 25 Doubles methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, College Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, London Bob, Horsmonden Bob, Cumberland Bob, Brentford Bob, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree Bob; Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob; Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, London Surprise, York Surprise; Kentish Delight, Oswald Delight, Old Oxford Delight, Dover Delight and Barham Delight Minor; and Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, New Bob, Reverse New Bob, Huntspill Bob, Reverse Huntspill Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Winchendon Place Bob, St. Bartholomew Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, Union Bob, St. Faith's Slow Course Bob, Stedman Slow Course Bob, Stowe Place Bob, Uffingham Bob, Coxwell Bob and Grandshire Doubles. In addition Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Hereward, and College and St. Clement's had been rung specially.

Three beginners had left but another three gained, and of the six beginners now in the band two had already rung the treble for a Sunday service, three more would be ringing for service for the first time during January and the sixth was making good progress.

R. J. C.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

St. David's Cathedral ringers at their December meeting were addressed by Mr. R. C. Warburton, of Fishguard, the Diocesan Ringing Master, who is also instructor to the tower.

In the course of his address he said that many towers failed because members could not make up their minds to respect and obey the captain. This he had often noticed as a visiting ringer in many of the 250 towers where he had rung. Senior members should always be ready to back up the captain in helping beginners.

Another tower problem was the absence of progress. Two towers he knew of had had bands of young ringers executing rounds very well, but some said they did not want any of 'this change ringing.' While they held that point of view, he did not feel it was any use coming to ring with them again. There was a sad ending to the story: after some six months he went to one of the towers and found that most of the young ringers had become bored with rounds and found village dances more interesting than ringing.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael's, Broad Street, on January 14th, a large company of ringers and friends being present.

Members stood in memory of Mr. W. J. Prescott, late tower master at the Abbey and Mr. F. Cannings, of Bathford. Visitors were welcomed from Chippenham, Bristol, Warmley, Southampton, Swindon, and also present was the general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, from Wells.

All the officers were re-elected. The secretary (Mr. Alan Lee) reported on the past year's activities and the treasurer (Mr. Terry Milson) stated that a balance of £25 would be handed over to the Association.

Twenty-eight new members were elected: Freshford 3, Bathwick 1, Twerton 2, Weston 8, St. Saviour's 14. This is the first time for 30 years that St. Saviour's has had any Association members and this is a most promising start.

## CHURCH OFFICERS ALL



A band of church officers from St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, Guild of Ringers, who recently rang a quarter peal in three methods.

Back row (left to right): Terence J. Milsom, David J. Barnett, Alan F. Lee, Percival R. Young, John R. Hobbs.

Front row: Rev. Peter Howell (curate), Rev. L. A. B. White (Vicar), Rev. John Harper (curate).

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Dorset Branch

Some 36 ringers attended the North Dorset Branch annual meeting at Gillingham on December 3rd. The Vicar, the Archdeacon of Dorset, presided.

Branch officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; honorary secretary, Rev. R. N. Longridge; committee, Mr. J. Ralph and Mrs. E. Wright; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, B. Ridout. On the resignation of Mr. A. Woods as Ringing Master, Mrs. Godley was elected in his stead, a happy appointment and a just reward for Mrs. Godley's skill and enthusiasm.

Meetings in 1961 were suggested for Shroton, Kingston Magna, Bradford Abbas and the annual meeting at Mere.

The honorary secretary in his report mentioned that membership of the Branch was 166, and that more ringers had attended the meetings during the past year. Two new members were elected and a new band at Stourton Caundle was affiliated.

R. N. L.

## NOT UNPEALABLE

On January 14th the first peal on the bells of All Saints', Wilbarston, Northants, for more than 30 years was rung. For the past 25 years these bells had been stated to be 'unpealable.' A hour was spent discovering and remedying various causes. Ringing these bells with tight ropes and 'driving' them is certainly the answer to a successful pealer—plus knowing the METHODS (capitals, Mr. Editor) well beforehand. Thus another unpealable ring has been conquered!—P. A.

## IN THE RUGBY AREA

A party of nine ringers including members of the Bristol University Society and ringers from Whitnash and Warwick had a day's ringing in the Rugby area on January 7th. Although the ringing was nothing to write to 'The Ringing World' about the party felt they had enjoyed the visits and gained valuable practice. Many thanks are due to the organiser, Ian C. Maycock. Towers visited were Church Lawford, Bilton, Newbold-on-Avon, Dunchurch, Willoughby, Newnham, Daventry, Staverton, Priors Marston and Napton-on-the-Hill.

## PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL GUILD

The Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, held its fourth annual meeting, supper and social in Cathedral House on January 16th. The Guild Chaplain, the Rev. E. Lowman, presided, in the absence of the Provost (the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff).

The founder chairman's report indicated in detail the steady advancement of the Guild, numerically, financially and ringing-wise, continuing since the rehanging and augmentation of the bells and the founding of the Guild. The treasurer gave encouraging figures—the donation by the Guild to the Augmentation Fund this year being over £17.

To the great regret of all, Mr. F. Burnett, for many years tower captain and belfry keeper, was unable, by reason of his recent illness and operation, to continue in office. His work for Cathedral ringing was greatly appreciated, and he was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Guild.

The founder chairman, Mr. A. York-Bramble, also withdrew from his office with that of deputy tower captain: feeling that, with the establishment of the Guild, opportunity should be made for sharing these duties. He also wished to be free to give more attention to the work of the Cathedral School of Ringing. He received a message of esteem from the Provost and a unanimous vote of appreciation and thanks from the meeting; and was elected vice-president of the Guild.

Other elections for 1961 included: Chairman, Cdr. C. F. Jackson, R.N.; tower captain and belfry keeper, N. Haile; treasurer, M. C. Bickel; secretary, R. Harris; assistant belfry keeper, C. Harris; committee, Miss S. K. M. Knight, F. Burnett, D. Boreham, and the tutor of the ringing school, Mr. L. Stillwell was elected honorary life member in appreciation of his kind writing up the Guild peal book.

Guild members contributed items of entertainment to the social, following supper; and Mrs. E. Jones received the thanks of all for her great help with the refreshments.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The highlight of the annual meeting of the Andover District, held at Whitchurch on January 14th was the election of four new ringing members from Sydmonton, previously regarded as an unringable tower. Here a new band is being formed and this is the first time in the District's history that members have been elected from this tower.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who, in his address, stressed the point that ringers should attend, if possible, the services they rang for. The usual Whitchurch tea was enjoyed. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the business meeting and Goodworth Claford was selected for the next meeting on March 18th, with Andover bells after tea. The District outing on Easter Monday will be in the Wesbury area. The future of the Alliston Cup contest was discussed and was left to the executive meeting.

## WHO HAS A RIGHT TO RING THE BELL?

Three members of the band at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Newburn, Northumberland, write that apart from their ring of six bells they have a seventh bell which is over 1,000 years old and is rung for funerals and Holy Communion, etc. This bell is rung by the vergers, the churchwardens and a sidesman who recently put a young boy on to chiming it, and then followed an accident.

We feel that it is our right to take over this bell and to ban others from interfering. Can we, as bellringers, obtain such authorisation? I think you will agree with me in saying that it is our job.

(Signed) M. B. WELFORD,  
D. M. JOHNSON,  
PETER WELFORD.

NOTE.—While we sympathise with Newburn ringers, we feel that they have no right to claim to ring this bell. The decision as to who shall ring the bell rests with the incumbent.—Ed.



## OBITUARY

### THE DEATH OF MR. J. A. FREEMAN

Members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are mourning the loss of a beloved Master.

Although he had been in failing health for some time only those close to him realised the end was near. Jack Freeman was much more than Master, he was a kindly friend to all ringers with whom he came in contact. Since he was elected Master of the Cathedral company in 1929 visiting ringers will remember the smiling welcome that was always extended to expert or learner.

Those of us who have served with him in the administration of the Guild have been impressed by his obvious desire to do the right thing; even if we did not always agree we respected the sincerity behind all his words and actions.

Ringing was his great love and for more than 30 years he held various offices in the Guild, always bringing a quiet wisdom and friendly approach to all problems.

His ability as a ringer and conductor is well known: his impressive list of performances appeared recently in the series 'Servants of the Exercise.'

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has been fortunate in having three outstanding Masters in its 61 years of existence. Rev. H. Law James was the first, 1899 to 1932, followed by Rupert Richardson, 1932 to 1947, and John A. Freeman was the natural successor.

It was with regret that the members at the 1960 annual meeting heard that he would not seek re-election in 1961.

Jack was a great churchman and for many years he rang each Sunday for Matins and afternoon Evensong at the Cathedral then for evening service at St. Peter-at-Gowts, where he also sang in the choir.

It was at this church that the funeral service took place on January 14th, there was a large number of ringers present. Guild officers, Branch officers, and members from the far corners of this scattered diocese.

The simple but impressive service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Houlden and the lesson was read by the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild.

In the evening a very good half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral, conducted by his son, as Jack would have wished. The band consisted of one representative from each Branch and the more senior members of the Cathedral company.

With the passing of John A. Freeman, much loved and respected Master, we turn a page of Lincolnshire ringing history, saying with sincerity, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

J. B.

### 'A SAINT OF THE EXERCISE'

With the death of John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Cathedral Ringers since 1929 and Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1947, the Exercise has lost one of its most devoted members.

The practical highlights of Mr. Freeman's ringing career have been published in previous articles in 'The Ringing World,' but even greater than his absence from the tower will be the loss of a sincere leader and a churchman of the highest integrity.

Most members of the Cathedral company have known no other Master and it is due to his care, advice and passion for progress that such a measure of success in the Lincoln District was achieved during the years of his Mastership. Under his leadership anyone showing interest was given every opportunity to progress. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to see these opportunities accepted and to help young ringers to further their experience.

Following the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Rupert Richardson as Master of the Guild, John Freeman determined to follow their example to continue the advancement of methods and the quality of ringing in the Lincoln Guild and the higher standard reached during his leadership is a tribute to him. His last visit to the belfry, although he was far from well, was to help his company to ring *Londinium S. Maximus* and it was typical of him that he enquired frequently of the progress of this during his final illness.



Many ringers will remember Mr. Freeman's dry humour and kindly advice. He was a devoted churchman, ringing on Sunday at the Cathedral and for the services of his own parish, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and serving in the choir and on the Parochial Church Council.

A life devoted to God and to ringing surely makes him one of the 'Saints of the Exercise.' May his soul rest in peace. J. L. M.

### ANOTHER APPRECIATION

A friend writes:—The passing of John Ashley Freeman will leave a gap, not only in the Lincoln Diocese but also in the Exercise at large. Only the third Master of the Lincoln Guild, he was called upon in 1947 to continue the work of a well-loved friend and popular Master, Rupert Richardson. He succeeded splendidly, for the gifts of leadership were in the man, who was aware all his life of the true source of power.

By trade a joiner, he brought the same dignity to his daily work as he did to his life-long interest of bellringing. He was first and foremost a churchman, and he regarded his ringing primarily as a part of the service he could render to God. Hence the Master of the Diocesan Guild and the Master of the Lincoln Cathedral company was often to be found at the rope's end on the six in the parish church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, where he performed yeoman service in a number of ways.

He carried out the duties of Master in a large diocese very effectively. He had presence, and he could draw people to him. The humblest ringer was always catered for. His Mastership of the Cathedral company meant a great deal to him and he had an excellent relationship with successive deans of Lincoln. The Cathedral ringers flourished under his guidance. The years before and immediately after the war saw him in his prime—who knows what might have been accomplished had not the war intervened?

His first love was probably Stedman. He was a skilful conductor in this method, and called nearly all his peals of Stedman, both on tower bells and handbells. He would undoubtedly have been in the front rank of double-handed Stedman ringers had the opportunities come to him much earlier in life. In the field of Spliced Surprise, he was a pioneer. Had not William Pye declared, after scoring a peal in twelve Surprise methods, that if his band wanted any more, they could ring it themselves? Mr. Freeman, with his progressive mind, did want more, and he trained a band to achieve it. It is unlikely to be generally known that he repeated the composition in sixteen methods to himself almost daily throughout the war years. Yet

his special niche in ringing history will probably be his part, when over sixty years of age, in the record peal of London Surprise Major. His was a splendid performance. He knew the construction of London as few do, and it was an inspiration to watch him sort out a muddle in that method.

Mr. Freeman was blessed with a happy home life which, with his wife, he was ready to share generously. Very many ringers have enjoyed good company at 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, where the fires of life burned brightly, particularly members of the Forces during the war.

One of Mr. Freeman's duties as a member of the Cathedral body was to ring Great Tom of Lincoln on special occasions. On Wednesday, January 11th, it tolled to mark his passing into the higher service. All who knew him will wish to extend their deepest sympathy to his wife, two sons, and his brother in their loss.

### MR. GEORGE LAVERS AN APPRECIATION

It came as a very great shock to read in 'The Ringing World' of the passing of George Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice.

I last saw George at a meeting at Kea, Truro, a few years ago. He was then his usual cheery, robust self, and this makes the shock of his death, after a short illness, all the greater.

George, as has already been said, came from a great West Country ringing family; it was he who 'banged the drum' while his father, Mr. 'Bill' Lavers, piloted me through my first six score of Grandsire at Plympton.

George was not a prolific peal ringer and perhaps not so well known in wider ringing circles, but what he lacked in knowledge of change ringing he made up for in his ability to strike perfectly practically any bell of any weight and condition. He was quite happy to take a rope on rounds or call changes if it meant helping a stumbling learner along.

I shall always remember him as one of the most good natured chaps I have ever known; one who would 'do anything for anybody,' and will always remember the many happy occasions when we rang handbells together.

My deepest sympathies are extended to Mabel, his wife, his three children and his father and sisters at this sudden tragic loss.

R. A. SOUTHWOOD.

### MR. LANCELOT LAWRENCE

The death occurred on December 19th, 1960, at his home in Chapel Road, Attleborough, Norfolk, of Mr. Lancelot Lawrence, aged 70 years.

Mr. Lawrence was a great churchman and, in more recent years, was in charge of ringing at Attleborough. He taught all the local recruits to ring and his death has left a gap which is very much felt, there being nobody there at present to replace him. Besides his interest in bellringing, he was keenly involved in the activities of the local Tice H branch, to which he introduced tongue ringing on handbells.

Mr. Lawrence formerly worked for the G.P.O. and was widely known and respected in many Norfolk villages. To his widow, two daughters and his son we extend our sympathy.

The funeral at Attleborough on December 22nd was attended by ringers from Attleborough and district, including representatives of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, of which Mr. Lawrence was a member and correspondent for his tower. The funeral was followed by cremation at Norwich.

### MR. C. H. WICKENS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. C. H. Wickens, of Twineham, Sussex, aged 58. Captain of the local tower, he was a prominent member of the Sussex County Association. His son-in-law, Mr. R. C. Knight, is captain of Burgess Hill tower. The funeral service was at Twineham last Friday.

### MR. F. W. BRINKLOW

We regret to learn that Mr. Frederick W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, Herts, died on January 20th.



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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis 7348

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Alwaston. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7599

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District), CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Stockton (10), January 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7350

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 28th. Coggeshall. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7270

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7289

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton, on January 28th. Usual arrangements. 7307

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual Branch meeting, Ebbw Vale, January 28th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service, Tea and business.—J. S. King. 7356

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting at Burnham, on Saturday, January 28th, at 4 p.m. (not 3 p.m. as arranged). Tea for ringers attending meeting 5 p.m. 7321

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Chisledon meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ramsbury, Saturday, January 28th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 7338

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 28th. Amended notice. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5 p.m. 7570

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Priolewell, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea, followed by A.G.M., 5 p.m. 7341

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting, Halesworth, January 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7344

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Mayfield, on January 28th. Tea 5 p.m. 7340

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. (St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available). Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7342

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, February 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: February 14th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; February 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; February 28th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th.—John Chilcott. 7562

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. All welcome.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 7597

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley', Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 7335

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Harbury, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 7580

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 4th. St. John's, Newcastle, 3-4.30 p.m.; Gateshead 5.30-7; St. Nicholas' Cathedral 7.30-8.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 7577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, at Fordham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7571

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—February 4th, St. Matthew's (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Bob Triples and Yorkshire.—A. Bennett. 7576

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The A.D.M. at Leatherhead, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Nicolas' Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m. Please notify by February 1st. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, if you require tea.—A. H. Smith. 7345

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Saturday, February 4th. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 2.45 p.m. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' bells after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday.—T. E. Wood, 75. Redhill Flats, Hereford. 7584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7587

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland, on Saturday, February 4th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Ashcroft, 6, Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan.—L. Kenrick, Dis. Sec. 7575

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7601

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to Miss M. Lloyd, Byford, Aylestone Lane, Wigston Magna, Leics.—A. James Poynor, Dis. Sec. 7565

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGE'S GUILD.—General meeting, Saturday, February 4th. 3 p.m., at Bromley. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting, 6.30 p.m. ringing Bromley Common. Own tea arrangements.—R. N. C. 7588

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bunwell, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the school, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to C. F. W. Phillipps, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR OIX. 3720

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Fenton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to Mr. W. H. Birks, 367, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7589

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in New College. Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., February 4th, at Witney (8). 2.30 p.m. Ducklington (6) 2.15. Service 4. Brize Norton (6) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (by February 2nd), to David Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon. 7569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st.—T. Bowles, Chillnorth Farm, Milton Common, Oxon. 7602

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Peterborough, Saturday, February 4th. Afternoon ringing at St. Mary's 2.30-4 p.m. Service at St. John's, 4.30. Business meeting, St. John's Vestry, 6 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. Plenty of cafes available. 7329

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7568



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea to me, by Tuesday previous, —F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7578

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting, Great Cheverill, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilt. 7573

**SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Killamarsh, 3 p.m., Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh.—J. Seager, Sec. 7594

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Euston Tavern, opposite King's Cross Station, on February 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing details will be announced next week. 7573

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, February 4th, Basford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by February 1st. to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7347

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Grundisburgh (10), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Half Moon Inn. Names for tea (very urgent) please, by Friday morning, February 3rd, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—Dis. Sec. 7359

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, by Wednesday, February 1st.—Phone 438. 7563

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual Christchurch District meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Priory Restaurant, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst,' Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 7358

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 4th, Newport. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mrs. Guy, 4, St. Swithin's Crescent, Yarmouth. 7579

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Annual general meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea follows meeting. Ringing and service at Hursley. Bells (8) available 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, not later than January 31st, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 7593

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner, February 11th, at Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (12s.) from District secretaries or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Apply early to avoid disappointment. 7343

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, February 9th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. Ash bells 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7595

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting, Syston District, Saturday, February 11th. Bells available: Rothley (6), Swithland (6), Barrow-on-Soar (6), 2.3-1.5 p.m.; Quorn (8), Sileby (8), 2.45-5; Mountsorrel (8) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8. Service, Mountsorrel St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting), St. Peter's Church Hall, 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to R. Wilmore, 37, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, Leics. Nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be given by this meeting. General committee meeting, Wednesday, February 8th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, Albion Street, Leicester, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7581

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding, 7561

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follow.—R. E. Coles. 7585

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. NOR 21 W.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7564

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' joint meeting** at Sheffield, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing details later. All University ringers welcome. 7598

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church Room, Reading, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 11th. All notices of motion, applications for grants, etc., should reach the Honorary General Secretary before Friday, February 3rd, if they are to be included in the Agenda.—M. R. Cross. 7590

#### PRELIMINARY NOTICE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.

Annual general meeting.  
Darlington, Saturday, April 29th, 1961.  
Subscriptions are now due for 1961 to General Secretary.

J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent.  
Swansea. 7583

#### THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex District

The 24th meeting of the Sussex District was held at St. John the Baptist, Southover, on January 14th with an attendance of about 24 members. After a short service, conducted by the Vicar, tea was enjoyed, followed by the business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Hairs and Mrs. and Miss Dowling. Five new members were elected.

Mrs. Percy was unanimously re-elected vice-president. Miss Beeny, unfortunately, was unable to carry on the secretaryship and Miss S. Boreford was elected her successor. The committee is composed of Miss Everest, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Granger.

Next meeting, Willingdon, on April 8th.

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#### EAST RIDING RINGERS' DINNER

On December 31st, 23 ringers from Cottingham, Ferryby, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Sutton-on-Hull and Walkington assembled for a dinner at the Beverley Arms Hotel. During the afternoon ringing took place at Walkington (6) and St. Mary's, Beverley (10), and included numerous methods to suit all standards. Everyone was then ready for the excellent Christmas dinner, which was followed by an informal social evening. Later the ringers returned to their respective towers for the midnight ringing. At Kirk Ella, Orpheus Doubles was found to be very suitable for the half-muffled ringing before midnight, and the New Year was welcomed in with a brisk touch of Cambridge, the standard of which augured well for the ringing in 1961.

#### MR. ROBERT B. SMITH'S 250 PEALS

Only one peal of Grandsire Triples is included in Mr. R. B. Smith's interesting list of peals.

##### TOWER

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1, 5 methods 2, 7 methods 2, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 6 (conducted 1), St. Clement's Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 4, 2-7 methods 12 (2), 7-14 methods 5, 14-25 methods 5, 25-50 methods 10, 55 methods 1, 73 methods 1. Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (1), Beverley 1, Norwich 1 (1), London 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (3), St. Clement's Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 7 (including 10,000 changes), Kent T.B. 5 (1), 2 methods 5.

Surprise Major.—Belgrave 1, Bristol 7, Cambridge 10 (2), Gainsborough 1, Glasgow 1, Hanbury 1, Lincolnshire 3 (3), London 12 (1), New Cambridge 2, Oxfordshire 1, Pudsey 2 (1), 'Real' Cambridge 1, Rutland 3, Staffordshire 1, Superlative 5, Warwickshire 1, Watford 1, Yorkshire 13 (2), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 3 (1), 10 methods (9,568 changes) 1, 12 methods 4.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 4, 2 methods 1. Surprise.—Belgrave 3, Bristol 1, Cambridge 8, Charmouth 1, Grace Dieu 1, Lincolnshire 1, London 9, Rutland 1, Tamworth 2, Yorkshire 6.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Surprise Maximus.—Belgrave 2, Cambridge 9 (1), Lincolnshire 1, Londinium 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Wigston 1, Yorkshire 7.

Total: 233 (21).

##### HAND

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 1, 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (4), Oxford T.B. 1 (1), 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Total: 17 (8).

Grand total: 250 (29).

#### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' January 23rd, 1931:—

False peal at Painswick commented upon—its conductor states 'The Painswick Youths, not being affiliated to the Central Council, make their own Rules and Decisions, and still claim to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells.'

Mr. James George, by ringing a peal on January 3rd, now has rung a peal on every date of the year, including December 25th and February 29th.

#### CHILDREN'S T.V.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, of Radlett, Herts, is giving three five minute talks on bells and ringing in B.B.C. Children's T.V. programme called 'Blue Peter.'

The first talk is on Monday, January 30th, and the talks will continue at fortnightly intervals.

#### LATE NOTICE

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Practice Meeting, Great Barton (6), February 4th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 7603



## 5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER

(No. B.65)

B	M	W	H	23456
				45236
			3	25634
X				53246
			2	52436
X				23564
X				23645
			3	42635
X				42356
			2	43526
			3	53624
X				32546
				54326
			3	34625
X			2	23456

First rung at Lutterworth on October 10th, 1959, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

## 5,024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

Comp. E.3.

23456	W	M	B	H
52436				3
43526				
36524				2
25634			X	2
32654				
34625				2
23645				
42635				3
63425				
54326				
25346				3
23456				2

First rung at Trumpington on December 17th, 1960.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pollard 1, C. V. Cade 2, C. Jeffery 3, D. Birkitt 4, W. R. Parker 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6.

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## FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

THE year 1960 will be well remembered by the Ashford District of the Kent County Association for two reasons: firstly, we had the great honour and privilege to be hosts to the Central Council at their Whitsun meeting at Folkestone, and secondly because it has been one of the most enterprising and encouraging years in the District's history, with the standard of ringing raised and the numbers of newly-affiliated towers and new members increased. Responsible for most of this good work during the year has been the active District secretary, Mr. Crawford T. Hillis, of Willesborough, together with his District representatives, Mr. Alan Berry, of Folkestone, and Mr. Joe Batchelor, of Little Chart.

To deal first with the towers in the District in union with the Association, the number now stands at 29, which is probably the highest it has ever been, although at Tenterden, Pluckley and Brabourne the bells are awaiting attention, and at the last two towers are not at present being rung. Last year saw the re-enrolment of Wittersham, Lympe, Aldington and Mersham, the last-named re-appearing after an absence of many years. Of the towers that are not yet in union, six of them contain bells which are not at present being rung for various reasons, three have no ringers and four have local bands. With the influx of new towers there has been an encouraging increase in new members; 1960 saw 60 new members join the Association.

There has been no substantial restoration work during the year, but plans have been set afoot for restorations in three of the District's towers. At Tenterden the sixth bell, which cracked earlier in the year, is to be recast, and the remainder retuned and rehung; this is to take place this year, and it is hoped that it will be possible to ascertain the exact weight of the tenor of this noble ring of eight, which is always reputed to weigh 30 cwt. At Mersham, which was a hive of ringing activity many years ago, the eight bells are to undergo a thorough restoration. News has also come through recently about the heavy ring of five bells at Ivychurch, where a bell fund is in existence and where complete restoration is also to take place. These bells have not been heard for 25 years or more.

A good standard has been maintained at the meetings, including the A.G.M. at Ashford, where the sixth bell was almost unringable owing to gudgeon trouble (the bell has since been rehung). This is mainly due to the great assistance given to everyone by the District Ringing Master, Mr. John R. Cooper, of Ashford, whose thorough and capable organisation of the ringing is always appreciated. Nevertheless, it has been in the service touches and peal ringing that the District has really excelled itself. In service touches, Willesborough is still in top form, with over

100,000 changes in over 30 different methods. It is no coincidence that this is the tower of the well-known Kent veteran 'Old Ted' Ruck, sole remaining founder member of the Association, by whose resourcefulness the tower was put into its present position of high esteem.

The peal ringing year has also been one of the most successful and prolific in the District's history. Thirty peals have been rung in 24 different towers, which means that the District has contributed nearly one-quarter of the Association's peals for 1960. Again, Crawford Hillis has been responsible for many of the successes in this field—he rang 48 peals in 1960 (including his 100th), a majority of them being in the District; he has conducted 14 of these. At the other end of the table, Nicholas J. Davies, of Ashford, has called two peals, including his first as conductor, but neither of these was in the District. Altogether ten Ashford District members rang their first peal—eight of these in the District and two of them in towers in the Canterbury District; this is also a record achievement.

Three of the outstanding peals in the District deserve mention. The first was a peal in three Minor methods at Little Chart, in which two youngsters of 13 and 15 rang their first peal, both ringing 'inside.' The second was a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by 'The Giants' at the heavy ring at Smarden (tenor 18½ cwt.), which was a fine all-round performance considering that it was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes. The third was a well-struck peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by members of the District at Great Chart, in which there were two firsts of Surprise. Previous to this 'The Giants' had failed on two occasions here, when ringing London Surprise Minor and Spliced Surprise Minor.

Perhaps, however, the most outstanding amount of ringing took place during the last two weeks of 1960. On December 19th a peal was rung at Cheriton (Grandsire Triples) and on the 21st a quarter peal of Kent Major was rung at New Romney. December 22nd heralded the only failure, when a peal of two Minor methods came to grief at Woodchurch; however, this was made up by two Minor methods at Bethersden on the 27th, three Minor methods on the difficult ring at Wittersham on the 28th and Cambridge Minor at Great Chart on the 30th. On December 31st three peals were rung, viz.: Cambridge Major in the morning at Benenden, Yorkshire Major in the afternoon at Frittenden and Grandsire Triples in the evening at Ashford. The Frittenden peal was arranged to enable Crawford Hillis to ring a peal in all the ringable towers in union in the District.

And now that 1960 is almost a myth, we look forward with enthusiasm to 1961 in the hope that it will be another year of success and achievement, not only for our own Ashford District but for all Districts of all territorial Associations.

'MARSHMAN.'



## TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 42½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 9
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

LONDON, S.W.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

## A PEAL OF 5187 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 2	CECIL H. WOOD .. .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 8
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW .. .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 9
WILFRED G. WILSON .. .. 5	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Reuben Sanders.

POOLE, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD .. Treble	MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. .. 2	REGINALD H. TRUE .. .. 7
COLIN CONWAY .. .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 8
ALAN F. S. BUSWELL .. .. 4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 9
DR. CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN .. 5	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 2	*HAROLD MARCON .. .. 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
*RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First in the method 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. Treble	DENNIS RANDALL .. .. 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 2	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 8
*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 9
*ELIZABETH A. COOPER .. .. 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOIT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Elizabeth A. Cooper.

DERBY.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 6
*JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 7
†DAVID PARKIN .. .. 3	ROY STEPHENSON .. .. 8
†PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. 9
†JAMES R. H. AYRES .. .. 5	†JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters. First in the method as conductor

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MICHAEL HART .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. .. 5
PETER S. BENNETT .. .. 2	RICHARD G. MORRIS .. .. 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 3	RICHARD C. WARBURTON .. 7
PAMELA M. TURNER .. .. 4	ROBERT E. TALLIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL .. .. Treble	MICHAEL CROWDER .. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. 2	ARTHUR CROWDER .. .. 6
*RICHARD HALL .. .. 3	JACK BRAY .. .. 7
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method.

A tribute of deep affection and respect to John A. Freeman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 6
*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. .. 7
JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ALAN A. ELSMORE .. .. Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 3	†HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 7
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

\* 100th peal together. † First in the method.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 HOBART SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

\* 100th peal for the Association. First in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

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## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
PETER A. SHARP .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild 1947-1961.

## LONDON.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 2	ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 6
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Bruerton's.	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Treble	*FRED W. JONES .. .. 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. 2	HARRY EDGE .. .. 7
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	†TOM WILKES .. .. Tenor
LEO EVANS .. .. 4	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First on eight.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Diana B. Lewis, one of the local team.

## TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	*GRAHAM D. CARTER .. 5
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 6
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. 7
ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 3	†DAVID MICHELL .. .. Tenor
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First on eight.

A birthday compliment to Douglas Burnett (January 15th).

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
JOHN GILDEN .. .. 2	BASIL JONES .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

First peal in the method, on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

Thurstan's Four-Part transposed.	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. MANNING .. 6
JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	PAUL J. DYE .. .. Tenor
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Tenor
†THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 500th peal for the Association. Arranged to commemorate T. E. Sone's first peal at this tower on the same date 50 years ago. The ringer of the third, Mr. F. S. Macey, also took part in both peals.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. Treble	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 5
ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 2	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
*GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 4	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.  
\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor. Composition now rung for the first time. Tenor 15½ cwt.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5
BARBARA MANSHIP .. .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3	PAUL MARTIN .. .. 7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

## ASHTREAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*MARGARET A. RIPPON .. Treble	†ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. 5
JOHN L. HAYNS .. .. 2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. 6
†J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
†SILVIA MARSH .. .. 4	PETER J. JACKSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by J. MARILYN A. GIBBS.

\* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor. First peal on the bells to be conducted by a lady.

## BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (Corrigan No. 84).

In memoriam Frederick W. Brinklow.

## BRISTOL.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. Cave's variation.	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 5
PATRICK J. BIRD .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
*DONALD E. COBB .. .. 3	SIDNEY G. SMITH .. .. Tenor
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to mark the second anniversary of the consecration of the restored church.

## FOBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5184 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

## QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

-38-14-1258-16-14-38-34-78 L.H. 12 Group B.

## CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 6 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 5 x 16 x 1

2nds place. L.e. 3527486.



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

EMNETH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp (approx.).

*KEITH PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 3
STANLEY ELSEY .. .. 2	M. R. REED .. .. 4

GRAHAM MANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

Rung for St. Edmund's Day.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court and three each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE .. .. Treble	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 4
BETTY SYRETT .. .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and Miss Margaret A. Swann, whose wedding took place at the Church of St. Giles, Lincoln, the previous day.

SNITTERFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

RICHARD C. WARBURTON Treble	FRANK ANDERTON .. 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 5
MAURICE C. HUGHES .. 3	PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. West, of Pigeon Green, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	DOREEN BRADLEY .. .. 4
*MICHAEL POPPLESTONE .. 2	BRIAN MILLS .. .. 5
†PETER HAWCOCK .. .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First in seven methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) London and Wells; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Westminster and Allendale: 105 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
*JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2	*†ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. † 150th peal. First of 26 Spliced Surprise as conductor.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	*J. HENRY TAYLOR .. .. 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal 'inside.'

A peal of welcome for the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. H. Barkwell.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Treble	ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. .. 4
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 5
*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

\* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*IAN HUGHES .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4
MICHAEL J. ROWE .. .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 5
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

\* First attempt for a peal.

MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GRAEME A. J. LANGSHAW Treble	WILLIAM D. WATSON .. 4
*WENDY A. NICHOLS .. 2	JOHN J. CUMMINS .. 5
JOHN C. SHEEHY .. .. 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER

\* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Maureen Frances Threlfo, Secretary of St. Paul's ringers, and Donald Kevin Ling, on the occasion of their marriage at St. Paul's Church this day.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of April Day and Grandsire, and 15 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD J. WALTERS .. Treble	ROLAND LEWIS .. .. 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT .. .. 2	JAMES WARD .. .. 5
JAMES RANFORD .. .. 3	*GEORGE GWYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frederick Merrick, who was a ringing member of this tower.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

MARLENE E. JONES .. Treble	ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 4
BERNARD J. TOWNSEND .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being an extent each of Bourne, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 4
†JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* 100th tower in Kent for a peal. † First peal of Surprise.

WILBARSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columba and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

*RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	†RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. .. 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

\* 300th peal. † 25th peal.

To mark the 150th anniversaries of the births of John S. B. Monsell and Mrs. Jane C. Simpson, hymn writers.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*MARTIN WORRALL .. Treble	MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 4
*RONALD BALLAM .. .. 2	MICHAEL WHITE .. .. 5
JOHN WALTON .. .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Minor.



## WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BARHAM DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently, and with 5-6 the right way throughout.

PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
RITA A. GOWER .. .. 2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 5
LAWRENCE T. POPE .. .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Delight on the bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. E. Turner, assistant curate.

## MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	HENRY TOOKE .. 5
GILBERT LARTER .. .. 3	*PETER ADCOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

\* 25th peal together.

## RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. FORDER .. .. Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 3
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR E. LONG .. 4

HARRY W. BARRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. BARRETT.

Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon; Sir Edmund is an honorary member of the Norwich Association.

## FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 125 methods: (1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lamas, Stevenston, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Wrentham, Calverleigh, Snodland, Swanscombe, Hever Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (3) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (4) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance and Bastow and Kent Little Court; (5) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Waverree College, Thelwall, London, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (7) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham, Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Crofton, Kirkthorpe, Kippax and Felkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court: 237 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
HAROLD CHANT .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The most methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. Extents 2 and 6 by A. G. Driver, 1 and 3 by C. K. Lewis, 4 and 7 by H. Chant, and 5 by C. K. Lewis and H. Chant.

Birthday compliments to Michael, Helen and Susan Chant.

## SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

STANLEY RAMSDEN .. .. Treble	KENNETH PARK .. .. 4
HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
*DAVID WILKINSON .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY TOWNEND.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*CHRISTINE J. TOWLER .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
†MARGARET E. PANTON .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES L. TOWLER.

\* First peal, aged 13 years. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

## CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

MARION ARCHER .. .. Treble	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

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

## GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. Treble	MICHAEL POPPLESTONE .. 4
*SUSAN MEREDITH .. .. 2	†FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
PETER HAYCOCK .. .. 3	†DOREEN BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 50th consecutive peal together.

## HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob.

DENNIS MADDOCK .. .. Treble	*JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5
MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal in five methods.

## MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of London, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham.

WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. Treble	FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	JAMES W. HAW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, born at Market Deeping, died January 11th.

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## NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.	
MARGARET M. JONES .. .. Tenor	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 3
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

## NEWTON-NOTTAGE (PORTHCAWL), GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

*ROSEMARIE E. JONES .. Treble	†EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. 4
*JUDY-ANN ESHELBY .. .. 2	†GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5
*MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 3	†TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles in the method.  
First in the method on the bells. Believed to be the second peal of  
Stedman Doubles in the Diocese of Llandaff.

## NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge and five Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt., app.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
AUDREY M. SHORT .. .. 2	F. A. KEITH PRIME .. .. 5
RONALD D. SHORT .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

The ringer of the third has now rung in all the 'ringables' of  
Somerset, four bells upwards, after having made five attempts to  
arrange this last tower.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Jan. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 16 in C.

*K. PETER JONES .. .. 1-2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3-4
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal 'in hand' First 'in hand' as conductor.

## LONDON, S.W.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.*

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 1-2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 5-6
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 3-4	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7-8
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Umpire: Mr. ALAN J. FROST.

## SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

*On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.*

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St.  
Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place.

ALAN GRUNDY .. .. 1-2	RONALD R. WARFORD .. .. 3-4
BETTY MARTINSON .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 14th, in honour of Mr. Reuben Sanders' 87th birthday anniversary, was well worthy of the occasion. Reuben performed throughout the peal with his customary ease and accuracy and the band hope that he may enjoy many more such happy ringing anniversaries.

We regret to learn that Mr. Thomas H. Taffender is ill in hospital.

All Hallows', Twickenham, has changed its practice night from Wednesday to Thursday, so as not to clash with St. Mary's practice nearby.

There will be no practice on Thursday, February 9th, at Leicester Cathedral, due to a social gathering of the Cathedral Society. Visitors please note.

Mr. Horace M. Day (79), of Market Deeping, who was confined to bed with bronchitis, was to stand in the memorial peal at Market Deeping for Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Guild. The two spent their early working life together.

Mr. T. E. Sone rang his first peal at the age of 15 at Marden on January 19th, 1911. In the peal was Mr. Frederick S. Macey, who cycled about 40 miles, from Sittingbourne, to participate in the peal. The two rang on the 50th anniversary peal on Jan. 19th, 1961.

The bells of Maitland, N.S.W., are reputed to be one of the most difficult to ring. A peal was rung by Sydney friends of Miss Maureen Threlfo, secretary of the local ringers, on the occasion of her marriage on January 14th. The conductor, Mr. T. W. Goodyer, is the first to ring the tenor to a peal single-handed. Congratulations to him and the two first pealers.

The peal at Ashted, Surrey, on January 21st will probably be the last peal on the bells before their removal to Loughborough. There they are to have their canons removed, be quarter turned and rehung in a cast-iron frame. Although more than 300 peals have been rung on the bells this was the first to be conducted by a lady. Marilyn Gibbs called the peal with unfailing confidence and precision.

Newton Nottage can be proud of its band of school-age boys and girls. Three

of them with their instructor rang in a peal of Stedman Doubles on January 21st. It is just two years since the band took their first steps in change ringing. Since then 17 peals have been rung, including Grandsire Triples and Doubles in 14 methods. They are the present holders of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Shield, and they have created such interest in the parish that Messrs. Taylors have been instructed to rehanging the bells and add two trebles.

The band who rang in the peal at Packworth on New Year's Eve would like to associate with it the name of Maurice Hughes, who stood down to allow a visitor to ring.

**Correction.**—The ringers of 8 and 9 in the peal of Cambridge Royal at Macclesfield on New Year's Eve were Edward Jenkins and Robert B. Smith and not as submitted.

The general secretary of the Ladies' Guild received 117 names for tea for the meeting at St. Clement Danes' on January 21st. Is this a record?

We are planning to publish next week peals rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild during their 80th anniversary week. The youngest who rang a quarter, writes Miss M. R. Cross, was eleven and the oldest ninety.

'The Church Illustrated' for January has an article on bells generally by Philip Addison. The picture, we hope, will not be taken as an example of how to stand preparatory to ringing, with hands two feet apart on the sally.

Mr. C. Tovell, secretary of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is now recovering at his home after being in hospital, over Christmas, for an internal operation. He thanks all his ringing friends who have written to him and hopes to be ringing again with them by the summer.

Wentworth (Yorks) church handbell ringers toured the parish at Christmas and collected £13 10s., which was divided equally between the Belfry Fund and Refugees. During a recent practice they were 'shot' by a local cine-camera enthusiast making a film of Westworth.

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## NOT ONE ABSENT FROM 1926 PEAL BAND

The ten ladies who rang in the only peal on ten bells, 5.067 Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' on Wednesday, January, 20th, 1926, in 3 hours 30 minutes, reassembled at the Church on January 20th, 1961, to take part in the rededication of a peal board to replace the one destroyed by enemy action during the last war.

The band consisted of Miss E. E. Chapman (Mrs. R. Sanders) 1. Miss N. E. Shorter 2. Miss P. Upsher (Mrs. N. Tomlinson) 3. Miss F. E. Orr (Mrs. A. Diserens) 4. Mrs. R. F. Deal 5. Miss E. Hardcastle (Mrs. J. Davis) 6. Mrs. F. I. Hairs 7. Mrs. A. D. Barker 8. Miss E. K. Parker (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher) 9. Miss R. Hawkesworth (Mrs. R. Fardon) 10.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and such was the number of ringers attending that a relay system had to be adopted (10 up and 10 down) thus ensuring that as many as possible were able to get a pull, and at the same time putting a check on the over enthusiastic ones who want to ring in every touch.

At 3.45 p.m. the original band (with one exception) rang a perfect course of Stedman Caters, prior to the dedication of the board, the exception being Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who was unfortunately unable to climb the stairs, her place being taken by Mrs. P. Staniforth (president of the Ladies' Guild).

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. L. O. Rees (of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington), a former chaplain-in-charge of St. Clement Danes', who very kindly officiated at the last moment owing to the present Chaplain (the Rev. T. Ryder) being laid aside with influenza. At the service which followed the Rev. H. L. O. Rees gave a most interesting address on the use and misuse of the words 'Ritual' and 'Ceremony.'

Catering for tea had proved a difficulty as so many places in the City are not open on Saturday afternoons, but anticipating a gathering of about fifty, a hall had been procured and the members of the Central District had undertaken to provide the tea. When the names for tea started to pour in (they eventually reach 117), there had to be hurried arrangements made for the transport of extra china, teapots, urn and so on, to say nothing of food, but evidently the company of some 125 were satisfied, for there was food left over and to spare.

The thanks of the Ladies' Guild to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success were voiced by the president, especial mention being made of Mr. Barker for his suggestion, Mr. Coles for his work and Mr. W. Dobbie for fixing the board in position, Mr. A. E. Barnett and Mr. Hairs, and to the various clergy who had helped with the service and had given permission for their bells to be rung. Mrs. Lock and her helpers were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their catering, and Mr. and Mrs. Rose, who had not only made and brought with them 180 cakes, but Mr. Rose had volunteered to be O.C. Hot Water, with the result that there was plenty of boiling water for tea when members were ready.

In her remarks Mrs. Staniforth mentioned that it was rather amazing to think that after 35 years the same ten ladies were still not only able to be present, but also, with the exception of Mrs. Fletcher, were still able to ring. Mrs. Diserens, who had had an operation only a fortnight previously, had been determined to ring and although a ringer was standing by in case of emergency, she had rung in the service touch. It was that determination which had stood the ladies in good stead thirty-five years ago, and it was now up to the younger members to carry on the tradition. Mrs. Fletcher, who had conducted this one and only ten-bell peal rung by the Ladies' Guild, had been the backbone of the Guild for many years, first as secretary and then as president, and it was hoped she would be able to be present next year, when the Guild celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Members came to this meeting from a wide area, and, in fact, eight of the twelve Districts were represented. Miss E. Steel, president from 1928 until 1948, came from Bedford, and quite a large contingent arrived from the Western District (including members of the 'Supporters' Club'). Others came

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 5



MR. FREDERICK E. DUKES, A.M.I.E.E.,  
Irish Association.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of visiting Ireland since the war cannot fail to have been impressed by the happy attitude found in the Irish belfries. The Irishman really enjoys his ringing, and is always delighted to welcome fellow ringers from Britain. This happy state of affairs is largely due to the jovial personality of Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, who has been general secretary of the Irish Association since 1941.

Born in Dublin on May 23rd, 1912, Fred learnt to ring at St. George's, Dublin, in 1928, under the instructorship of that great ringer, Gabriel Lindoff. In 1934, his work took him to Cork, and he joined the band at St. Finbarre's Cathedral. He carried out repairs to the bells, with the help of the local company. He returned to Dublin in 1937, after a severe accident, and attached himself to St. George's, and St. Patrick's Cathedral bands. In 1944 he moved to Drogheda, and this became his home tower. The Drogheda band have been most success-

ful in cup competitions, very popular in Ireland. His teams have won more trophies for good striking than any other bands.

Since 1945 he has been a representative on the Central Council, and in 1954 was elected to the Standing Committee, and a member of the Literature and Press Committee. His pleasant Irish 'burr' is always listened to with respect, and one of his proudest moments was when the Council visited Ireland in 1958. The unqualified success of this meeting was largely due to his organisation, and also to Mr. John Dunwoody, of Holywood, Northern Ireland. When Fred attends Council meetings he scorns modern transport, and always brings his bicycle over to visit the various towers!

After leaving school in 1928, Fred entered the service of the Great Southern Railway, in the electrical engineering department. He worked his way up to become chief electrical engineer to the Great Northern Railway in 1944. Following amalgamation of this railway, with the Ulster Transport Authority in 1958, he was one of the number of senior officials who were retired. He is now the electrical engineer for Goulding (Fertilisers) Ltd. He has been an A.M.I.E.E. since 1942.

Fred's first peal was Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on August 1st, 1938, the first peal on the bells, and his present total is 189 from 5-12 bells. Fifty-one of these have been rung for Associations other than his own, as advanced peal ringing is difficult in Ireland. He has conducted 77 peals, including (on handbells) Doubles in 2-10 methods, Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor and 4 methods of Minor, all firsts for the Irish Association. He has also taken part in the first peals in Ireland of Pudsey Major, Dublin Major and Bob Maximus. Also the first ever of Holywood and Pontefract Delight Major. He has rung Cambridge from Minor to Royal, and is looking forward to scoring Cambridge Maximus. He has also rung London, under the conductorship of Harold Poole.

One of his 'brain-children' was founding the 'Irish Bell News' in October, 1951, and he has been its editor ever since.

His wife, son and daughter are also ringers, and in addition to ringing, he is a first class swimmer, being honorary instructor in life-saving to Drogheda Grammar School. He also holds the floating championship of Ireland, and his daughter holds the plunging championship.

Altogether Fred is a man of a most charming disposition, and has many varied activities. He is a delightful companion in any company, and his visits to England are all too infrequent. Good luck to his enthusiasm. Apace.

## REDEDICATION OF ALL HALLOWS', TOTTENHAM

The fabric of this ancient parish church in North Middlesex has recently undergone extensive repairs, and, happily, considerable attention has been given to the bells.

On Sunday, January 22nd, a special service was conducted by the Vicar of Tottenham, the Rev. W. F. C. Clarke, M.A. In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress and a large congregation, the Archdeacon of Hampstead, the Ven. H. J. Matthews, M.A., was asked to rededicate the tower and bells, with the words following:

'Almighty God, who didst put it into the heart of David, King of Scots, eight hundred years ago to build this tower as a witness to faith in thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that now, repaired and renewed, it may stand for years to come as a continual reminder of thy power in our lives and our sure hope in Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour.—Amen.'

Almighty God, be pleased, we beseech thee to accept the offering of these bells: bless, sanctify and hallow them to thy glory and service, that they may call thy faithful people to praise and worship Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate afresh these bells to the glory of God; in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.—Amen.'

At the end of the service, and as the Mayor and congregation were departing the bells were rung to a touch of Stedman Triples by Miss R. Foreman 1. Miss P. Rowe 2. A. Cutler 3. Mrs. T. J. Lock 4. J. R. Mayne (cond.) M. J. Rowe 6. T. J. Lock 7. E. J. Rowe 8.

Of the old ring, the treble and fifth were recast, the tenor was removed and a new treble added to make a lighter ring. For those who keep such records, the ring, of eight bells now has a tenor in F sharp, weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb. It is a bell (the seventh of the old ring) which was cast by Philip Wighman, London, in 1696. In addition to the lesser weight of metal, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the bells in new fillings and framework at a lower level in the tower with the open louvres well above the bells, thus effecting a great improvement.

To those who know All Hallows', Tottenham, with affection, a sum of £1,000 is still needed for repayment of loans, and contributions would be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar, The Priory, Church Lane, N.17.

T. J. L.



## MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

December 14th saw the formation of Africa's first Diocesan Guild, when some dozen ringers and beginners met in the Cathedral Hall, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, under the chairmanship of the Dean of Salisbury. This constitution is largely based on that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a copy of which was obtained from the honorary secretary of the Central Council.

At present there are no ringable bells in Rhodesia; but Salisbury Cathedral has a ring of ten from the Whitechapel Foundry, a gift from an old ringer who lives in Salisbury, and work has started on a bell tower which should be finished by the end of 1961. Meanwhile, the bells are hung in their eventual frame, out of doors, beside the Cathedral, and are regularly clocked for services. The clocking apparatus is to be scrapped when the tower is built.

During the past year a start has been made in teaching beginners on handbells (the foundry made us a present of ten), and in spite of the difficulties caused by the great distances we travel in this country, quite a lot of progress has been made. Several of the earlier recruits can now ring the trebles or tenors confidently to Bob Minor, and two of them do most of the instruction of the fresh recruits who appear from time to time. Progress would certainly have been faster if those of us who thought ourselves beginners in England ten years ago and more had not found ourselves the experts here, and if these so-called experts were able to attend practices more frequently. At it is, some of us live from 50 to 100 miles from Salisbury. We suffer also from the lack of an experienced conductor.

However, we have on occasion rung plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and we have called (and made) bobs in Bob Minor with two 'experts' and a beginner. We hope to have enough ringers properly conversant with Plain Bob by the time the tower is finished for us to put the bells into changes as soon as they can learn to handle a bell. Our position is very like that of many towers in England, when the ban was lifted; but our experts are fewer and less experienced.

Officers of the Guild are as follows: President, the Bishop of Mashonaland; vice-president, the Dean of Salisbury; Master, H. P. Raynor, P.B. 729, Marandellas; honorary secretary/treasurer, K. S. Cross, P. O. Box 766, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Ringers visiting Rhodesia, or coming to live here, will be welcome. Handbell practices are held every Wednesday in the Cathedral vestry or the cloisters at 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.—H. P. R.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

That bells were the best propaganda the church had was a point made by the Rev. E. W. Eyden, Rector, when he preached at Shepton Mallet church on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Frome and Mid-somer Norton Branch.

Following tea, provided by lady friends of Shepton ringers, the Rev. A. G. Durston presided at the business meeting. The honorary secretary (Mr. E. J. Chivers) presented the accounts which showed a substantial increase due to higher affiliation fees (eight bell towers one guinea, six bell towers 10s. 6d.). There were now 28 towers affiliated, more than at any time before, more members, new interest and progress being made. Thirteen new members were elected.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. A. G. Durston, honorary secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Beck; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Savage. Votes of thanks were passed to all at Shepton Mallet who had helped to make the meeting such a pleasant one.

## GLAMORGAN WANDERERS VISIT FIVE COUNTIES

Following tradition, Glamorgan Wanderers started their 1960 tour on August 29th from Weston-super-Mare by ringing on the light eight at St. John's Church. Before lunch there had been ringing on the magnificent 23 cwt. eight at Banwell and at Axbridge. At Cheddar, Mr. John Hunt joined the party and the ringing included some Kent T.B. Major and Cambridge. The party contented themselves with Triples at Wedmore and concluded the day's ringing on the rather noisy six at Crocombe.

Tuesday's programme included Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters at Evercreech; Kent T.B., Little Bob and Grandsire at Ditcheat; Castle Cary (a little rough); Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor at Henstridge; Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton. The night was spent at the greatly improved Marnhull youth hostel.

Before leaving Marnhull we rang at the Parish Church. The two Shaftesbury towers—St. Peter's and the swaying Holy Trinity—were followed by Fontmel Magna and Compton Abbas. Because of a puncture only seven members reached Blandford. The last tower of the day was Cranbourne, a smooth-going eight.

An old friend of some of the band, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davies from Basingstoke, joined in Thursday's ringing in villages on Salisbury Plain. Unusual was Woodford, with ringing on a very awkward circle in the organ loft. Some enjoyable Cambridge was rung at Upavon and the night was spent at Marlborough youth hostel.

The presence of Don Exel and his wife for the day resulted in Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) being rung at Chippenham. The only 12 of the tour—Trowbridge—impressed all the company. The night was spent at Bath youth hostel, with ringing at two towers.

For many the last day proved most gruelling. After a long search the anti-clockwise six at Swainswick were found. A hard ride brought us to Chipping Sodbury and then Iron Acton. After visits to Stapleton, Westbury and Henbury, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, concluded a very enjoyable tour.

The band consisted of Geoffrey B. Stickland, Brynley Taylor, Nigel Lamping, W. James Goodfellow, Edmund Hartley, Alan W. Smith, Christopher Beer, Roger Havard, Geoffrey Upstall, Robin Lee, Alan Thompson and Robert V. Hughes. R. V. H.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A pleasing feature of the Bicester and District Branch meeting at Bicester on January 21st was the number of young ringers present. The standard of striking was, on the whole, higher.

The day was the birthday of the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) and he kindly provided the tea for 42 members and friends, which was served by Mrs. Palmer and the ringers' wives. As Mr. Kinch entered the hall he was accorded musical honours.

At the meeting, tribute was paid to the memory of James Franklin Haynes, of Charlton-on-Ouor, who died on December 28th, as a result of a fall in his home. An active ringer before the war, he had not rung for some years, due to a hand injury.

The secretary welcomed the visitors, especially Mr. H. Werriitt and party from Norton, Herts, as they were ringing together in the immediate post-war years. The vote of thanks included the Branch president, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, who conducted the service, and the Rev. V. W. S. Leatherdale, who preached on Christian unity. Mr. C. Smith was the organist and Mr. Frederick Sharpe read the lesson.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Successful Branch Meeting At Teignmouth

The Mid-Devon Branch held their annual meeting at Teignmouth on January 14th. A large number of members attended from towers in the Branch and visitors included the president, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox. Both eight-bell towers were available.

The service, held at St. Michael's, was conducted by the Rev. D. E. Hood (Vicar), the lesson being read by the president. The Vicar, in his address, based his remarks on the parable of changing water into wine, and he thanked the visitors for their work in various towers.

After a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, the business meeting followed, with Mrs. D. E. Hood in the chair. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the two Vicars for the use of the bells, the organist, and the Mothers' Union for preparing the tea.

Certificates were presented by the president to Messrs. Michael Coombe and John D. Prowse, and apologies for absence were received from Messrs. W. Simmonds (Ringing Master) and H. C. Spencer, and Mrs. R. W. Dunn.

The secretary, in a comprehensive report, stated that there had been more members, and more peals had been rung. The membership stood at 89, and of these 25 were of school age. Eight peals had been rung and it was gratifying to learn that these had been in even bell methods. The report regretted the passing of Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £7 5s. in the General Fund and £2 12s. in the Instruction Fund.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. P. Roberts; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds; to the General Committee, Messrs. A. Goss, H. C. Spencer and W. J. Harvey. Eleven new members were elected, and Mr. M. J. Bray, who was serving in the Royal Navy, was transferred to the list of non-resident members.

The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Torre, with visits to Cockington and Upton (subject to permission).

## NOT ONE ABSENT—Cont.

from Cheshire, Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester and Lyme Regis, while the Home Counties were well represented. There was even one visitor from Australia, and we hope she enjoyed what we think could be termed a typical ringers' gathering.

As this was such a large gathering it was not possible to have everyone seated at tables for tea, but this was really no drawback, as people could wander round the hall and there was opportunity for everyone to see the old newspaper reports of the peal which the band had brought along, and the cartoon showing the various members in the act of ringing was particularly appreciated. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Hairs, speaking on behalf of Mrs. Fletcher, thanked the members of the Guild and said how much they had all enjoyed meeting again. She asked Mrs. Lock, who had been responsible for getting the board replaced, if she would accept a copy of the peal card which had been printed 35 years ago.

After tea ringing was available at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and at St. George-the-Martyr (where Mr. H. O. Rogers had extended a cordial invitation to members to join with the London County Association).

The collection at the service, which had been taken by representatives of four of the Ladies' Guild Districts, amounted to £6 and this was given to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FIRST RAISED IN 1948

Dear Sir.—I have followed with much interest the recent revival of the controversy on 'Methods or Variations' in regard to Doubles, because I believe I was the first to raise this particular issue, in 1948, after Mr. Alan Pink had claimed the first peal in 42 Doubles methods. This included, amongst others, the usual variations of Bob Doubles like Old Doubles and April Day, which merely use different bobs.

The view I expressed then was that a 'method' with no separate plain course could not exist. This obtained little or no support at the time, so that it is gratifying to find here is now an increasing number of people who hold that opinion. Perhaps in the fullness of time my other contention, that there can be no true peal of Doubles or Minor, will also find more general favour!

To forestall any lengthy replies on one aspect of the subject, perhaps I may add that after 33 years' membership of the same local band (at an 8-bell tower) I have probably rung more Doubles than many who regard themselves as 5-bell ringers.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

### THE HAINES OF WILTON

Dear Sir.—It may be interesting to note that at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Ringers' Guild (Salisbury Branch) on January 21st, three of the Haines family, of Wilton, were elected amongst the four Ringing Masters.

There are at Wilton (near Salisbury) five of the family who ring, namely:

Frank, the father, aged 75, a life member of the Guild, who has been a ringer for 65 years and is still very active.

Cecil, his eldest son, many years captain of Wilton tower, and re-elected Branch Ringing Master.

Arthur, the youngest son, a very competent Doubles/Minor conductor, last year's Ringing Master (having to retire due to pressure of work).

Raymond, Cecil's son, aged 17, a very keen ringer for the past nine years: elected Branch Ringing Master.

Edward, Frank's stepson, aged 22: elected Branch Ringing Master.

We now await Arthur's daughter to take an interest and then look out, quarter peal columns, etc!—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD A. HAINES.

Wilton.

### CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—I do hope, like your correspondent, J. Ward, that Christmas Day ringing in future years may include some good Minor ringing. I confess I am a Minor ringer, but I do appeal to the people responsible for these broadcasts to listen to our recording of Minor, or alternatively, get among the Halifax or Barnsley Districts members. I suggest for a broadcast either Shelley, Cawthorne or Sakstone.—Yours, etc.,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

### RESTRICT MINIMUS PEALS

Dear Sir.—I think peals of Minimus should be confined to towers of five or less bells, but to ring Minimus in towers of eight, ten or twelve bells does not make sense. Regard with woe the day when Bob Singles becomes a reality! I wonder what we will be calling peaks rung on two bells: 2.500 extents?—Yours protestingly,

D. BROOKS.

Putney.

### CENTRAL PRACTICE TOWER

Dear Sir.—The 'ideal situation' envisaged by Mr. P. A. Corby has been operating in the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for over a year.

Copt Oak is an isolated hamlet situated centrally in the Charlwood Forest area, and consists of a few cottages, the usual public house, and scattered farms, therefore the possibility of raising and keeping a band together is very remote, and realising this the Vicar has given every encouragement to other ringers to visit his church, and by so doing to increase and assist the three local youngsters who had evinced interest.

Frequently this small belfry has contained in their 'teens' ringers and occasionally over 20 have been present at the weekly practice on Tuesday nights, and regularly five and six (sometimes more) towers are represented; so that in addition to propelling juniors from the start of handling a bell, through to call changes and plain hunting, there has been ample scope for the more advanced to advance farther, an opportunity readily accepted, to wit, recently on one night, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Chester, Ipswich and Bourne were rung: in fact through the connivance of an energetic 'Hon. Sec.' a manual of methods has become a necessity, as one 'blue line' is sufficient incentive to have a go.

I can agree transport is much easier now, and I have seen six cars parked outside the church on these practice nights, the owners bringing friends and picking up and returning the locals. The action was commented on very favourably by the Vicar, who has relinquished the office of chairman of the District, as he will shortly be leaving the parish, and he expressed his gratitude and strongly recommended such co-operation in other parts where numbers were few and difficulties were being experienced similarly.

If I may be permitted to add a personal note, I have been ringing for over 40 years, and have learnt more new methods during the past year than before, so, Mr. D. C. Morgan, do not despair—the solution is in your own hands.—Yours faithfully,

H. O. OVER.

Hugglescote, Leics.

### METHODS AND THEIR FALSE

#### COURSE HEADS

Dear Sir.—Messrs. Carlisle, Halls and Marshall have doubtless produced a useful article on falseness in treble bob methods. I disagree, however, with their generalisation that there is no value in publishing f.c.h.s of a method unless the incidence of falseness is also given. Numerous conductors possess compositions which they know to be true to all suitable methods with, say, F-groups BE, or BDK, and are interested in knowing the f.c.h.s of new methods.

I do not see the point of publishing the incidence of falseness as the authors have attempted to do for Sawley Surprise Major. This information is of use only to the composer, who is capable of determining quickly such information for himself. In fact, I am certain that he will check published f.c.h.s of any method he wants to use, as a precaution against typographical or other errors.

What is essential is for conductors of peals in new methods to ensure that details of the methods are correctly published in 'The Ringing World'. Our Derbyshire trio have failed to do this for Sawley, for I have seen no correction to the figures given on page 716. I presume that the method should be:

58 14 56 36 14 38 14 38. L.H.B.

—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

### WHEN GEO. GILBERT WAS SUSPENDED

Dear Sir.—The article on the bells of Avington, in the issue of December 23rd, reminds me that on Monday, August 4th, 1913, I was one of a band intending to ring three peals of Minor in a day. In the party were George Gilbert and Charles Edwards, who are both deceased, also the two Crouchers (only one left) and Alfred Ekins, son-in-law of C. Edwards.

After scoring the first peal at Old Alresford we arrived at Avington about 1 o'clock. After ringing about 120 changes George Gilbert was suspended in the air, as the tenor he was ringing set rather far back. His remark was, 'All right, I'll be there in a minute.' By the time George had slithered down the rope we had all set up. Amidst laughter we dropped the bells, and made our way up amongst them.

At that time it was quite possible to pass an envelope between the cracks of the 3rd; the 4th also was badly cracked. It is not necessary to describe the sound of such a ring—three dustbins, one bucket and a tin tray. An attempt at Tichborne afterwards proved that the bells there had not been oiled for a very long time. The ringers came from Farnham (3) and Aldershot (3).—Yours faithfully,

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY.

Windleham.

P.S.—I believe that the Manor House was the home of Shelley.—H. J. C.

### STUNT RINGING

Dear Sir.—This latest effort of a one man peal is one of the best stunts yet, even better than the Cambridge University Guild's efforts with Bob Minor rung simultaneously on handbells by six men.

Throughout the history of change ringing there have been stunt performances—people ringing handbell peals on dung-heaps and in bed. On tower bells there have been peals of Triples rung on seven and Caters on nine bells.

I personally feel that these stunts add some life to the ringing Exercise, although I have no time for the four different sets of ringers who have rung Plain Bob 210 times repeated on handbells: at least our one man band did go one better and ring two methods.

I am told that there are some hundred odd Minimus methods. Why don't these handbell experts study these and ring about 40 of them in their peal: this would be worth while.

Mr. Birmingham might note that our first four bell tower peal (the test case) was in five methods so that each method had only 42 repeats—no more repeats than the recent peals in Oxford of Undershaft and Smithfield Doubles.

I have always been interested in stunts, and one day hope to take part in two peals of Bob Doubles on ten bells or two of Cambridge Minor on twelve. The only sensible way to look at it is if people are daft enough to do it let them get on with it.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

### ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir.—I read with interest the reference to the addition of two trebles at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, in 1872 (page 49, 'The Ringing World' January 20th, 1961).

For those who probably do not know, there is something of interest long before that date.

It is recorded that in 1480 there was a ring of six at Redcliffe, and a heavy one at that. Treble 11 cw.; 2 qr. 22 lb.; 2nd 14 0 2. 3rd 19 2 16. 4th 29 3 23. 5th 44 2 16. tenor 62 2 24.

What interest there would be among our tenor turners if those bells were now available! —Yours faithfully,

F. HANSFORD.

Honorary Secretary,

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild.

Bristol.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## COLLECTION OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—For some time now the Exercise has felt the need of a Collection of Surprise Methods. Corrigan's series has been out of print for a number of years, not many copies being in circulation.

Mr. Eric Critchley has, with the help of Mr. Shirley Burton, written and classified all the right place Surprise methods. Compositions have been collected, others being composed, especially for the collection, by Mr. Burton, Mr. Stephen Ivin, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, and other notable composers, so that the majority of the methods can be rung to peals.

The total number of methods in the collection is 7,178, the compositions totalling 224. Each method is given complete with false course heads, classification according to quality, suitable compositions and name (where a peal has been rung).

The Ringers' Magazine has been asked to publish this work, the cost of normal printing being such that it would not prove economically possible. It has been decided to divide the work into five parts, each containing approximately 1,400 methods and 50 compositions.

It is hoped to have the first part completed within the next two months, the remaining parts being issued at similar intervals. The cost—2s. 6d. per part, with a special price reduction for Guilds and Associations making bulk orders.

Would anyone interested please contact me at the following address.—Yours sincerely,

10, The Avenue, WILLIAM BUTLER,  
Old Windsor, Berks.

## LEEDS TENOR BELL

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Corby's letter (January 20th) concerning Leeds tenor bell. I would put its weight as an honest 17½ cwt. and no more. This would compare very favourably with the tenors at Brenchley and Penshurst, which weigh 17 3 24 in E and 17 2 11 in E flat respectively, and have approximately the same diameter (47½ inches). All three tenors in question were cast by the celebrated Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe; Leeds in 1617, Penshurst in 1619 and Brenchley in 1610.

It may, however, be found that Leeds tenor is less than the 47½ inches quoted by Stahl Schmidt (1887), as the worthy historian's measurements are inclined to be on the optimistic side; in which case the weight would be correspondingly less.

Leeds bells have a rather chequered history. Originally a heavy ring of four, the three smaller bells were by John Wilmar, 1638, and the tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1617. These were rehung and augmented to ten in 1751 by the addition of six new trebles, cast by Robert Catlin, the gift of the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle. These remained until 1910, when they underwent thorough restoration including the recasting of the old 7th and 9th and the rehanging of the entire ring by Alfred Howell, of Ipswich.

Although I have not inspected the bells, I believe the old 1751 frame is still in use—if this is the case it speaks very highly of Catlin's workmanship, for I gather it is still in excellent condition.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES,

Kennington, Ashford.

## Mr. F. B. Lufkin's 500 Peals

On December 29th Mr. F. B. Lufkin rang his 500th peal. Of these he has conducted 334, using 160 compositions. His peals have been rung with 772 ringers, 75 being first pealers, in 180 towers. Long lengths include 6,000, 9,000, 12,740, 18,000 and 22,400 changes. Two silent peals were rung. Details:

Maximus 3 (conducted 1), Cinques 12 (4), Royal—Bob methods (3 different) 22 (16), Treble Bob methods (3) 15 (12), Surprise methods (7) 21 (8), Caters 27 (23).

Major—Bob methods (14 different) 98 (73), Treble Bob methods (4) 46 (38), Surprise methods (18) 83 (24), Spliced Bob 1 (1), Spliced 2 Surprise 1 (1), Spliced 6 Surprise 1, Spliced 10 Surprise 1.

Triples—27 (27).

Minor—1-42 methods 132 (112), Doubles—6 (4).

Handbells—Minor 4.

## GOD-CENTRED LIVES

Dear Sir.—The Rev. Michael Freeman states that when a man's life is God-centred everything he does, including both peal ringing and service ringing, is an offering to God. I do not dispute this. What I do dispute is the conclusion he draws from it, namely, that it is irrelevant to distinguish between the two types of ringing.

Mr. Freeman is apparently not prepared to deny that one offering may be of more value than another. A man whose life is God-centred will always seek out the better thing. This involves making comparisons. It involves distinguishing between the good and the not-so-good. It requires a peal ringer to ask himself whether he would not be better employed in helping to raise the service ringing standards in his own and neighbouring towers.

There is a small but important minority of ringers who give far more time and thought to peal ringing than to service ringing. Meantime, throughout the length and breadth of the country there are towers in which the bells hang silent on Sundays, or in which the service bands languish for the want of worthwhile assistance. While such things continue there will be those of us who will persist in saying that the bells are provided primarily for service ringing, and that ultimately it is service ringing, and service ringing alone, that really matters.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

NOTE.—This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AND MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—I should like to correct an impression that will have been gained by readers of the account of the Universities' Association's visit to London, in your issue of January 20th.

It is there reported that two members of the Oxford University Society rang a peal of Plain Bob Minimus for the U.A., 'because their Society would not accept it.' I was at the U.A. dinner and I believe in fact that in his speech Mr. Roaf merely hazarded a guess that this had been the case, and meant it more as a merry quip than anything near the truth.

I hope this is so, for there was never any attempt to 'credit' the peal to the Oxford University Society. Thus the question as to whether the Society would accept it or not never arose.

If this error has found its way into any official record of the U.A. meeting, I hope that it will be corrected forthwith.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS MARTIN,

(Master,

Oxford University Society).

## PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—Re peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus by P. Border (page 56). A bob at wrong, either in Plain Bob or Surprise with a 4th place bob is the same. Your course end 325467890ET with a bob produces at the wrong lead end 3247596E8T0 with a single reverses two and three as 234. Just take 325467890ET in Plain Bob Maximus and single the next lead, which is wrong, your lead end 2347596E8T0.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT,

Gillingham

## A Noted Peal Of Minor

The peal in 125 methods rung at Felkirk, Yorkshire, on January 20th, displaces the handbell peal in 109 methods rung at Adwick-le-Street, Yorks, in November, 1955 (though this is still the record on handbells). The most methods rung in seven extents on tower bells were rung at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, in 1951.

The most methods in 5,040 changes, previously were 113 Doubles methods, rung at Hambledon, Bucks, in August, 1960. The most methods rung in nine extents were at Copt Oak in 1951 (126 methods in 6,480 changes).

The band would like to associate Mrs. Jo Moreton with the peal. She was in the earlier peals when 'working up' for the attempt, but has been in hospital and has not started to ring again yet.

## OBITUARY

## MR. F. MERRICK

The death at the age of 65 of Mr. Fred Merrick, of Waldridge, Suckley, Wores, which took place in hospital on January 6th, after a short illness, came as a severe shock to his many relatives and friends.

Fred had lived in the Suckley district nearly all his life and had been a ringer there for 40 years. He was a member of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association and Ledbury District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was also a member of the Suckley P.C.C.

Since 1919 he had been a member of the Worcestershire Special Constabulary, being the holder of the Long Service Medal and four bars. During the First World War he served in the 7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and later joined the Cradley Branch of the British Legion.

He was a very keen ringer and regularly attended the Branch meetings, and had taken part in about 30 peals; he also devoted much time to training a band of learners at Suckley and in 1956 he successfully piloted them through their first peal (Grandsire Doubles) which he conducted. This was the first peal on the bells by a local band and his first as conductor. He also took part in the Sunday service ringing at Cradley, Mathon, Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury and St. John's, Worcester.

By his death the church has lost a staunch supporter and worker, the district a conscientious public servant and both the Worcestershire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild a very loyal member. Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

The funeral took place at Suckley on January 10th, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Rogers); apart from the widow and family, representatives of the Parochial Church Council, Special Constabulary, British Legion and parishioners, the congregation included the following ringers: Messrs. J. Ward (Coddington), E. Wilson (Chaines), J. Lane and G. Gwynne (Bosbury), R. L. Price, D. and W. Hinksman and T. Cooper also representing C. Bowers (Bromyard) E. Price (Colwall), F. Davis (Whitbourne), J. Gwilliam (St. John's, Worcester), C. Deakin (Leigh), Mrs. F. C. Pugh representing Mr. F. C. Pugh (Hallow), J. Cale, W. Cale and W. Huband (Suckley). An apology was received from Mr. F. Hyde, secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung half-muffled. F. H.

## THE REV. H. S. BRIGGS, M.A.

Portishead and Wraxall ringers joined forces to pay their last respects to the Rev. H. S. Briggs, M.A., by ringing a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Portishead (with the bells half-muffled) during the evening of January 23rd, the day of his funeral.

Mr. Briggs, who was well known and well loved in N.W. Somerset, served for many years as curate at Portishead before becoming Rector of Wraxall. On retiring, some years ago, he returned to spend his remaining days within the shadow of the church at Portishead. Ever a great friend and champion of the bellringers, Mr. Briggs himself loved the music of the bells. Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Briggs, who in her younger days was a noted ringer. As Miss M. E. N. Jukes, she took part in the first all-ladies peal ever rung—at Cubitt Town, London, in 1912.

A. J. G.

## Suffolk Guild

Ringling ranged from rounds to Double Norwich at the annual meeting of the North West District, held at St. Leonard's, Horringer. The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Timmins) conducted a shortened Evensong, and 14-year-old June E. Wright was a very good substitute organist. February's practice will be at Great Barton and March's at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Next District meeting Elveden, April 15th.



# ALL SAINTS', STAMFORD, BELLS TO BE BROADCAST

By J. H. BLUFF

This is Stamford's quincenary year and next Sunday the bells and morning service from All Saints' Church, Stamford, are to be broadcast in the Midland and Northern Home Service. While this church is not prominent for peal ringing, its history and beauty justify the ringer's interest.

The origin of this fine church is shrouded in the mist of antiquity, like that of the town of which it is so elegant an ornament. Certain events are dated by old chronicles, which show that a church stood here in Saxon times. Domesday Book in 1072 has an entry: 'in Pontland (Borough land) to the Church of St. Peter belonged one caracate (120 acres) of land, and to the Church of All Saints half a caracate.' In 1087 William II distributed moneys to various churches up and down the country and All Saints' shared in this disbursement.

Francis Peck, in his notable work 'The Antiquarian Annals of Stamford' (1727), records that in 1176 Achard de Stamford, who had the patronage of the living, bestowed it upon the Priory of St. Michael, which stood on the south side of the river not far west of the present Stamford Town Station.

A list of incumbents shows the Priory exercised this right almost exclusively until their house was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1536. For the benefit of those who travel along the new Stamford bypass from south to north the ruins of this building can be seen just after passing under the first bridge.

The Church of All Saints stands well, on an island site, rising from west to east, and dominating the market square. It retains much of its thirteenth century glory, in the arcading of the south and east walls. The imposing battlements date from the last quarter of the fifteenth century, when extensive restoration was carried out by the brothers William and John Browne, wealthy merchants of the 'Staple of Calais,' who lived in the parish. The restoration was necessary to repair the damage caused by the War of the Roses, which in all probability deprived this church of its Early English high pitched roof and tower (at the south-west corner).

## 152 ft. SPIRE

To the end of that period must be assigned the present very fine tower and spire which reaches to a height of 152 feet. The tower rises at the north-west corner of the church in three plain stages above a basement with panelling in the lowest stage, and within the battlemented parapet rises a crocketed octagonal spire with three tiers of lights, an object of delicacy and beauty which can be seen from all the approaches to the town.

In the interior of the church some of the thirteenth century work is seen at its best. The south arcade and the arcade between the chancel and chapel date from approximately 1225. The three pillars on the south side of the nave, while conforming to the early English style of clusters of free shafts banded midway between base and capital, are all different in their overall shape, and the deeply moulded arches of the south arcades also contribute to the general effect of richness, and contrasts with the plainer pillars and arches of the Perpendicular style north arcade. The north side of the church was entirely rebuilt in the late fifteenth century.

## SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS

The following extract from the church vestry book, dated 1902, is of interest, as carrying forward the story of the building: From 1871 to 1874 two works of substantial repair were effected: at that time all the pillars were under-pinned and masses of concrete were laid to make a solid foundation. The south wall was faced back into its vertical position, from which it had deflected by about twelve inches. The cost of these two works of restoration was between £2,000 and £3,000. It was at this time that the gallery at the west end and north side of the church was removed, and the groined roof of the tower was entirely renewed.

In 1878 improvements were made in the chancel. The pulpit was removed from the



south side to the north. The low screen of Mexican onyx was added. The old reredos was removed and the present one depicting the Last Supper was added.

In 1886 the vestry was built by the subscription of parishioners.

In 1888 the oak screen in the tower arch was erected and in 1890 the oak panelling in the chancel was added. The handsome oak porch at the north entrance was presented by a parishioner in 1902.

The font is of grey Purbeck marble octagonal in design and elaborately carved, and dated from about 1500. The large canopied niche in the north wall carries a figure of St. Peter, which was given by the daughters of a late choirman and churchwarden.

## THE BROWNE FAMILY

Looking east over the chancel arch is a shield, with a heart in gold and a letter B: this was to perpetuate the name of the Browne family, whose association with the parish was of such lasting benefit.

Between 1936 and 1938 many of the roof timbers had to be renewed, and the repainting and gilding of the angels of the choir roof and the roof bosses in the nave (where the crest of the Browne family will be found, a stork on a woolpack) is of that date.

The church possesses several good specimens of memorial brasses. On the east wall of the north aisle are fixed those to early members of the Browne family connected with All Saints', the largest are of John Browne, who died in 1442, and Margery, his wife, who died in 1460. He wears a sleeved gown and mantle and stands on two woolpacks, as a symbol of his trade. Then there are John Browne the younger, in alderman's mantle, and his wife, Agnes.

The best, however, lie in their original position in the chapel: these are of William Browne, founder of Browne's Hospital, and of Margery, his wife. In his will of February 17th, 1489, he directed that his body should be buried in this chapel, in which the warden and confrater of his hospital in Broad Street were to offer Mass for his soul. The brass depicts him in a long gown and his wife in flowing robes; at his feet are two woolpacks and over his head is his motto 'X me spede' (Christ speed me). Over his wife are the words 'Dere lady help at nede,' and at her feet a little dog. Near their brasses is another, in memory of Margaret Elmes, a grand-daughter of William Browne.

On the south wall is a small headless brass, which formerly lay in the middle of the chancel, in memory of Henry Wykys, Vicar of All Saints', 1479-1508. He is interesting as having the Manor of Burghley by Stamford; he bequeathed it to Margaret Chambers, daughter of his cousin, John, who sold it in turn to Richard Cecil, father of Queen Elizabeth's Lord Treasurer, who built the present mansion (Burghley House).

All the stained glass windows are modern, some being very good: especially the great west window, given in 1888 by Edward J. Browne, of Boston, U.S.A., a descendant of William Browne. It depicts a company of saints with incidents from the lives of the more important ones—John Baptist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, St. Stephen, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Paul—and the coat of arms of members of the Browne family, and of the borough of Stamford.

To the south of this window is one by Kempe, depicting the Diocese of Lincoln and its three neighbours, Peterborough, Lichfield and York: each being represented by its patron saint and cathedral—St. Hugh of Lincoln, St. Peter of Peterborough, St. Chad of Lichfield, and St. Wilfrid of York.

## THE BELLS

Finally, back to the tower which contains a beautiful ring of six bells, the tenor weighing 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. The treble and third were undoubtedly given by John and Margaret Browne—the inscriptions reading:

Treble: Hic nova campana Margareta est nominata.

Third: In multis annis resonet campana Johannis.

Fourth: Newcastle, 1726.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Change of officer: the secretary of the Newark District is now Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark, Notts. 7606

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, February 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: February 14th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; February 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; February 28th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th.—John Chilcott. 7562

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, February 4th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tuddall, West Close, Dunster. 7629

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 4th, at Fordham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7571

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The A.D.M. at Leatherhead, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Nicolas' Hall, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m.—A. H. Smith. 7345

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Saturday, February 4th. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 2.45 p.m. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' bells after meeting. 7584

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7587

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGE'S GUILD.—General meeting, Saturday, February 4th, 3 p.m., at Bromley. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. 6.30 p.m. ringing Bromley Common. Own tea arrangements.—R. N. C. 7588

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4th, in New College. Founder's Library, at 8 p.m. Ringing arrangement and tickets (18s.) from A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 7275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M., February 4th, at Witney (8), 2.30 p.m. Ducklington (6) 2.15. Service 4. Brize Norton (6) 7.30 p.m. 7569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 6 p.m. 7602

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Killmarsh, 3 p.m., Saturday, February 4th.—J. Seager, Sec. 7594

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Grundisburgh (10), on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Half Moon Inn.—Dis. Sec. 7359

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Euston Tavern, opposite King's Cross Station, on February 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing details: St. James', Clerkenwell, 1.45-2.45; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4.15-5.15 p.m. 7627

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, February 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 7563

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual general meeting, St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Tea follows meeting. Ringing and service at Hursley. Bells (8) available 6 to 7.30 p.m. 7593

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, February 6th, at 7 p.m. 7607

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, near Wakefield, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 7613

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, February 11th. Minster bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service in Minster 4.15. Tea in Tiger Lane

Rooms 5. Evening ringing at St. Mary's (10) till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 9th, to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 7620

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn, at Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 7619

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, February 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 7630

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, February 11th. Seal Chart, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Kenish Rifleman,' Dunks Green, Shipbourne in evening. Names to me by 9th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7614

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bulkmann, Dis. Sec. 7621

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Rodbourne Cheney (6), February 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7604

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres, on Saturday, February 11th, 6-8 o'clock. 7610

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7612

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leominster, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service.—F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 7616

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Aldershot, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, February 9th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. Ash bells 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7595

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, jointly with Llandaff Branch, at Cowbridge, February 11th. Ladies' business meeting at 'Horse and Groom' Hotel, after tea.—J. S. King. 7623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk, on February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Buses from Accrington, on the hour.—John Pilkington. 7611

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool 6.—J. H. Witton. 7616

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Syston District, Saturday, February 11th. Bells available: Rothley (6), Swithland (6), Barrow-on-Soar (6), 2-3.15 p.m.; Quorn (8), Sileby (8), 2.45-5; Mountsorrel (8) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8. Service, Mountsorrel St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting), St. Peter's Church Hall, 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to R. Wilmore, 37, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, Leics. Nominations for general officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be given by this meeting. General committee meeting, Wednesday, February 8th, in St. John-the-Divine's Vestry, Albion Street, Leicester, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Stow, Saturday, February 11th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Te. 2623. 7626

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th, to Mr. B. B. Tyrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding. 7561

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follow.—R. E. Coles. 7585



**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden (not Harrow). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 until 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7608

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 8th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. NOR 21 W.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7564

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—A.G.M., Reading, Saturday, February 11th. Bells: Caversham (8) 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, followed by tea and meeting. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. Names for tea by February 8th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7615

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6). Saturday, February 11th. Names for tea by February 7th, to Mr. J. P. Wright, 'Eastfields,' North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman, SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, on Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart. Names to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7632

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by February 7th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook,' Warsash, Southampton. 7566

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Winkton St. Paul, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Bennett, 35, Gbode View, Winkton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Ewall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church Room, Reading, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 11th. All notices of motion, applications for grants, etc., should reach the Honorary General Secretary before Friday, February 3rd, if they are to be included in the Agenda.—M. R. Cross. 7590

## BELLS OF ABERDEENSHIRE

Part II of 'The Church and other Bells of Aberdeenshire' by the late F. C. Eeles and Ronald W. H. Clouston, offers no inducement to the young ringer seeking new rings of bells, but is a faithful record of many bells, some centuries old, resting in bird-cage belfries.

Of the old bells mentioned there are a number by the Dutch founder, Michael Burgerhuys, but what is regarded as one of the finest bells of the county is that at St. Triduana, Kinnellar, cast by Peeter Vangen, Ghein.

A bell of tragedy is that to be found at Premnay, which was a deathbed bequest of George Isaac Carpenter, who with his five children died of diphtheria in September, 1878.

An unusual history has the bell at Tough, purchased by the parishioners in 1734, on the understanding that 'they were to have the use of it (without paying anything to the officer) for themselves and their posterity at their several funerals, ay and so long as the bell should last.' The parishioners came to arrangement with John Mowat, bell founder of Old Aberdeen, for him to supply one of the old music bells of King's College—Wilson's bell 'and the bad money in the box' being taken in part payment (Sessions Record). This bell is regarded as the last survivor of the 12 bells cast by order of Bishop Elphinstone for the great steeple of King's College, Old Aberdeen.

## OBITUARY—Cont.

### LOSS TO GREAT MARLOW

The two oldest members of the Great Marlow belfry, Messrs. H. Buckingham and W. E. Yates, died within a few hours of each other on January 21st.

Mr. H. Buckingham, who was 91, was an active member until he could no longer climb the belfry steps four or five years ago. His peal ringing was little, although he rang in one a few weeks before his 80th birthday. He was most regular at service and practice ringing.

Mr. W. E. Yates was 88 years old when he died and one of the old school, having rung and conducted peals with such noted men as J. W. Washbrook, W. H. Fussell, A. H. Cocks, W. H. Theobald, J. S. Hawkins and many others. He had not been an active member since just after the return of ringing in 1946, only ringing on one or two occasions. Maybe he had his own reason for this, but it is thought he did not like the introduction of ladies to the belfry. Nevertheless, he was a Christian man, and served his Church faithfully for many years.

May they both rest in peace.

Both men were laid to rest on January 26th and in the evening the bells of All Saints' Church, Marlow, were rung half-muffled and a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung in memoriam by the following members of the tower: Ann Cook 1, John Young 2, Paul R. Dean 3, Brian D. Price 4, Eric G. Silvey 5, L. Joseph Young 6, Richard E. Dean (cond.) 7, Arthur Boarder 8.

### MR. THOMAS WILSON

The death occurred on January 20th, at his home, at 118, Langham Road, Blackburn, of Mr. Thomas Wilson, in his 68th year. He joined the Lincs Association in 1911 and was for many years the ringing secretary.

On the death of his father during the second war years he took over the captaincy of the Blackburn Cathedral tower, a position he held up to his illness about two years ago. He was a prominent Freemason and a highly respected citizen, being for many years a sidesman at the Cathedral. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral previous to interment at St. Leonard's, Samesbury, the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay, officiating. On the eve of the funeral the ringers of the Cathedral rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, F. Longworth 3, J. Skeats 4, G. Wignall 5, F. Heyes 6, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Atkinson 8.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

On January 7th the Guild held its annual meeting at Mirfield. The ten bells ran fairly well, but the tuning of the smaller bells left much to be desired. There was a really good attendance, people coming from a wide area, and ringing was of rounds and call changes. To Surprise. An enjoyable tea and lively business meeting were had after a short service, conducted by the Vicar.

The committee elected for the year are as follows: J. Pearson, chairman; F. Linfoot, Ringing Master; D. Smith, secretary; A. W. Bond, treasurer. Committee members, R. Senior, D. Kirby and R. Pagdin. Next meeting, All Souls', Halifax, in March, if possible.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District, at its annual meeting on January 14th, at Biggleswade, elected a new chairman—Mr. L. Bywaters in place of Mr. B. Sims, who wished to retire. Back in office are Mr. A. Smith (secretary), Mr. A. Sinfield (treasurer, Belfry Repair Fund), and Miss S. Percival (Press secretary). The general committee now consists of Messrs. G. Mayes, R. Houghton, R. Sharp and M. Lockey. It was also decided that Mr. M. Lockey should act as organist at District meetings in the absence of the local organist.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. R. B. Griffin, who conducted a short service and to those who prepared tea. Ringing included Cornwall Surprise. Visitors were present from the Bedford and Luton Districts. Next meeting, Clifton, February 18th.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Corderoy (first in method) 1, H. W. Dunsden 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, Claude Corderoy 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 600 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 720 7, E. J. Grace (cover bell) 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hoskins 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs (cond.) 3, F. J. Sampson 4, B. A. Shackleton 5. Also at St. Mark's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Pearce 1, C. J. Richards 2, P. Bridle 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5, M. Gregory (first quarter) 6.

**BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, A. Kirk (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Finlow 3, F. Forster 4, J. Kennett 5, H. Kirk 6. For morning service.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Jan. 18th, at the R.C. Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Muncey 1, P. Pigg 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, R. Dennis 4, J. Taylor 5, H. Foster 6, S. Brown 7, J. Quinney (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foster, of Histon, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Finch 1, Jillian Outhwaite (first of T.B.) 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Mary Taylor 4, J. Faircloth 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mary Powell 1, V. Roberts 2, E. Chivers 3, G. Salmon 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

**EMNETH, NORFOLK.**—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Phillips 1, Miss E. Brown 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, M. R. Reed 4, T. R. Bush 5.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Lambert (first in method) 1, F. Pattenden 2, R. T. Lambert 3, G. Wagborn 4, F. J. Lambert 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, R. E. Lambert 7, R. Dengate (first quarter) 8. For the induction of the new reactor.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. G. Paxton 1, E. W. Colley 2, C. M. Smith 3, A. Ager 4, A. J. Strathdee (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. W. Fairry 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Jan. 15th, at the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sanswin 2, Jane Thurmott 3, H. Mitchell 4, M. Thurmott (cond.) 5, D. Papworth 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrell 8.

**RINGWOULD, KENT.**—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): P. Batchelor 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, P. E. Daverell 3, N. J. Davies 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, Pauline Fennell 6.

**STANWELL, MIDD.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Harris (first quarter) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. Lane 4, D. Pickett 5, J. Pickett 6. For Evensong.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maughan 1, Marjorie Maughan 2, Margaret Machin 3, Janet Payne 4, J. Pladdys 5, R. Webster 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, T. Applegarth (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Applegarth (first quarter except for covering on tenor) 1, R. Webster 2, Margaret Machin 3, Janet Payne 4, J. Pladdys 5, J. Maughan 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, H. Neilson 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Minor (Donble Oxford and St. Clement's): J. A. G. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth (cond.) 4, R. E. Finch 5, D. Holland 6.

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DEAL, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Pauline Fennell 1. P. A. Barchelor 2. Mary S. Taylor 3. P. Newing 4. J. C. Baldwin 5. N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1. N. Watson 2. Miss D. M. Reeve 3. R. Foreman 4. A. W. Foreman 5. H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Flatman, both ringers at this tower.

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### 'THE BELLRINGER'

**T**HERE comes a time to every man, one may suppose, when shelves must be tidied, papers sorted, and ruthless sacrifice made of much matter that has accumulated. In the time of the new year the urge came to us to approach this not too pleasing task, and in the process—not so much tidying up as the removal of the dislocation from one place to another—we lighted on an interesting relic. It was a copy of 'The Bellringer,' dated March 1st, 1907. Forthwith (like Sherlock Holmes gloating over the papers of 'The Musgrave Ritual' and forgetting his spring cleaning) we stayed our task and sat among the litter, engrossed in this relic from past days.

Its pages measure eight-and-a-half inches by eleven, much the same as our journal was before it increased its dimensions; but 'The Bellringer' has 40 pages printed on good quality paper. The tinted outer cover bears a florid heading incorporating a scroll, impressions of York Minster and Norwich Cathedral, and a recumbent classical figure exhibiting the motto 'Palmarum qui meruit ferat.' The paper cost 3½d., and the joint editors were Walter Hunt and William Willson.

This number was evidently a special Birmingham one, and indeed it coincided roughly with the date of the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner. The outer page, therefore, has a photograph of St. Martin's Church, and inside we find articles on this famous centre of ringing, a memorial note on Henry Johnson illustrated by an engraving of the old gentleman, and a biographical sketch of Albert Walker with a lively portrait of that gentleman to give it spice. The paper had its own topical cartoon, and the present one shows the shade of (one presumes) Henry Johnson revisiting the Bull Ring and being offered a copy of 'The Bellringer' by a small, neat newsman who, without doubt, resembles Mr. Walter Hunt.

For the rest it will be found that 'The Bellringer' follows the traditional style of 'The Bell News.' There are peal reports, quarter peals and miscellaneous performances, accounts of meetings, church news, and three pages of lighthearted gossip and opinion by 'Jingle,' the pen name of the other editor, William Willson, noted for his facile pen, his robust wit and his power of making readable gossip out of nothing. (It may sometimes be felt that another W. W. would do us all good!) The composition

pages give figures of peals by Lindoff, Knights, Carter and Henry Wilde, and also a new method by Arthur Craven called 'Ruby Surprise,' of which the author says: 'This is not half a bad method. It is arranged out of Yorkshire and New Century. . . . It will extend to Royal and Maximus.' No peal in a method of this name appears to have been rung, but one wonders if the figures have not since appeared under some other title.

The Learner's Page is conducted by 'Sphinx,' and has the very laudable and enterprising sub-title of 'From Rounds to London Surprise,' reminiscent in its romantic prospect of the Victorian novel 'From Housemaid's Cap to Coronet.' There is no question of the earnestness of the instruction, however, and in this number the learner is presumed to have got as far as Plain Bob Doubles. Figures in heavy type are used to illustrate the effect of bobs, and emphasis is laid on the cyclical nature of the work in plain courses.

The journal seems to have begun life as a weekly, but by No. 6, Volume I, it had already been converted to a monthly. The difficulties attendant on the maintenance of a ringers' paper were already becoming discouragingly clear, and despite the promise of stout support, indicated in the correspondence columns, 'The Bellringer' did not survive to complete one year of service. Writing in 1914, Mr. Walter Hunt confessed: 'There are many intricacies in connection with details for the ringing Press which are oftentimes quite foreign to the average consumers of printer's ink. Owing to this defect in our working we failed to meet smooth waters, and reluctantly had to call "Stand".' It was an honest admission of a gallant failure.

William Willson had a nationwide reputation both as ringer and popular writer. Walter Hunt, with perhaps not so great a reputation, was a prominent figure in Midland circles, a capable ringer and a lover of music, and of a robust, genial character. He was one of the party that assisted Albert Coppock in the revival of the Society of Sherwood Youths in the mid '20's. One of our treasured memories of Mr. Hunt is of his appearance at the first annual dinner of the resuscitated Society, carrying a saxophone, into which, after dinner, he breathed the very fumes of hospitality with great gusto and infinite good nature.

Now here we sit, nearly 40 years afterwards, amid our untidy papers, looking at Walter Hunt's journal, and calling up innumerable visions of many pleasant things.

E. C. S.



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#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 5
JOSEPH MARKS .. .. 2	FREDERICK VICKERS .. .. 6
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MALCOLM HOOTON .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal in the method.

### NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
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#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK TRINDER .. .. Treble	ALEC CANTWELL .. .. 4
VERNON A. CLIFTON .. .. 2	DENNIS LESLIE .. .. 5
NORMAN LESLIE .. .. 3	*PETER TRINDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

\* First peal.

Also rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who has been a member of the Guild for 30 years.

### HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Carter's Six-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. Treble	BRIAN L. TAYLOR .. .. 5
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JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 4	ALFRED H. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

\* First peal of Major.

### OXFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising seven extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Dedworth Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*T. MICHAEL RYAN .. .. Treble	*EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. .. 5
*JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 3	*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal in six methods.

### SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*W. NORMAN GENNA .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4
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### STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 2	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 6
†ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	*J. KEITH WARD .. .. 7
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Oxford T.B. Major.

### BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PATRICIA HEATHER .. Treble	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 5
JOHN MANLEY .. .. 2	*PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. 3	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4	*FREDERICK J. SAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MANLEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.  
Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

### OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*W. DAVID WARD .. Treble	D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 5
HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 2	NORMAN R. PHILLIPS .. 6
*COLIN J. WATSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	DEREK W. STONE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

### STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	†JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS .. .. 4	†ROBERT HARTLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method away from treble. † First in the method.

### WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET BRIGHTON .. Treble	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 5
†LINDA GCTT .. .. 2	†GERALD DALE .. .. 6
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 3	KENNETH PARK .. .. 7
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4	TOM W. CROSSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' All members of the local band.

### DORCHESTER, OXON.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*ANDREW J. THOMSON .. Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. .. 2	DAVID T. DARBY .. .. 6
PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 3	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 7
ROGER ABBOTT .. .. 4	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

### BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*BRENDA HALL .. .. Treble	JAMES W. DIXON .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. .. 6
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.

\* First peal at first attempt.

### HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of St. Bartholomew, 21 of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 7½ cwt., approx.

ALAN O'SHAUGHNESSY .. Treble	NORMAN LESLIE .. .. 4
C. I. J. PEARCE .. .. 2	DENNIS LESLIE .. .. 5
MISS P. ROONEY .. .. 3	H. J. ROONEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

All the above are members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

### OXFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Erbe,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY W. BADGER .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 7
CHARLES COLES .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEALS—Cont.****GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.**

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. Treble	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
*OLIVE M. O. GILLET .. 2	WILLIAM IVINGS .. 6
†BARRY J. DAVIES .. 3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 7
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 4	W. NORMAN GENNA .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

Also rung for the engagement of the ringer of the fourth to Miss Diana French. Rung by Banbury Branch. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

**OXFORD.**

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods: (1, 3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (6) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. Treble	PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 4
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 2	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5
*ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 3	DAVID J. DARBY .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. DARBY.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung by members of the Oxford University Society.

**PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 4
GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 5
JAMES LINNELL .. 3	FREDERICK PATEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

All are members of the North Bucks Branch.

**STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.**

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS .. Treble	JOHN MANLEY .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3	T. ERIC LEE .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

**APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

HARRY WHITE .. Treble	DAVID T. DARBY .. 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
JOHN DREWITT .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
PHILIP WALKER .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

**BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. Treble	HENRY L. BISHOP .. 5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 6
ERIC O. DAVIES .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
ERNEST G. GARRARD .. 4	*PETER CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman

Rung by members of Blewbury, Hagbourne and Wallingford towers.

**BRAY, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*BARRY MAY .. Treble	†JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. 5
†LINDA J. KEW .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 6
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 3	†D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 7
DOREEN HAGUE .. 4	WALTER LEE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by D. KENVYN WALTERS.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. First as conductor.

**BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

ERIC SUTTON .. Treble	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 5
C. JOHN CASTELL .. 2	WALTER HUNT .. 6
*ROGER B. PIKE .. 3	HENRY LAWRENSEN .. 7
†SUSAN J. REED .. 4	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

\* First peal. † First of Major.

Also in memoriam Miss Stella Davis, vice-president of the Guild and foreman of this tower for many years.

**CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
WALTER AYRE .. Treble	*DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW .. 4
*JUNE N. E. CHILTON .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 3	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
*PAUL R. DEAN .. Treble	E. DENNIS POOLE .. 5
MRS. E. D. POOLE .. 2	L. JOSEPH YOUNG .. 6
*JOHN YOUNG .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. 7
ERIC G. SILVEY .. 4	*ARTHUR BOARDER .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

\* First peal.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Carter's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
CLIFFORD J. GARLICK .. Treble	JOHN H. NAPPER .. 5
WILLIAM L. GILKS .. 2	MICHAEL BISHOP .. 6
ROBERT G. T. BENNETT .. 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. 7
DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY .. 4	LEONARD F. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL BISHOP.

Members of North Berks Branch.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*BERYL J. SMITH .. Treble	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 5
WENDY HUSSEY .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 6
†JOYCE I. BARTON .. 3	PERCY NEWTON .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS .. 4	MERYL NEWTON .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples. All are members of the above tower.

**HURST, BERKSHIRE.**

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
ERNEST ALLUM .. Treble	HAROLD SMITH .. 5
JOHN FROOME .. 2	CHARLES C. EELE .. 6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 7
ROBERT J. CASTLE .. 4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

All are members of the local band, except the fifth ringer who is foreman of Wyford tower.

**NORTH ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS**

Being 212 extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.
*MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble	†ROY H. JONES .. 3
†JOHN S. WALKER .. 2	†EDWARD R. VENN .. Tenor

Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minimus. First on the bells, and longest length of Minimus ever rung.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEALS—Cont.****MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in nine methods, viz.: (1 to 4) Northrepps. (5) Dedworth Bob, (6 to 11) Kennington, (12 to 16) April Day, (17 to 19) Clifford's Pleasure, (20 to 22) Southrepps Pleasure, (23 to 27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (28 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 37) Plain Bob, (38 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

ALEC GAMMON .. .. Treble	ROY H. JONES .. .. 3
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4

JOHN S. WALKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

First peal in nine methods on the bells, and by all the band.

**THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.**

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 6
*WILLIAM J. IRVING .. .. 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 7
*MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**

*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 10 cwt.

VICTOR FOX .. .. Treble	GERALD MCILONE .. .. 5
HELEN BUTLER .. .. 2	ANDREW HOWES .. .. 6
SUSAN HOWES .. .. 3	FRANK ABSOLOM .. .. 7
MARGARET THEWLIS .. .. 4	MICHAEL WELSH .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK ABSOLOM.

First peal for all except the conductor.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

*On Wed., Feb. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 5
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS .. .. 2	*W. DAVID WARD .. .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 3	*ROBERT HARTLEY .. .. 7
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 4	*ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.' First in the method on the bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL****SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

*AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,*

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

TONY PRICE .. .. Treble	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. 7
*CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 11
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 6	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS****LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*

*AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 YELVERTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

**YELVERTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL**

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70.12.38.14 x 14.30.1478 x 1478.90  
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**BIRMINGHAM.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

*AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. YEO .. .. 2	*JOSEPH C. WALLIS .. .. 7
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. 8
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 9
LEONARD MANNERING .. .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Nathaniel K. Nye; also as a compliment to Colin A. Tester and Olive D. Couchman, who were married at this church before the peal.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 21 cwt.

PAMELA M. JERVIS .. .. Treble	PETER J. COLES .. .. 6
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7
DENNIS C. BOWEN .. .. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 8
JOYCE DODDS .. .. 4	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 9
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal on ten as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Christine V. Pullin and Dennis C. Bowen on their recent engagement.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Sat., Dec. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

**PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., Jan. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

**NOTTINGHAM.****THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

*On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's No. 1 variation.	Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.
W. Bro. DAVID VINCENT, P.M., De Sala 5657 .. ..	.. Treble
*W. Bro. R. ERIC ELSON, W.M., Edwinstowe 3998 .. ..	.. 2
W. Bro. ARTHUR D. BARKER, L.G.R., P.M., St. Clement Danes 1351 .. ..	.. 3
Bro. JACK N. BROWN, M.M., Adeste Fidelis .. ..	.. 4
Bro. ARTHUR GIBBS, M.M., Pemberton 3039 .. ..	.. 5
Bro. RICHARD C. INGRAM, M.M., Orion 4993 .. ..	.. 6
Bro. PETER J. STANFORTH, M.M., Highcross 4835 .. ..	.. 7
Bro. JOSEPH THORNLEY, M.M., Loyalist Manchester 6165 .. ..	.. Tenor

Conducted by Bro. PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to mark the occasion of Bro. Eric Elson being installed Master of his Lodge; also Bro. Colin Harrison as Master of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge 1007.



## BIRMINGHAM.

## ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

## A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	PETER A. SHARPE .. 6
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
LOUIS WILDFERS .. .. 4	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.  
In memoriam John Ashley Freeman.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*GORDON W. LAND .. .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
LESLEY J. BLADON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
IVOR GOULTER .. .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

## BIRMINGHAM.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5
*PETER E. PARRY .. .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Plain Bob and four of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR CUTHBERT .. Treble	ALDERMAN LING .. .. 4
HARRY VINCE .. .. 2	JOSEPH PREASTNER .. .. 5
ERNEST STEWARD .. .. 3	HARRY HALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PREASTNER.

First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented to six.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED

## MASONS OF ENGLAND.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Bro. JOSEPH W. HAZELHURST, Evening Star 3644 .. .. Treble	
*Bro. WILLIAM A. BOOTE, Conway 4881 .. .. 2	
Bro. CHARLES B. PEMBERTON, Temperance 2876 .. .. 3	
Bro. DOUGLAS WATSON, Moreton 5165 .. .. 4	
Bro. ALEXANDER J. MARTIN, Temperance 2876 .. .. 5	
Bro. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star 3644 .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. THOMAS ROGERS.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the christening of Christopher James Martin.

## HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID STILLMAN (13) .. Treble	RICHARD LOVELOCK .. 4
†RICHARD HUMPHRIES (15) 2	ROBERT J. PURNELL .. 5
PHILLIP GAISFORD .. .. 3	*GEOFFREY HUMPHRIES (13) Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First in three methods by all.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Bachelor, who was inducted on January 11th.

## WOODFORD, ESSEX.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. Treble	*LAURENCE PRIOR .. .. 4
*JUDITH TYLER .. .. 2	DENNIS ELLISDON .. .. 5
*JOHN E. BARRANCE .. .. 3	*DAVID RUNCHMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. BULLOCK.

\* First peal.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. Attwater. Rung by members of the Barkingside band, of which Mr. Attwater is a ringing member.

## BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*NICHOLAS NEWBY, JUN. .. Treble	DONALD LAWSON .. .. 4
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 2	†ALAN GARDNER .. .. 5
MRS. M. CROSSTHWAITE 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Minor on the bells.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

## LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUDGVAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, the 720's being (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. Treble	*†ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 4
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 2	†REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. .. 3	†ALAN CARVETH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

\* 75th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 225th peal. First of Minor on the bells.

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## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

FREDERICK DERRY .. .. Treble	WALTER WESTON .. .. 4
EDGAR A. COLE .. .. 2	J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 5
PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Ashley Freeman, Master of the Guild.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (ten callings) and five Morris' 240's, two Pitman's 240's and two Price's 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RODNEY J. MUSSON .. .. Treble	EDGAR A. COLE .. .. 4
HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 5
WALTER WESTON .. .. 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Fred J. Wright, a chorister and ringer at St. Denis' Church, laid to rest this day in the village churchyard.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

AMBROSE E. MASON .. .. Treble	ANDREW HARVEY .. .. 4
FREDERICK BOYCE .. .. 2	HORACE LUBBOCK .. .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 3	GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.

First peal as conductor.

## OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROY BRADBURY .. .. Treble	EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. .. 4
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 2	GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. .. 5
IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 3	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringers of 3 and tenor. First of Surprise as conductor.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 HERTFORDSHIRE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4
GERALD PENNEY .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

## HERTFORDSHIRE DELIGHT MINOR

36—34.6—12—123—34—1. 2nds place lead.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 36, EASTGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 1—2	CHARLES BARKER .. .. 3—4
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MALCOLM LINCOLN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: T. Page 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Mrs. R. Chapman 3, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 4, Miss S. Mitchell 5, W. H. Viggers 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, Rev. T. H. Darr, R.D., 8. Rung to mark the commencement of the Unity of Churches week, and also the appointment of a new Bishop to the Diocese of Guildford.

**ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.**—1,260 Grandshire Doubles: N. Instance (first quarter) 1, R. Hatcher 2, E. Chillingford (first 'inside') 3, F. Sandford 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Colman.

**ALREWS, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Fisher (first quarter) 1, Pamela J. Dolman 2, Margaret R. Mansell (first quarter) 3, E. Dolman (first 'inside') 4, J. Dolman (cond.) 5, G. Elton 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 6.

**ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): A. Barlow (first quarter) 1, J. Rily 2, N. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, W. Sherratt 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6.

**BABWORTH, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Anne Dearnley (first of Minor) 1, D. Pearson 2, J. Seager 3, J. Kershaw 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. Rung by Sheffield University Guild.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Jill D. Andrews 1, Alison M. Mann (first 'inside') 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Mary Heath 4, M. C. Cuthbert 5, J. H. W. Harrold 6. For the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

**BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: Miss W. Phillips 1, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth 3, J. E. Arderson 4, G. S. Deas 5, C. T. Lamb 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire and Plain Bob): Mrs. K. Exell (first on six) 1, Sally Oates (first quarter) 2, D. Padfield (first 'inside') 3, P. J. Bird 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. C. Exell 6. Conducted by 4, 5, 6.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Rosemary F. D. Thompson 1, H. Gravett 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6.

**BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Rodmell 1, H. Rodmell 2, Miss B. J. Fisher 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. E. E. C. Hollis.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: C. E. Evans 1, H. Hodgetts 2, T. Clark 3, C. Cook 4, E. Ashby 5, J. E. Rootes 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. H. Norris 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. F. W. Brinklow.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, G. Harman 8. For Matins.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 28th, at 31, Callis Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Seabrook (first 'in hand') 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, R. J. Palmer 5-6.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong (first in 2 methods) 1, J. Vickery 2, G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, R. Oliver covering. For evening service.

**DOVER, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Banks 1, G. Ruck 2, J. Eagles 3, C. George (cond.) 4, G. Gray 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. A birthday compliment to M. Godfrey.

**DOWNE, KENT.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire, April Day and Plain Bob): Mary Watson 1, D. Holland 2, A. S. Richards 3, J. Faircloth 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, M. Tong 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**ETWALL, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): F. G. Murfin 1, Noreen Wickham 2, Deborah Wilson 3, Rosamund Bull 4, M. A. Willis (first quarter) 5, J. F. Murlin (cond.) 6.

**ELSTOW, BEDFORDS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Burr 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Marion Clarke 3, R. Law 4, R. Huckle 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. Prole, churchwarden at Elstow for 42 years.

**EXETER.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: N. Mallett 1, A. T. Truman 2, H. Thompson 3, J. Carter 4, J. Glanville 5, F. Willis 6, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 7, C. E. Densham 8, G. Skinner 9, F. Wreford and R. A. Truman 10. An 87th birthday compliment to Charles G. Glass, who for 35 years was a ringer at this Cathedral Church, 13 of which he was Ringing Master, now retired. First quarter on the recently restored bells.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross (first quarter on tower bells) 1, J. Y. Parker 2, A. G. Orbell 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5.

**GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Pauline A. Bull 3, Delia E. Smith 4, C. H. Baker 5, B. Johns 6, G. L. A. Lunn 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Eric Dyson, a regular worshipper at this church, whose funeral took place earlier this day. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Pauline A. Bull 2, Mrs. E. Grey 3, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 4, Delia E. Smith 5, C. H. Baker 6, J. Underwood 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. W. Friend 1, Helen B. Nevin 2, M. D. Bishop 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, F. N. Pailing 5, R. I. Baldwin 6, K. W. Price (cond.) 7, I. G. Underwood 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Pudsey, Dorchester, Lincoln, Watford): J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. S. M. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, Miss M. V. Copping 4, G. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, J. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: J. Haas (first quarter) 1, L. Hilton 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, Miss C. Wakefield (first on ten) 4, A. Clutton 5, D. Francis 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8, G. Harrison 9, J. Simmons 10. For ringers' Sunday evening service.

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Girling (first quarter) 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, D. Harbidge 4, C. Gooding 5, H. Foster (cond.) 6. For Gift Day.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples (first part of Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. W. Otley 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, F. Ranson 6, M. Meyer 7, L. W. Batley 8. Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales, and to mark the engagement, in Texas, U.S.A., of John Hales to Mary Jane Cherry, of Omaha.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, Miss N. Jeffery 2, W. Byford 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. J. Wood 5. A compliment to Miss Beatrice Boardman, who completed 40 years as organist at Ingrave, on December 29th.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Major: K. D. Waples 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, Miss G. E. Grancy 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: Susan Bell 1, J. Marilynn A. Gibbs (first of Caters) 2, Tessa P. Kemp 3, G. Martiner 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, Catherine M. Powell 7, Rev. E. B. Woob 8, B. J. Woodruffe (comp. and cond.) 9, F. J. Oakshot 10. A farewell to Tessa P. Kemp, and to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Kemp, who are leaving Leatherhead for Hong Kong. A birthday compliment to Richard B. Kemp, and a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: L. S. Woods 1, Dr. J. Armstrong 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, Miss J. Cook 5, B. Downes 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Evensong.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: M. J. Stone 1, Mrs. R. D. Short 2, P. Cox 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. D. Short 5. Rung as a token of respect to Mrs. Mary Jones (mother-in-law of the conductor), who was interred at Long Sutton, on January 14th. Owing to illness it had not been possible to ring on the day of the funeral, as intended.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, K. J. Minchinton 2, D. M. Pipe 3, B. J. Beeson 4, G. W. Heyes 5, R. Clarke (Parramatta) 6, A. H. Fisher 7, J. F. Roper 8. First in the method for 5 and 6. For Matins.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Tandy (first of Minor) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Barbara Stephens 3, J. C. Eisel 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6.

**OSWESTRY, SALOP.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Williams (first quarter) 1, Valerie Lee 2, F. H. Dickinson 3, J. R. Thomas 4, R. W. Powell 5, C. Smith (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandshire, with 18 changes of method): C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, J. Carter 3, C. Deem 4, E. W. Rowe 5, C. C. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. S. Wood 8. First of Spliced by 3, 5, 8.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, W. Barker 2, H. Goakes 3, R. Patrick 4, J. Bird 5, F. Boyall 6, L. W. Hadman 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service, and a birthday compliment to S. Wright, a member of the local band.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, H. W. Milford (first of Major) 2, D. R. Bould 3, F. E. Day 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, A. W. Myers 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8. For Evensong, at which the Bishop of Plymouth preached.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. Mann 1, Judy Weekes 2, Elizabeth Negus 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth 5, A. Bishop 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Evensong.

**RANMORE, SURREY.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Christine Boxall (first of Major) 1, Christine M. Harbott 2, Clare Chambers 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. S. Harris 6, M. W. Harbott (first as cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For the Christmas Festival.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Ann Chettle 1, S. Hodgkins 2, A. Gibbs 3, Christine Wood 4, J. M. Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, C. A. Whitworth 8. Rung in honour of the 88th birthday of 'Pop' Stapleton, Rushden's oldest ringer, also to mark the engagement of J. M. Clarke to Christine Wood; and the engagement of Ruth Hodgkins, all ringers of this tower.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 3, G. D. Sandwell 4, P. Avey 5, M. J. Hallett 6, D. Belcham 7, W. F. Ward 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, D. Belcham 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, M. Hatch 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled to ring the old year out. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: M. J. Hallett 1, R. Goodship 2, P. Avey 3, M. Hatch 4, E. J. Blower 5, H. Worboys 6, G. D. Sandwell (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For morning service.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss S. Chaddock 1, S. Ormeson 2, R. Woodward 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Mrs. M. Burns 5, G. Lee 6, A. Holroyd 7, P. Walker 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. Longest of Royal by 2 and 7. For Evensong.

**ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. M. Matthews 1, C. J. Taylor 2, A. Carveth 3, A. F. Burley 4, H. Harper 5, D. Burnett 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. J. King 8.

**SANDON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Erith (first quarter) 1, A. Edwards 2, J. P. Brandon 3, B. G. Brinkley 4, A. S. Hudson (first as cond.) 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—On Jan. 29th, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, on the back six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Dearnley 1, D. Pearson 2, J. Clarke 3, J. Kershaw 4, T. Hargreaves (first 'inside') 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. Rung by Sheffield University Guild for evening service.

**SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss D. Trimm (first quarter) 1, L. L. Willis (cond.) 2, Miss R. Morgan 3, E. H. Hill 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, A. Ensor 6.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. Boyack 1, Elizabeth Stevenson (first in method) 2, B. Downes 3, A. F. Lewry 4, J. H. Crampson 5, L. J. Fox 6, C. Willmington 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. To celebrate the silver wedding of churchwarden G. F. Sheldrick and Mrs. Sheldrick.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—On Jan. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandshire): Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (aunt) 1, Mrs. A. J. Smith (mother) 2, A. H. Smith (grandfather) 3, N. E. Sprackling (uncle) 4, M. T. Sprackling (uncle, cond.) 5, A. E. Leach 6. For the christening of Rachel Ann Smith.

**WESTWOOD, WILTS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,248 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, R. Humphries 2, P. Gaisford 3, R. Purnell 4. First quarter of Minimus on the bells and by all the band. Rung to commemorate the dedication of a screen, in memory of Mrs. Olive Taylor, wife of the Vicar.



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Southwell Minster, according to 'The Leicester Mercury,' is to have a ring of 12, with a tenor weighing about 25 cwt., the work being entrusted to John Taylor and Co. The old bird cage in the Minster is being removed and a new ringing chamber installed.

A 15-bell chime has just been completed by John Taylor and Co., for Port of Prince Cathedral, Haiti.

In response to pressure from many friends in all Districts Mr. C. W. Denyer has consented to be renominated as Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A photograph of John Blaikie ringing at Dunholme belfry and an interview with him appear in 'E.M. Gas,' the magazine of the East Midland Gas Board. John is an internal auditor for the Board at Lincoln.

It is hoped that in March the London Training Colleges Guild will become a constituent part of the University of London Institute of Education Students' Association, thus widening its scope. This Guild has no connection with the University of London Society.

Owing to the clapper of the tenor being away at Loughborough, only nine bells were available at Newark for the annual District meeting on January 21st. Methods up to Yorkshire Surprise were rung on the front eight and a course of Double Norwich Caters concluded the proceedings.

Former well known Guildford ringer, Mr. Charles Wilshire, aged 95, is living at Mansouville, Quebec, with his daughter, Mrs. Allam. His health is not good. Mr. Wilshire is the oldest past member of the Central Council and served from 1903-1913, representing the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

'Dee Vee,' who was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths at 'The Coffee Pot,' London, in February, 1924, has at last rung a peal for the Ancients—Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 14th. He last rang a peal in this tower in 1928. As usual his dogs listened in from his car close by.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Bro. Richard Eric Elson was installed as Worshipful Master of the Edwinstowe Lodge, N.3998, at Nottingham on January 13th. On the following day a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in honour of his installation and also for Bro. Colin Harrison as Master of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, 1007. Unfortunately Colin Harrison was indisposed and could not stand in the Masonic peal, his place being taken by W.Bro. David Vincent, of High Legh, near Knutford.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells are being mounted on new bearings. They will be silent for about one month.

After the Shropshire annual meeting a pair of brown leather gloves was left in St. Mary's tower, Shrewsbury.—Write: Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 16, Hawthorn Road, Shrewsbury.

Cracks in the tower of Pulham St. Mary's Church, Norfolk, has necessitated a suspension of ringing activities. An initial appeal for £1,500 has been launched by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. J. Huggins.

Last week we recorded the first peal on the bells of Emneth, Norfolk, which were hung by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, nearly 200 years ago, and except for additions to the frame and new bearings they still hang in the same frame.

Last week the Epilogue on Anglia I.T.V. was given by the Rev. William Ives, of Brooke, Norfolk, who is an honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The bells were heard in rounds rung by the locals and Mr. H. W. Barrett. Up to two years ago this tower had been silent for many years, but there is now a service company, although not yet change ringers.

On January 21st, Mr. James H. Musson conducted two in memoriam peals. One was at Norton Disney to the memory of Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Guild, and the other in the evening at his own tower at Silk Willoughby in memory of an old ringer and chorister of this church, who was buried that day. Both peals took 2 hours and 37 minutes.

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## PEAL RINGING FOR OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S 80th BIRTHDAY

So far 32 peals have been recorded as having been rung for the 80th birthday of the Oxford Diocesan Guild during the week of the actual anniversary of the foundation of the Guild—January 17th, 1881. These have ranged from Grandsire Caters, at Appleton, to one of Minimus, at North Aston, which was the first peal on the bells. There were three peals of Surprise Major.

The two Universities in the Guild's area both paid their tribute with peals—Oxford University one of Minor in four methods at St. Cross, Oxford, and Reading University Grandsire Triples at Boyne Hill. Most distant tribute came from Wakefield, Yorks, a peal conducted by a former Master of Oxford University Guild—Mr. W. F. Moreton.

The band that rang a quarter peal at Stony Stratford, Bucks, for Oxford Guild's 80th birthday was composed of pensioners. The total ages of the six were 427 years with an average age of 71. The membership of the Guild totalled 224 years, an average of 35 years.

Miss Brenda Hall (16), who rang her first peal at Burford, is believed to be the first lady member of Burford Church ringers to ring a peal. According to the conductor, she rang like a veteran.

In the Newbury Branch area of five attempts only two were successful.

Outstanding was the peal at Warborough which was the first peal for all the band except the conductor, Mr. Frank Absalom. The method was Plain Bob Triples.

The peal at Great Marlow was by the Sunday service band and it is interesting to note that the last all local peal in this tower was in 1898.

The peal at Great Tew was the first of Major by a resident band in the Banbury and District Branch.

The band who rang in the peal at Chenies wish to associate it with the life and devotion of the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood, honorary assistant bishop of St. Albans, a great friend of the ringers, who was interred the previous day.

Four of the band who rang in the peal at Northmoor were members of the local band.

The compositions rung in the peals at Stoke Poges for the peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by Henry Johnson is on the In and Fifth plan, page 88. Treble Bob part II, and has the sixth in fifths for four courses, and in sixths for the other 13 course ends.

The conductor, Mr. Arthur D. Barker, was inspired by the late Acland J. Perkins, of Beddington, over 50 years ago, to be the first to call this composition from a non-observation bell. In the absence of any other information, this is now claimed for both methods.

Woburn's anniversary ringing coincided with an 80th birthday compliment and his 50 years' service as doctor in the parish of Dr. Selborne Bailey, who a few years ago had the bells rehung at his own expense. Three quarters were rung.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Cary Branch

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Ditcheat, on January 28th. Some 65 members attended the business meeting, including the general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, the treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, and several associate members.

The Branch officers were all re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Sanger; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. P. Sparks; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

The secretary's report gave the membership of the Branch as 184, and the balance sheet showed a balance of £36 to be handed to the Diocesan treasurer.

Ten new members from Bruton and one from Horsington were elected, and certificates were presented by the chairman to members from Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditcheat and Evercech.

Meetings for the ensuing year were provisionally fixed for Marston Magna, Kingweston, Batcombe, and the annual at Evercech in January, 1962.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 6



MR. FRANK L. HARRIS,  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Some ringers are born, others are made, and when someone is born into a family where their father is respected as a good and meticulous striker, then that person has a distinct advantage. Such a person is Frank L. Harris, of Hordle, Hants, who was taught to ring in 1936 by his father, Leonard Harris, at Britford, near Salisbury, Wilts, his birthplace.

Leonard Harris was not one who rang a great many methods, but what he did ring he took care to see that the striking was as good as possible. This maxim he installed in his son, with the result that Frank, too, is always careful to insist on a high standard of striking, and will not tolerate anything else. He often tells a story of one occasion when his father started for a peal with the well known William W. Gifford, and the band rang rounds for ten minutes before he was satisfied that the correct beat had been attained!

Frank was born in 1921 and educated at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury. After a fairly long spell of call changes at Britford, he learnt to ring Grandsire and Stedman at St. Martin's, Salisbury. He rang his first peal in this tower in 1937, Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. W. Romaine, and it was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal in that city.

His total peals to December 31st, 1960, is 270, of which he has conducted 140, and they

have been rung in 140 different towers. There is no doubt that the very high standard of peal ringing in West Hampshire and South Wiltshire is largely due to his efficient leadership. Although he has conducted Spliced Surprise Major from 2-8 methods, he has a particular liking for odd-bell methods, and he has called Holt's Original, Carter's Odd Bob, Erin Triples, Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples, and Original Triples, and has also called Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Other peals of which he is justly proud are calling Grandsire Triples and Caters at Exeter Cathedral, and ringing Major on the back eight. He has also rung five peals at Sherborne Abbey, of which he has conducted three.

By profession he is a civil engineer, and has worked for the municipal boroughs of Salisbury and Chelmsford, and now holds the position of deputy borough engineer at Lymington, Hants. During the war he served with the R.A.F. He has been secretary and Ringing Master of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for several years in the past.

He married in 1950, and he met his wife, Jean, through being asked to call her first peal at her home tower of Damerham, Hants. Jean is a first class striker, and has taken part in many of Frank's best performances, including Grandsire Triples and Caters at Exeter. They now have two children.

Still a comparatively young man, he has the opportunity, ability and interest to go on to even greater things, and those who know him will agree that the high quality of his peal-ringing band in the West will always be maintained. Good luck to his future efforts.

APACE.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on January 21st. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and continued until approximately 4.45 p.m., when tea was partaken in the hall, there being 37 ringers present, of whom 12 were visitors.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master, the secretary, the treasurer and the auditor were re-elected to office en bloc, there being no other nominations. Following a ballot, Miss F. Hankey and Messrs. W. Dunn and A. G. Clark were elected as general committee members.

The ringers then attended Evensong with the Rector officiating. A robed choir was in attendance. This was followed by further ringing, until 9 p.m. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

## GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Through representations made from Mr. F. G. Edmans, of Bletchley, the Girl Guides' Ringer's Badge has been altered. In the Bletchley band there are six learners, all with hopes of getting their ringer's badge.

The new rules for the badge are:—

- (1) Ring rounds correctly.
- (2) Raise and lower a bell, preferably in peal.
- (3) Ring one standard method on an 'inside' bell.
- (4) Explain the technical terms used in ringing in her own tower.
- (5) Describe the parts of a bell and how it is rung.
- (6) Show that she understands the importance of rope maintenance.



## OBITUARY

### MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

We regret to announce the death, suddenly on January 30th, of Mr. Adolphus Roberts, of Stoke, Coventry, aged 90. The funeral service was at Stoke St. Michael's, on February 2nd. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

### MR. FRANK SINKINS

Probably the oldest bellringer in the country. Mr. Frank Sinkins died at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, S.W.17, on January 31st. He celebrated his 96th birthday the previous day. He did a great service to ringing in the Slough area.

### MR. J. H. FOREMAN

A keen bellringer and secretary of St. James' Society of Change Ringers, Thorley, near Bishop's Stortford. Mr. James Henry Foreman, died suddenly in the early hours of January 23rd. He was 56 years old, and took part in the ringing for morning service and in the choir on the day before his death.

He learnt to ring at Framlingham, where he was born. A singer of considerable ability, he was also a member of the Thorley Dramatic Society and took an interest in the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, being a member of the Waytemore Lodge, Bishop's Stortford.

The funeral was at Thorley on January 28th, when ringers were present from Thorley, Stansied and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, by H. M. White 1, T. Camp 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, E. Milkar 4, F. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6.

### MR. FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW AN APPRECIATION

When I received the news of the death of Mr. Fred Brinklow on January 19th, it was a very great shock, as I had met Fred only a few days previously and he looked so fit and well, and full of his nonsense, all to do with ringing; it was indeed a shock.

Fred was 75. We went to the same school as youngsters, sang in the church choir as juniors and later as seniors, and when our voices broke found our way up the belfry stairs to begin another kind of schooling. Whereas our learning at school was in our day helped along with the cane, in the belfry it was oral tuition, which was at times worse than the cane, and now to think this long and happy association has ended so suddenly is difficult to realise.

Of the many tower bell peals Fred rang (about 500) were included Surprise methods. A to Z, but it was as a handbell ringer that Fred excelled. Outstanding was a peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, in which he rang the tenors.

Whether ringing the tenors to Triples, Major, Caters or Cinques, he always reminded me of a high-stepping horse, so clean and precise, but not 'showy.' Ringers should hear the record of Five Spliced Surprise, and tune their ears to 7-8, then they will understand what I mean.

By profession Fred was an electrician, self-employed and was well known all over the district. His work was like his ringing, absolutely first class and his bright and cheery manner endeared him to everybody he came in contact with.

To his wife, so courageous in her trouble, deep sympathy is felt.

A. H.

### MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN AN APPRECIATION

My first visit to Lincoln Cathedral was at a time when John A. Freeman's band was enjoying the summit of its peal ringing fame. Our own rather motley visiting party received the warm welcome that is customary in Lincoln, but first the local band asked for

(Continued in column 3)

## CHICHESTER'S BELLS EN ROUTE FOR FOUNDRY



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL bells, one of the oldest rings in the country, lined up on the lawn preparatory to their removal to Loughborough, for a major overhaul. The work will cost nearly £2,000 and includes a new frame in place of the timbers, riddled with deathwatch beetle.

The bells range in date from 1583 to 1729. Their inscriptions are:—

Treble and 2, R. Phelps, 1729.

3, I. W., 1583.

4, G. Eldridge, 1674.

5, 1665. 6, W. P., 1665.

7, I. W., 1587.

Tenor, Richard Phelps, 1706.

Weight of tenor, 1 ton 1 cwt. 1 qr.

The initials W. P. on the 6th are those of William Purdue, who subsequently emigrated to Ireland. His initials appear on some of the bells in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. He died in 1673 and there was at one time a tomb in that Cathedral bearing the following inscription:

Here a bell-founder, honest and true,

Until the resurrection lies perdue.

William Purdue, obiit 111

X bris Ao Dini MDCLXXIII.

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### MARSTON (OXON) RINGERS' DINNER

This year the ringers of this famous five-bell tower decided to hold a dinner on January 14th. A few guests were invited from neighbouring towers, as well as the Rev. H. C. Benson, from Beckley.

A peal was attempted during the afternoon in honour of the occasion, but was unfortunately lost. However, the afternoon's disappointment was soon forgotten when the evening's events began. The Vicar (the Rev. Paul Rimmer) said Grace and the excellent meal began.

A social evening followed, in which everyone danced or took part in games. Various songs had been written beforehand and were well and truly sung. The evening was a great success and it is hoped to hold another dinner next year.

E. R. V.

### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting of the Society was held at Wakefield Cathedral, where the lovely-toned twelve bells were put to good use, and methods from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise were rung.

Owing to the inclement weather—snow had fallen heavily during the day—the members present only numbered about 20, but they enjoyed the ringing. At the business meeting Mr. Irvin Slack thanked the Provost and churchwardens for their permission for the Society to hold their meeting at the Cathedral. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton replied on behalf of the local company and said that he would pass on the Society's thanks to the Provost and churchwardens.

a few minutes to ring a half-muffled touch in memory of one of their members who had died that morning. It was the finest Stedman Cinques I had ever heard, conducted by one who was among the very few masters of this lovely art in all its ways.

Now, he too is gone. There cannot have been many servants of bellringing so completely equipped and yet so modest. On the following Sunday evening, we went to the little six-bell tower of St. Peter-at-Gowts to find the Master of the Cathedral company taking part as a regular member of the band, in what was his own parish church and where he also sang in the choir. These things one does not soon forget.

During the years that followed, there were few ringers I more enjoyed meeting. Often in obituary notices, published in this journal, it is implied that so-and-so was not a great peal ringer, and all the more loyal church servant for that. Men like John A. Freeman expose this implied inconsistency of the one with the other as the false assumption that it is.

Of those who could rightly be called 'Gentlemen of the Exercise,' he was perhaps the most accomplished. Among his equals, as a conductor, in all branches of ringing skill, there can be few who have enjoyed dislocation with so little affectation. The company of ringers will seem older and greyer for his passing.

R. B. M.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE HOADS OF REIGATE

Dear Sir,—I, too, was one of the imported band by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones and rang several peals with George Hoad. I was staying at the same address. I reached Bangor in 1903. W. H. Barber had been and had gone over to Dublin, then to Edinburgh and afterwards to Newcastle. Among others were the brothers Pegler, J. H. Midwinter, John Grundy, W. H. Dyer and George Forster. Mr. Philip W. Davis was an old member of the band but left for the Birmingham district. When I first met him, Morris J. Morris was the leading local ringer and was largely instrumental in forming the N.W. Association of C.R. along with W. T. Pegler, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones and others in 1903.

We used to have a number of visiting clergymen ringers who rang in peals with us, the Revs. H. J. Elsee, A. H. F. Boughey, C. Carew Cox, C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), also Mr. E. H. Lewis, Alderman J. S. Pritchard, and many others.

I was with the band ringing Sedman Caters on the old ten bells at St. Patrick's, Dublin. We were ringing faultlessly, but slowly, and eventually Gabriel Lindoff, who was conducting, said, 'We can ring the peal but if we do you'll miss your boat.' It was decided to bring the bells into rounds which was done and we adjourned for refreshments and caught the boat back to Holyhead. George Hoad was ringing the tenor. Mrs. Hoad was staying at the Cranes before they were married. George was a quiet gentlemanly person and a superior craftsman. The Railway Company did not want to lose him and he would have had early promotion if he had stayed on. I was a great friend of George's.

Before the First World War there was a good band who rang up to Cambridge for service, but we did not succeed in ringing a peal of it. Visiting bands are always welcomed at St. David's. W. T. Pegler was the first Master of the North Wales Association. Mr. Oliver Pegler is trying to teach a band change ringing. He is now getting a little help and support from members of the U.V. of N.W. Ringing Society, which is very welcome. Glanadda was formed into a parish in the year 1907 and the writer and his wife were the first couple to be married in the church on December 20th, 1907.—Yours, etc.,

A. J. HUGHES.

Bangor, Cairns.

## LITTLE COMPTON, WARWICKS

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Field's and Mr. Short's letters in 'The Ringing World' (January 27th) referring to the bells of St. Denys', Little Compton. I should like to point out that these bells were rung on St. George's Day (April 23rd, 1960), during a St. Nicholas' Old Marston, ringers' outing to Stow and Moreton-in-the-Marsh area. The ropes were not in a good condition but thirty minutes' ringing took place.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

Old Marston, Oxford.

## 'BELLS OF BRISTOL'

Dear Sir,—A friend of mine tells me somewhere in a tape magazine he has read of a documentary tape recording entitled 'Bells of Bristol.'

Presumably some ringer or band of ringers in the Bristol area will know of this. Several of us in the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild would like to hear it. Could it be hired or borrowed? Please mention running speed.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. DENBY.

Mansfield, Notts.

## METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir.—Of that word *variation*, it may be said—any fool knows what that means! I am not so certain that some do, and I hope the dictionary definition sent to you for publication will help these to clarify the position on the topic; as well as other simple illustrations if I may give them? (1) Most people know that one of the jobs of a surveyor is to take levels—incidentally, my job!

Now if I move the staff a *fraction* off the bench-mark, it means I have created a *variation* of its value, and the person at the other end with the instruments has got a *different* reading—and the same applies to changes on bells, whether I move the changes by way of a bob or single, or by altering the plain course! *Therefore*, to argue that the latter is not creating a variation, but that the former is—is just sheer nonsense, and is just not true. It is an attempt by certain ringing personnel to set up a dictionary of their own as a way of 'getting round' things to cover their 'case'—if they have one; at least Mr. Wratten seems pretty quiet!

No. 2. Illustration to prove the points raised is mixing colours. If I add a dash of red to white. I have created a *variation*, and a *different* colour—I have no longer got white or red, but pink: similarly if I add a 'dash' of Grandsire to Plain Bob I have created something *different* by variation, and I've got April Day. Reverse it, and add a 'dash' of Plain Bob to all the work of a Grandsire single joined together (yes, even though it may be argued that that gives a Plain course) and I've produced Reverse St. Bartholomew, and therefore something *different* by varying again.

A dash of black added to white will give me grey—just as a 'dash' of Plain Bob added to Reverse Canterbury will give me Southrepps Pleasure, or vice versa will give me Kennington. Who would think of going into a hardware shop and ask for 'a tin of white-pink variation,' or 'a tin of black-grey variation'? Any shopkeeper would think 'such a customer had gone off his topper'—that is equivalent to Mr. Wratten's argument!

Now, we recognise these by other names—pink, grey, green, purple, and so on, because we have by varying (or mixing) created something *different*, and that equally applies to April Day, Northrepps Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Old, and so on: yes, and even to those with a plain course 'of their own,' such as St. Nicholas' (or Barton) which is only made up of a 'dash' of Reverse Canterbury in the middle of St. Simon's—that is why we don't describe it as 'Canterbury St. Simon's,' as did one man in a peal some years ago; we entitle it to a name of its own, because, by varying, we have made it something *different*, and that also applies to higher numbers which are, in numerous cases, bits of one method and bits of another, like some colours!

Arguing about Plain courses is like arguing about basic colours—it does not alter the fact that if you take a bit of one and mix with another, you've created something *different* by the act of *varying*, and your correspondent, 'Farmer' has quoted several good examples—Thelwall versus Double Oxford, and Childwall versus St. Clement's, to mention two.

To be logical, if April Day should be named 'Plain Bob April Day variation,' then Thelwall should be named 'Double Oxford Thelwall variation'; and Biddenden 'Yorkshire Biddenden variation,' and so on, and all this bunkum about Plain courses and 'methods' being in their own right 'has got nothing to do with the true meaning of the word variation. Every method is within its own right

if these are as repeats in an extent—that is the acid test, not all this other twaddle!

Many of these methods have stood the test longer than some of the Central Council's Decisions (Bob Triples, Woodbine Treble Bob, Grandsire Major and Minor for example—recognised, not recognised, recognised). And they are older than Mr. Wratten, Mr. Griffin or Mr. Brooks.

As for Mr. Griffin's remark about 'fog of battle': there is no 'fog of battle'—only to one-track minds, and only they look upon this topic as being 'futile,' or 'getting a little involved.' Only by disabusing their minds of bias, can they, as it were, 'see through the theodolite clearly!'

Mr. Brooks should have addressed his remarks—but to continue arguing whether they are separate methods or not seems futile—to Mr. Wratten. He it was who revived this argument by that bold and uncalled for statement to Mr. Cattermole: 'Please, variations not methods!' When challenged that they must be one of two things—either call changes or methods, there being no third form of change ringing, he hasn't the decency to answer one way or the other—and the same goes for the other questions which, I suppose, have got him 'foxed!'

Likewise, I wonder whether Mr. Wratten can tell me the names to these methods given below.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

No. 1	No. 2
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3	2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3	4 2 5 1 3
2 4 5 3 1	2 4 5 3 1
4 2 3 5 1	4 2 3 5 1
2 4 3 1 5	2 4 3 1 5
4 1 2 3 5	4 1 2 3 5
4 1 2 5 3	4 1 2 5 3
1 4 5 2 3	1 4 5 2 3

## FOR OUR JUBILEE ISSUE

Will those who have been readers of 'The Ringing World' since No. 1, on March 24th, 1911, please send brief personal details to the Editor.

## QUADRING AND SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the Records Committee of the Central Council, I wish to point out that the method rung at Epworth on January 7th, 1961, as Quadrang, has been rung before. It is Wellington Surprise, and was first rung at Aldershot, September 28th, 1957, conducted by A. R. Pink. The report of this peal appears in the 'R.W.' of October 11th, 1957, page 651, and the figures of the method are on the same page. Although it is not specially stated that Wellington is the 2nds place variation, this is in fact the case, and doubt on this point will be removed by reference to the composition of Wellington appearing in the 'R.W.' of October 25th, 1957, page 696.

My reference to Sawley Surprise Major, rung at Sawley on October 8th, 1960, is this: We have had several corrections to the fullness of this method but none to the place notation which was wrongly printed. Perhaps we could be informed of the correct notation.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

Mr. Cyril A. Wratten also calls attention to this duplication.—Ed.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS LETTER

**GRAHAMSTOWN, 1960.**—The Cathedral of SS. Michael and George stands on an island in the centre of this small city, which lies in a shallow saucer, encompassed by hills. The 180 ft. spire is a landmark from all sides, and beneath it is the oldest and heaviest ring of bells in the country. John Warner shipped an octave, tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat, on the sailing ship Seagull in 1878; the cost, £1,400, including carriage, was raised partly by friends in London. Less than 60 years had gone by since the first white man had settled the Eastern cape (1820 British settlers) and less than 40 years since the town was founded amidst the bloodshed of the recurring native wars.

Today it is a quiet academic place, often called the 'City of Saints' from the numerous schools, colleges and churches: Rhodes University faces the Cathedral, and close by is St. Paul's, the only Anglican theological college in the Union. Now it is true that Durban has the best bells, Cape Town the most ringers, and Grahamstown could provide the finest learner material; the only snag is the 500 miles that separate them.

Early in November, I motored up through the Knysna Forest, Outeniqua Mountains, and Port Elizabeth, whose collegiate church of St. Mary looks exactly right for a light eight, but there is only one bucket in that lovely tower; onwards through miles of pineapple fields until, breaching the last hill, there lay Grahamstown. Architecturally it is unlike any other S. African town, for although the settlers were English the appearance as a whole is Scottish. Stone faced buildings which line the main street were not allowed to rise more than two stories: this contributes greatly to the soaring magnificence of the tall spire.

The great west door into the Cathedral is under the tower, to the right is a cupboard housing the chiming ropes, and on the left a small door gives access to a spiral stone staircase of 63 steps up to the ringing chamber. On entering, through a corner doorway, the first impression is of light. The room is 15 ft. square and 21 ft. high; three of the four walls are pierced by six windows from floor to ceiling, however, not a single pane opens, nor are there air vents, or louvres! From the centre of the room a very stout ladder rises steeply up to the bells immediately above. There is no intermediate floor, and the rope circle is almost two straight lines, although the third is behind and 20 inches away from the treble. There are no rope guides. Two gas brackets (fish tail burners) once gave light, and the cream washed walls are liberally covered with signatures, some going back to 1894.

### THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET

One of the best attended District meetings in the area for a long time was that held at Stockton-on-Tees Parish Church on January 28th, by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Over 50 ringers were present, some from York and Scarborough, and others from Durham.

There was an encouraging attendance of beginners, who were catered for in the ringing, and methods included Stedman Triples and Caters. Grandshire Triples and Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and a course of Superlative. A feature of the meeting was the ringing of all ten bells by a team of ladies.

Canon C. N. Wardle-Harpur, the Vicar, conducted the service, and in welcoming the ringers commended the enthusiasm which had brought some of them such a long way on a particularly nasty day.

The vice-president of the Southern District, Mr. F. Cooke, presided at tea, and the Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. T. Cooke. The ladies were thanked by Mr. E. Pannell for providing tea.

The next meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Southern District was fixed for April 22nd at Heighington, and the Yorkshire Association members were reminded of the Easter Monday meeting at Bedale.

Seven of the bells are on one level, the exception being the third in her cage above the fourth, and all of them except the sixth swing north-south. Small wonder that Canon Ridout, who rang handbells here in 1914, found the frame loose: yet I doubt if the eight have ever been rung together. The frame has an interesting history, for it was once the bridge over the Fish river at Fort Brown. After the floods of 1874, these timbers were recovered from the sea shore 50 miles away, and hauled back by oxen to become the tower scaffold and bell frame. On the floor above is the clock which chimes on the 4th, 6th and tenor. All the walls of the belfry have two large arches, each 3 ft. by 17 ft. high, with slate louvres beginning at the bottom of the bell frame, the weakest part of the structure.

The floor under the bells is lined throughout in sheet lead, perhaps to keep out the rain, but certainly it has not kept wood worm out of the floor, frame, sliders, stays, and oak headstocks; only the wheels seem immune. One novelty is the garner hole, a plain one inch hole through the sole of the wheel, no chamfered entry at all. Clappers hang from their staples by leather baldricks.

The future prospect for this old eight is not a rosy one, short of rehanging lower down the tower. Before leaving Grahamstown I was invited to speak at St. Paul's College, and later to the Cathedral Guild. This resulted in 15 recruits in the belfry next evening, and two of them have been attending practice at Cape Town during their vacation.

To be able to ring without a fault after 13 years' absence from a belfry is no mean achievement, and John Botham and his wife, Frances (née Humphrey), were able to do just that. They came to Woodstock from Johannesburg for a fortnight's holiday in December, and it was their first tower since St. Mary's, Willesden, and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, respectively. On their second visit we had some of the best striking heard here for many a year, and were happy to score a quarter peal on the evening of their departure. We are now trying to entice them to move down to the Cape, where they have purchased a seaside building plot for the future.

**News from Southern Rhodesia.**—The tower of St. Mark's, Que Que, has been completed and the frame can take six bells. Four of them are memorial gifts and have already been ordered from the Whitechapel foundry; tenor is to be 5½ cwt. in C sharp.

For those ringers who delight in making and breaking records the writer has now rung in all towers in this 'Continent' and believes he may be the first to do this to a continent. V. S.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held at St. Albans on January 21st. During the afternoon at St. Stephen's, methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Norwich Surprise with the addition of rounds for beginners were rung.

Approximately 40 St. Albans District members were present at tea, although only fifty per cent of the District's towers were represented. The secretary's report commented on the lack of support at meetings and practices. The treasurer's report was favourable.

Election of officers for 1961 was as follows: Honorary secretary, Mrs. Amy Coburn; District Ringing Master, G. Penney; General Committee members, G. Dodds and F. Jacklin.

Mr. H. V. Frost, the chairman, asked for silence for the late Bishop C. T. T. Wood, assistant to the Bishop of St. Albans, and for the late Mr. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey.

The new District Ringing Master then thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the organisers for the tea.

Further ringing at the Cathedral, ranging from rounds to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major on the back eight, concluded a successful meeting. C. M. R.

### SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION Doubled Membership

**A**FTER ringing in the afternoon at Atcham, Montford and St. Chad's, the service for the annual meeting of the Shropshire Association on January 28th was held in St. Chad's, at which the Right Rev. W. A. Parker, Bishop of Shrewsbury and president of the Association, gave the address. About 70 attended the business meeting in St. Chad's Parish Hall, 20 Shropshire towers being represented, and visitors were present from Chester, Hanley, Wastaston and Sutton Coldfield. The Rev. Mr. Shannon, of Montford, acted as chairman, as the Bishop was unable to stay.

In his report the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Poyner, said that 1960 had been a very busy year, and one of much expansion. The paid-up membership had more than doubled. Two most encouraging features were the number of members of school age and the increased interest and support of six-bell ringers, especially as most of the towers in the county are sixes. Twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year, a total only bettered in 1948 when 29 were rung. He asked members to be thinking about the year ahead; if the Association was to continue to expand, willing people would be needed to help overcome the difficulties of local apathy and shyness, and to share the responsibility of running the Association.

The treasurer, Mr. F. H. Bennett, presented the balance sheet, and said that the finances of the Association were very satisfactory.

Twenty-four new members were elected, most notable being eight from Hodnet and six from Montford. Honorary life membership was conferred on five members who have served their church and Association well for forty years. These were Messrs. E. V. Rodenhurst (Prees), A. Hickman and W. Lycett (Market Drayton), E. Drew (Claverley) and A. Prichard (former Ringing Master).

Officers re-elected were: Messrs. H. Poyner (R.M.), F. Hector Bennett (treasurer), R. Newton (D.R.M.). Mrs. M. C. Poyner was elected secretary, and Mr. R. Newton was elected as a second C.C. representative. Thanks were expressed to Messrs. J. Griffiths, of Chester, and E. Colley, of Sutton Coldfield, for their service as tellers.

On view was a design for an Association badge, and it was agreed that quotations should be obtained.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

#### West Lindsey Branch Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner of the West Lindsey Branch was held at Gainsborough on January 21st. Ringing on the bells of the Parish Church preceded Evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts) who also gave the address.

A company of some 80 members and friends sat down to dinner in the Old Hall and at the business meeting which followed the president (Canon J. E. Roberts) took the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), and Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

The first act of the meeting was to stand in silent tribute to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

In his review of the year, the secretary reported a sound financial position, with 103 paid up members out of a ringing membership of 115. The Ringing Master reported a further increase in peal ringing with 12 tower- and three handbell peals. Striking had been good and three members had rung their first peal.

Meetings for the year were agreed as follows: February 11th, Stow; May 13th, Corringham; July 15th, Oswston; September 16th, Brigg; November 18th, Upton. It was also decided that the annual outing should be to Derbyshire on June 24th.

All the officers were re-elected, Mr. G. L. A. Lunn being congratulated on having completed 21 years as secretary. Ten new members were also elected.

The social evening which followed included a demonstration of tune ringing by the Haxey Handbell Ringers. Party games and dancing, ably organised by Messrs. D. G. Crosby and H. Dove, were enjoyed until a late hour.



# OXFORD GUILD QUARTER PEALS

## Rung for the Guild's 80th Birthday

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. P. J. Dixon (aged 13, first of Minor) 1, Miss M. A. Carter 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. A. Constant 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. Helen, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. R. Cross 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon (first of Triples) 3, W. A. Smith (cond.) 4, Miss M. A. Carter 5, J. W. Berry 6, J. A. Constant 7, G. F. Jones 8. First in method by all the band.

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Davis 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. H. Webb 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. W. Coleman 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. E. Sayers 8. For Evensong.

**ARBORFIELD, BERKS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Allen 1, Miss J. Hibberd 2, Miss M. Hibberd 3, L. Hall 4, S. G. Day (cond.) 5, D. Hibberd (first quarter) 6. By Sunday service band.

**ARDINGTON, BERKS.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Goddard (first quarter) 1, J. White (cond.) 2, C. Lay 3, J. Lambert (first 'inside') 4, H. White 5, R. Davis (first as cond., aged 13) 6.

**BECKLEY, OXON.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5.

**BENSON, OXON.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. D. Wells 1, Susan Howes 2, Helen Butler 3, J. Godman 4, G. Mellone 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. By S. Oxon Branch.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Davis 1, R. A. Reeves 2, C. H. Kinch 3, W. N. Genna 4, C. C. Clarke 5, L. A. Busby 6, E. C. Jones 7, E. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Bicester Branch.

**BOYNE HILL, BERKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Blewitt 1, Kathleen North 2, G. Gibbs 3, D. Young 4, J. Blackwood 5, Pearl Andrews 6, E. Gosling 7, S. Gibson 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

**BRILL, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Smith (first quarter) 1, L. Busby 2, Ann Crozier (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Eustace (cond.) 4, A. Crozier 5, B. de Burgh Siderly 6. The local band.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Jan. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Keyte 1, F. W. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, B. J. Coggin 5, P. Bedie 6, D. K. Adkins 7, T. W. Timms (cond.) 8.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Webb 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. J. Hearn 5, G. D. Wickens (first quarter) 6.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, E. E. Pearson 2, E. W. Honour 3, A. W. Ivings (first of Triples) 4, W. N. Genna 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. J. Sykes 1, C. C. Clarke 2, A. W. Ivings 3, E. W. Honour 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner 8. For the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. Loveday) to preach at the ringers' service.

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Plain Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Exon 1, Peggi Exon (first 'inside') 2, Barbara Butler (first quarter) 3, Helen Butler 4, Margaret Thewlis (first as cond.) 5, G. Mellhone 6, M. Welsh 7, A. Howes 8. First quarter on bells with Sunday service band doing the 'inside' work. Also for the birthdays of 1, 2, 5, 8.

**ENSTONE, OXON.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Stevens 1, H. E. Hawtin 2, C. F. Sheffield 3, D. J. Ogles 4, J. E. Hawtin (cond.) 5, H. Hucklein 6. Half-muffled in memorial Frank Stevens, a chorister. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Stevens 1, G. Sheffield 2, D. J. Ogles 3, W. T. Hucklein 4, J. E. Hawtin (cond.) 5, H. Hucklein 6. For Evensong by local band.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Strawford 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Gadle 3, N. Leslie 4, J. Pearce (cond.) 5, D. Leslie 6, P. Anger 7, C. Timms 8. By members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

**GRANBOROUGH, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Colgrove 1, N. A. Newman 2, M. Newman 3, F. N. Gregory (cond.) 4, W. J. Woodford 5.

**GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Emery 1, F. G. Edmans 2, K. Moore 3, F. Gregory 4, M. Jamieson (first as cond.) 5, E. Bars 6. All service ringers.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Valentine (first quarter) 1, C. J. Garlick 2, H. K. White 3, M. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. H. Napper 5, L. F. Cox 6. First of Doubles for all except 3. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Large (first quarter) 1, W. R. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. K. White 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, L. F. Cox 8. By the local band.

**HELMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: M. W. Sayers (first of T.B.) 1, B. J. Davis 2, J. Linnell 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. E. Truman 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2 and 4.

**HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Barnett (first quarter) 1, D. Leslie 2, A. O'Shaughnessy (first 'inside') 3, A. Cantwell 4, N. Leslie (cond.) 5, A. Ralph 6. Sunday service band except 4th.

**IFFLEY, OXFORD.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. E. Busby 1, R. Goodwin (cond.) 2, Miss A. Partlett 3, M. Ryan 4, J. Adams 5, L. H. R. Busby 6. Rung by Sunday service band, by candlelight, after the electricity at the church had been disconnected.

**LILLINGSTONE LOVELL BUCKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Stanton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, A. Stanton 3, D. Burbidge 4, C. A. Stopps (first as cond.) 5.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.**—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Adams (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Ivings (first of Minor 'inside') 2, B. J. Davies 3, W. H. Minnear 4, E. W. Honour 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6.

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Holland 1, A. Stanton 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. A. Stopps 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, F. Pateman 6. By the N. Bucks Branch.

**OXFORD.**—On Jan. 15th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Adams 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (aged 90) 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, H. W. Badger 4, A. Gammon 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, C. Coles 7, N. I. Allnatt 8. Also on Jan. 20th, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents Clifford's Pleasure, 4 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 3½ extents Grandsire): Margaret Cozier 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, D. A. H. Bennett 4, E. R. Venn 5, P. J. Heritage 6. Also on Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray (first quarter) 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. Ivings (first 'inside') 3, J. Venn 4, R. M. Allsworth 5, R. Benstead 6. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

**PENN, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Randell 1, Mrs. D. Stopps (cond.) 2, Miss A. Jolly 3, Miss B. Mathieson 4, C. E. Stopps 5, A. W. Randell (aged 82) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3 Believed to be first quarter by Sunday service band since augmentation of bells in 1929.

**PIDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy A. Jones 1, P. M. Jones 2, E. G. Jones (cond.) 3, L. A. Busby 4, J. Eustace 5. Local band.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Angela Wakefield 1, Pamela Buckle 2, Catherine Chapman 3, Susan Alexander 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, Janet Turner 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6, aged 12, 13 and 11, respectively.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Jan. 15th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, Mrs. I. Thurmott 3, C. Mitchell 4, M. Thurmott (cond.) 5, D. Papworth 6, W. Hibbert 7, V. Cherrill 8. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Diserens 1, G. Harvey (first of Surprise) 2, Ruth Niblett 3, R. K. Russ 4, J. Manley 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, N. J. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

**STANDLAKE, OXON.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. White 1, Frank White 2, H. C. White 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, B. D. Costar 6.

**STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Timms 1, Miss P. Rooney 2, N. Leslie 3, R. Moore 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, W. Belcher (first quarter) 6. By members of the Vale of White Horse Branch.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Trasler 1, W. G. Clarke 2, J. H. Chance 3, A. W. Dillow 4, A. H. Hurst 5, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 6.

# GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## Farnham District

The Farnham District held their annual meeting at the Queen of Hearts Restaurant, Farnham, on January 21st and 82 ringers were present. The District officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. H. Viggers, who was succeeded, as Deputy Ringing Master by Mr. T. Page.

Major E. Bragg, in his report, said that it had been an average year, and five peals had been rung, but he appealed for more District support at meetings and practices.

As a new venture it was agreed that the District committee should arrange a 'striking' contest at a six bell tower in the area.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, Guild Master, told the meeting of the position regarding the bell which is being hung in Guildford Cathedral and said another £200 was needed urgently if the full cost of the hanging was to be met before the Cathedral is dedicated in May.

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## OXFORD GUILD QUARTER PEALS—Cont.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, W. G. Wilson 3, J. Rumble 4, A. D. Barker (cond.) 5, D. J. Hilling 6, R. Hartley 7, C. Tovey (first quarter on 8) 8. Also for ringers' service.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Smith (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Mrs. Janet D. Sharpe 2, A. A. Brown 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, C. Williams 5, C. A. Eale 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Moule (first of Triples) 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss G. Wiggins (first quarter) 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, K. Leach 4, C. Lay 5, A. R. Wood 6, H. White (cond.) 7, D. Stoter 8. First of Bob Triples by the band. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Bailey 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, H. V. Booker 4, A. R. Wood 5, A. E. Fullbrook 6, H. White (cond.) 7, K. Leach 8. Also rung for the institution of the Rev. J. H. Schaufelberger, as Vicar.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Minimus: R. Howes 1-2, A. Howes 3-4.

**WINSLOW, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, A. Jaques 2, M. Jamieson (first of Triples) 3, F. Gregory (first of Triples) 4, F. Gibbard 5, I. Hall (first as cond.) 6, H. France 7, R. Saunders (first of Triples) 8.

**WOOBURN, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Ware 1, F. Ware 2, P. Maskrey 3, C. T. Blundell 4, T. Toccock 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6, D. Knox 7, B. Ware 8. Also on Jan. 22nd, before Eucharist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wright 1, Mrs. H. J. Trueman 2, F. Ware 3, Miss J. Ware 4, P. Maskrey 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6, T. Toccock 7, M. Young 8, and before Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. E. Hickox 1, Mrs. J. Hinton 2, F. Ware 3, T. Toccock 4, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 5, P. Maskrey 6. Also rung to mark the 80th birthday and 50 years' service in the parish as a doctor of Dr. Selborne Bailey.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

**OXFORD.**—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,050 Grandsire Cinques: W. F. Judge (first half) and Miss C. Withell (second half) 1, J. E. Drewitt 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, E. R. Venn 4, W. C. Porter 5, P. Walker 6, C. Coles 7, A. N. Stubbs and B. Wakefield 8, D. T. Darby 9, N. I. Allnatt 10, F. A. White 11, G. H. Webb 12. Conducted by W. F. Judge (first half) and F. A. White (second half).



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## MEETINGS

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, February 11th, at Christ Church, Todmorden. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Taterpie tea.—Hudson, Sec. 7641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, February 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Bures, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 7638

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, February 11th. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston: 158, P26, P29, from Blackburn 158.—L. Walmsley. 7672

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at St. Mary's, Willesden (not Harrow). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7 until 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M., Reading, Saturday, February 11th. Bells: Caversham (8) 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Mary's, followed by tea and meeting. St. Laurence's (12) after meeting. 7615

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, on Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart. 7642

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Magna, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7303

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Clifton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Oxford and Rutland. Please note change of regular meeting Saturday for this month.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 7648

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtan, Birkenhead, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7670

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Berkswell, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Callow, 36, Torbay Road, Coventry. 7663

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5). Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7665

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Leckhampton (8). February 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by February 14th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7653

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, North Nibley (6). Saturday, February 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Names to B. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 7658

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, February 18th. Ledbury (8). Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7650

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Mould, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby. Derby Cathedral bells available from 6 o'clock until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7634

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, on February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mrs. E. Saul, 31, Draycott Street, Miles Platting, Manchester 10.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 7669

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup Christ Church, on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 7635

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Saturday, February 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, Derby, by 15th.—C. W. Hall. 7633

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, February 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7649

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Ealing, on February 18th. Ringing at St. Stephen's 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7655

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER.—Saturday, February 18th. Ringing: 1-2 Bulwell, Daybrook: 2-3 Aspley, Nuthall: 2.30-4 W. Bridgford: 3-4.30 St. Mary's: 4.30-6 St. Peter's: 5-6.30 All Saints'. Service at All Saints' 6.30. Dinner at University 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets 15s., from Secretary, Bellringing Society, Societies' Room, The University. 7668

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham, on February 18th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 4.45. Ringing All Saints' 3, and after meeting, St. Paul's 7.9 p.m. Please notify for tea by February 14th, to Mrs. B. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winkersley, Wokingham. 7659

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, East Carlton, Saturday, February 18th. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. 7662

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton, Saturday, February 18th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7652

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Redgrave (6). Saturday, February 18th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 7642

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover (10), on Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, February 14th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7699



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, February 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7647

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., February 25th, 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30-4.30 St. Clement Danes'. 4.45 Service. 5.30 p.m. The George, Fleet Street, for tea, business meeting and hand-bell competition, followed by social evening. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 7664

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 23rd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 7671

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, February 22nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 7651

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.**—Meeting at Widford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7660

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Committee meeting, Poolstock, Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Schools of St. James' Church. St. James' bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to be sent by March 1st to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 7644

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. Division.**—Annual supper and social, Saturday, March 18th, at 6.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Danbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, before Wednesday, March 15th. 7661

## A TOUCH OF KENT AROUND HYTHE

Ten ringers, each on holiday from school or university, found themselves pursuing a roundabout course, tower hunting, in the Hythe area, on January 3rd.

An eight-bell tower saw us off, with Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples being struck fairly well. This was heartening as this is the first time an eight has been included in our vacation trip. One by one, Newton (6), Saltwood (6) and Burmarsh (6) turned Cheriton from the lead. However, after Burmarsh, two car loads of ringers disappeared quickly, but they were soon run down having lunch in a nearby pub.

A tricky set of dodging around the roads of Romney Marsh in rather wet conditions between Newchurch (5), Lympe (6), Aldington (6) and Sellindge (6) was successfully accomplished. We were called in to tea at Sellindge, and the day's ringing finished by running out to Stowting (6), where, unfortunately, tiredness changed places with good striking.

**NOTE.**—Any ringer who would like to attempt a touch of Vacation Surprise in Kent is asked to write to J. C. Baldwin, 20, St. Anne's Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, for the composition. J. C. B.

Enthusiasm for ringing at Ingrave, Essex, has only been ripe for the last four or five years, and the band is steadily making progress. When the band rang its first quarter in February, 1960, it was believed to be the first on the bells (which were installed in 1737) by a local company. Since then two more quarters were rung in January this year.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Salisbury Branch

On January 21st 40 members and visitors met at St. Paul's, Salisbury, for the annual meeting. The Rector (the Rev. T. E. Dobson) conducted the Guild service and in his address said how appropriate it was that this was in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, for the bells, each with its own note, must be rung in harmony to proclaim the Church's message to all who heard, and that was a picture of how the churches must work together. The Rector joined the ringers for tea in the parish hall, after which the Branch chairman (Mr. H. A. Roles) presided at the meeting.

A moment of silent prayer was kept in remembrance of four members who had died during 1960: Mrs. Hibberd, Frank Taylor, Harry Prout and George Norton.

The honorary secretary (Miss Y. L. Eloie) presented her report, recording three quarterly and 4 practice meetings held at 13 towers; the second Branch outing, to Chippenham and Steeple Ashton; 10 certificates of proficiency gained; and the affiliation of new bands at Broadchalke, Coombe Bisset and Tisbury, bringing the Branch membership up to 146. Messrs. F. Haines, of Wilton, and W. Roberts, of Berwick St. John, had been elected honorary life members, and we had said goodbye to Brian Lawes, who left Salisbury on January 2nd for Medina, W. Australia. (May we take this opportunity of commending this very keen and popular member to any ringers 'Down Under' whom he may be able to meet?) The accounts were presented, showing a satisfactory balance.

At this point the chairman presented the honorary secretary on behalf of the Branch with a Revelation suit-case and a travelling clock to mark her ten years' service in office. In thanking the members for this unexpected and undeserved gift, the secretary said that many others had done very much more for ringing, mentioning the examples of her own uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelden, and saying that credit was due to the team work of the Branch, with an active committee and a businesslike chairman who had been in office exactly as long as she had.

The dates and places for 1961 meetings were eventually adopted. Subject to necessary alterations they are: March 4th, Coombe Bisset; April 22nd, Codford St. Peter (quarterly); May 27th, Semley; July 15th, Winterslow (quarterly); September 9th, Wilton; October 21st, Shrewton (quarterly); November 25th, Martin; the 1962 annual on January 27th, at St. Martin's, if the bells are then available. The possibility of filling a coach for the Guild Festival at Calne on May 13th will be explored; and it is hoped to explore Hampshire on an outing on October 7th.

The chairman and secretary were re-elected together with vice-chairman (Mr. A. Trimley) and auditor (Miss M. Page). Mrs. H. Abrahams undertook the work of assistant secretary to organise the outing. Messrs. Cecil Haines, Leslie Page, Edward Haines and Raymond Haines were elected Ringing Masters, and J. Lewis and Mrs. Abrahams additional members of the committee. Messrs. Herbert Abrahams and Arthur Haines did not feel able to stand for re-election as Ringing Masters owing to demands of their employment, and were thanked for the good work they had done, as was Mr. Ronald Marlow, of Fordingbridge, for arranging extra practices for eight bell ringing.

The evening ended with more ringing at St. Paul's and St. Thomas', where the heights of Yorkshire were reached.

### LONDON PRACTICE NIGHTS

Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth (8) and Putney (8). Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. not 7.30-8.30 p.m. in term time only. Visitors welcome.

Strange but true: the first quarter of Major ever rung on the bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, was 1.280 Plain Bob, on July 7th, 1929 (Thanksgiving Day for the recovery of King George V). After a break of nearly 32 years the second quarter was rung on January 22nd. Messrs. S. O'Shaughnessy and three ringers took part in both.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Chertsey District

The comparatively new band of Chertsey ringers were hosts to the Chertsey District on January 28th, for their annual meeting. Well over 50 people attended which was most encouraging considering the rather depressing weather.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Archibald, himself a ringer, and an excellent tea followed in the Church Hall. In the absence of the secretary, the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins, dealt with most of the business, with the Vicar in the chair. As there were no other nominations the District officers were re-elected en bloc.

The news that Mr. C. Denyer was not standing again as Guild Master was received with much regret and on the proposal of Mr. Collins it was agreed to support the Farnham District's nomination of Mr. F. Hawthorne, a well known and respected member of the Chertsey District. The rest of the officers were nominated.

The Ringing Master reported a membership of 109. Most towers had managed to hold their own during the year, and improve their ringing standard. The average attendance at meetings had risen to 37, which was a great improvement on 1959. Mr. Collins was pleased to announce that East Molesey bells were ringing again. That District dinner was very successful and it is proposed to make this an annual event.

Seven new members were elected. Mr. J. King's suggestion that a District practice should be held each month at various towers was approved.

Having read in 'The Ringing World' of the Guild's proposal about the jubilee celebrations, Mr. Collins expressed concern in the fact that the summer festival is not to be held this year.

Mr. W. Shepherd closed the meeting with the usual votes of thanks. He thought it was the best A.G.M. he had attended for many years, with some new faces and a few of the old ringers whom he had taught to ring in 1915!

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

All the officers of the Northern Branch were re-elected at the annual meeting at St. Giles-on-the-Hill, Norwich, on January 7th. They are: Mr. A. G. Bason, chairman; Mr. J. R. Smith, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, secretary; Mr. W. Clover, Mr. G. Sayer, standing committee; Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. F. Carter, F. C. Goodman, D. W. Pardon and R. W. Balls, Branch committee.

Mrs. F. N. Golden was transferred from an honorary and John Knights from a probationary member to ringing members, and the belfry elections, prior to peals, of the following were ratified: Messrs. D. Cubitt, of Norwich; P. S. Stearman and N. Wright, of Corpus; G. M. Brewin, of Rothley; and D. T. Darby, of Humberstone, Leicester, and Shirley Parsons, of Cheltenham.

Meetings are to be held on April 15th, July 8th, October 14th, January 6th (annual) and Wymondham Abbey ringing day, June 10th.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Father D. E. Rac for conducting the service and the use of the bells, Mr. Mitchell the organist, the choir boys and Mrs. Golden and her helpers for arranging and serving the tea.

The Barkingside band honoured Mr. I. Attwater, an esteemed member, and Mrs. Attwater on the occasion of their diamond wedding with a peal at Woodford, Essex, on January 14th. Four members of the band rang their first peal. Good work, conductor Leonard W. Bullock!

## LATE NOTICE

### DEATH

**BRADLEY.**—On February 4th, 1961, Arthur Bradley, of Fryerning tower, after a short illness. Funeral service, Saturday, February 18th, 10.30 a.m., at Fryerning Church. 7675



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## HANDBELLS AT HOME

FOR my 21st birthday, my mother and father gave me a set of handbells. This was a gift which gave me real pleasure, for at that time all my peals had been scored on handbells, and although I was capable of a peal in the tower certain circumstances, followed immediately by the wartime ban on the traditional use of church bells, effectively prevented any attempt. In the event, my present was of no practical use, for on the great day when a man, as he thinks, achieves a degree of independence, I found myself stationed in one of the less salubrious parts of the West African coast. At the end of the war, all ringers were quite naturally anxious to get things going in the towers again, and although the handbells received some attention, with a peal or two scored upon them, they remained, whilst useful on occasion, more a treasured possession than anything else.

A reference back to a leading article of a decade or so ago, entitled *The Ringer's Wife*, will show that it concluded by remarking that the ultimate sacrifice a ringer's wife was expected to make was that of her good name. 'Old So-and-so's not ringing much these days,' it ran, or words to that effect, 'I expect it's his wife.' Like 'dat puddy tat' in the song that caught on before the present beat and what-have-you, 'Old So-and-so' happened to fit my case—extremely closely, as a matter of fact. I rang less, far less, after my marriage, the point being reached where the score in a given year stood more than once at: Children, 1; Peals, nil. Yet I still think I was well aware of what I was about; now I have three sons, and the family, my wife included, has started on the handbells in earnest.

My wife never took all that kindly to tower bell ringing, not to mention any other sort, but she managed Stedman Cinques and London, due mainly, as she would admit straight away, to the encouragement of an excellent band. Perhaps the highlight of her career as a ringer came during a Central Council meeting at Exeter one year, when the well-known Wilfred W—, in what we have always been sure was a case of mistaken identity, invited her to stand in a peal of Bristol, which she naturally declined as gracefully as possible in the circumstances! Handbells were another matter, and she never made much progress with them; but now the situation has changed. My two older boys have lately been accompanying me to my local tower, and they have known of the existence of the handbells in the house for years, since we have always found it most appropriate to bring them out at Christmas time.

At this point I must make the firm statement that I have recently developed a tremendous respect for Bob Minimus. There's nothing like it for teaching beginners. We practise daily. My wife, taking the tenors, was terribly afraid of two bells at first; previously one had always seemed more than enough, and being somewhat temperamental as well, she had to be guided with extreme care—not the least bit of pushing, which puts off so many learners. Gradually she learned how to make seconds over the treble and dodge with another bell at the same time; to ring the parted lead; to dodge together behind. Surprisingly, we ran into a great difficulty there, for it was a week before she could run into rounds with a confident flourish. We solved that one by practising Bastow Little Court Bob Minimus, where the tenors start off with a dodge. An excellent method, Bastow. We have grown so fond of it now that we ring Spliced Plain and Bastow on four, with bobs and singles—the lot, in fact. Repetition of changes doesn't worry us. My eldest son is tackling Minimus lead by lead, and for myself I can honestly declare that at last I'm grasping what *really* happens, better than I ever did years ago when I was carried along by more experienced ringers. Therefore I recommend this method of teaching to those ringers who are blessed with wives who shy at the suggestion that they should try a pair.

Many really competent ringers are sometimes heard to confess that they can't ring handbells. Have they ever tried—right from the very bottom of the ladder? You can take a horse to the water, says the proverb, and I reckon mine's taking a little sip now. However, I must be careful, she won't like that analogy, and it might be safer to quote the Spaniards, who have a proverb for every situation, when they remark: *Poco a poco se va lejos*, or Little by little one goes far. We're not expecting to emulate the Gofstons, but at any rate a family peal of Bob Major or even Royal 'in hand' one day begins to move within the realm of possibility.

One of the best-struck handbell peals in which I've taken part had in the band that perspicacious gentleman who reports so delightfully upon his visits to Professor Dodge. I wonder if he might consider it worth while to take up this matter with the sage? In case I put pen to paper or, speaking more correctly, tap the alphabet's false teeth again on some future occasion, please take note that my pseudonym, in ringing circles at any rate, shall be

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RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* 300th peal on the bells. † First touch of Surprise Royal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the campanile.' The quickest peal of Royal on tower bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,320 Cambridge, 1,320 Yorkshire, 1,200 London (No. 3) and 1,200 Lincolnshire; with 77 changes of method.

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. 2	TREVOR TAYLOR .. 7
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. 8
NEIL BENNETT .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

First peal in four Surprise Royal methods for all the band, and for the Association.

## ULVERSROFT SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—70—18—14—50, 78.36.78

H.L. 90. L.H. 12. G.P.B. F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 24).

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in the method. 100th peal on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
JOHN McDONALD .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

*ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 3	†COLIN A. TESTER .. 7
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Wembley and Eastcote; with 125 changes of method.

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

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	*F. JOHN NELSON .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	RONALD C. NOON .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOODS.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In memoriam John A. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3½ Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
SHIRLEY HARRIS .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*PETER D. TAYLOR .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5
*MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	ERNEST PAULSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Watch Tower.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Brian D. Price's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 6
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
†JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 768 of London, 704 Bristol, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 of Lincolnshire; with 136 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. Treble	*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 5
*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 6
†THOMAS BARKER .. 3	†DONALD LAWSON .. 7
†MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 4	*FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. ‡ First 'true' peal of Surprise.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
*JEAN HORION .. 2	J. RICHARD WILSON .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. 3	HENRY C. WEAVER .. 7
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'



BACKWELL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

DOREEN COX .. .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. 2	*JOHN BRAIN .. .. 6
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3	ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire, and on the bells. The conductor's 825th peal (conducted 422).

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in A flat.

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
*DEREK M. SAWYER .. 3	ALAN E. JACQUES .. .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.71).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method. First of Major on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER .. Treble	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 5
HARRY D. LISTER .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* 100th peal together. † 250th peal.

This peal has 56 courses and 56 calls.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*DAVID A. HUGHES .. Treble	FREDERICK OLDROYD .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	KENNETH PARK .. .. 7
DAVID J. TUBBS .. 4	HAROLD A. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Arranged for the ringers of the sixth and seventh, who hail from Wakefield Cathedral.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 2	*ROBERT R. CHURCHILL .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* First Surprise peal.

The composition is a transposition of C.C.C. No. 11.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 KIRBY-LE-SOKEN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 4	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower' six times.

First peal in the method, which is C.C. Collection No. 265.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
GORDON H. LANE .. .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

LESLIE C. W. HUNTER .. Treble	R. IAN VAUGHAN .. .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	†ALLAN C. A. HUNTER .. 6
JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 7
*PETER C. SAUNDERS .. 4	ARTHUR E. HUNTER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. 5
*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
F. NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5152 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
JOHN GILDEN .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	†EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
*BASIL JONES .. .. 4	†ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* 100th peal on the bells. † First in the method.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS MITCHELL .. Treble	GEORGE A. KINDRED .. 5
*MARION COOK .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 6
MICHAEL SOLLEY .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 7
MICHAEL UTTON .. .. 4	PETER KINDRED .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the rededication festival and to mark the completion of the interior restoration of the tower.

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BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5		
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 6		
VERNON GREEN .. .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. 7		
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor		

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Frederick W. Brinklow.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.			
IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5		
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6		
PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7		
*TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. .. Tenor		

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 5		
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6		
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7		
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor		

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In five methods, being 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 960 Superlative; with all the work of each method for each bell, and 126 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.			
CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	*JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 5		
MICHAEL ELSON .. .. 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 6		
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 7		
*RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 4	ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. Tenor		

Arranged by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.			
RAYMOND W. SELBY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 5		
JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6		
*MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. 3	MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 7		
WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor		

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.  
\* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.			
EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5		
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	DAVID A. CARPENTER .. 6		
CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 3	FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. 7		
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor		

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
The conductor's 65th tower in the county for a peal.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.			
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. 5		
*C. GAY WILLIAMS .. .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6		
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7		
DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. Tenor		

Composed by J. MICHAEL LAKIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.  
\* First peal.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.			
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4		
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5		
HENRY TOOKE .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor		

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Mr. Tooke has now 'completed the circle' of the tower where he learnt to ring 39 years ago.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.			
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. Treble	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4		
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5		
PETER DALE .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.  
\* First peal in four methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 31 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise; 103 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.			
MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4		
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5		
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor		

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.  
\* 50th peal of Minor. Most Surprise methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DANBURY DELIGHT MINOR**

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.			
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4		
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5		
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.  
100th peal of Minor as conductor. First in the method.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.			
EDWARD MAUND .. .. Treble	*CHARLES HAYTINGS .. .. 4		
FRANK LAWRENCE .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5		
DEREK PRICE .. .. 3	ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by DEREK PRICE.  
\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4		
*ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 5		
JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Tenor		

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.  
\* 25th peal. In memoriam John Ashley Freeman.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.			
*MICHAEL J. BUIER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 4		
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5		
WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor		

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.  
\* First peal, and rung on his 14th birthday. First in the method by rest of the band, and for the Association.

DANBURY DELIGHT

—36—16—12—1236—12—56, 6th place 1-e.



**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*ANN LEGG .. .. Treble	†MICHAEL J. COOK .. .. 4
†ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 2	†RONALD J. SMITH .. .. 5
†ANN STEPHENS .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

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

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 3	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's St. Clement's, one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

**WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 5
JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

**WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES**

Comprising five extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and April Day, six of Kennington, five of Plain Bob, six of Southrepps, five of Clifford and seven of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*†SIDNEY D. EDWARDS .. Treble	†JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 4
†NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 2	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 5
ROY H. JONES .. .. 3	†EDWARD R. VENN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal for 24 years. † First in eight methods.

**WOOD GREEN, LONDON.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

*CLIVE SIMPSON .. .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 4
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

\* First attempt for a peal.

**PASTON, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. 5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

**SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID WILSON .. .. Treble	KEITH WHITTLE .. .. 4
*NEVILLE WHITTLE .. .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5
ROGER WHITTLE .. .. 3	RONALD STEWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HENRY IVINGS .. .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 4
*MRS. H. IVINGS .. .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN E. IVINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

A birthday peal for Canon S. H. De la Bere (Rector), Mr. Joseph Prentice (former sexton) and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Tues., Jan. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM E. RIGGS .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 2	C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* First peal. Mr. Peter Bedford has now 'circled' this tower twice. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pipe.

**COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. Treble	DAVID LEE .. .. 4
*JILL PICKERING .. .. 2	†KENNETH E. NEEDHAM .. 5
†RONALD O. NEEDHAM .. 3	ERIC ROBERTS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

\* First peal. † First of Kent.

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**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
DAVID J. OALEDGE .. .. Treble | ROBERT E. DAY .. .. 4  
DEBORAH HOPKINS .. .. 2 | DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5  
MARTIN D. BISHOP .. .. 3 | KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH W. PRICE.

First peal as conductor.

**DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

\*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble | FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 4  
JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 2 | \*ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 5  
JOHN G. AMES .. .. 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* 25th peal together.

**SHALSTONE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, 600 of Grandsire, 480 of Stedman, 360 each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in A.

RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. Treble | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3  
WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 2 | FREDERICK VICKERS .. .. 4

ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The second peal on the bells, and the first in nine Doubles methods by all the band except the conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. Mather, instituted to this benefice prior to the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

DERBY.

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Jan. 4, 1961, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten extents Antelope and 32 Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.  
ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

DERBY.

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Jan. 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,*

IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten extents Antelope and 32 Grandsire. Tenor size 7 in D.  
ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DERBY.

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Jan. 11, 1961, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,*

IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.  
ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

DERBY.

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,*

IN THE EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 5 in F.  
\*ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

\*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal in the method.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ASTON, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Cason 1, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 2, A. Short 3, D. Ingram 4, M. Ingram 5, D. T. Finne-more 6, R. C. Ingram 7, E. Franklin 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Hatherley, and a get-well compliment to Mr. B. Best, both members of the local band.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Preb. E. V. Cox 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, H. V. Young 6, M. Stone 7, L. Morrell 8. A compliment to Preb. E. V. Cox on completing 60 years as a bellringer, by friends from Taunton, Bridgwater, Dunster and East Devon deaneries.

**BALDERTON, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Pritchett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, B. E. White 3, Mrs. C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. W. Reed 5, C. Pritchett 6.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,560 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 600 Canterbury): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes (first 'inside') 2, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, B. Brant 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Brant, mother of 4th ringer.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Dickens 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher (cond.) 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams 5, L. Harrison 6.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Pryke (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss J. Wood 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Matins by the Sunday service band. Believed to be the first all-ladies quarter peal at this tower.

**BICKER, Lincs.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Bennett 1, G. R. Dawson 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, S. E. Bennett 4, B. Brown (first quarter of Stedman) 5, N. B. Fovague 6, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8.

**BLACKBURN, LANCs.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: K. A. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, F. Longworth 3, J. Skeats 4, G. Wignall 5, F. Heyes 6, J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Atkinson 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Thomas Wilson, for many years captain of the Cathedral band, until his enforced retirement in 1957 through ill-health.

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Cholwill 2, R. Pearce (cond.) 3, W. Cholwill 4, J. Bowden 5, W. Bond 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the Patronal Festival.

**CAVERSHAM, READING.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Padley (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. S. Betts (first 'inside') 2, M. Baughan 3, T. Lanaghan (cond.) 4, J. S. Taylor 5, S. Osborne 6, H. Osborne 7, L. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong, and 80th anniversary of Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, A. Tapley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, W. Reeks 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. G. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For Evensong.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong (first 'inside') 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington (first as cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 5th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Stevens (first of Major) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss H. Talbot 3, E. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. G. Abbott 6, N. G. Seere 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Humphrey (age 12, first quarter) 1, Miss B. Butler (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Carter 3, Miss J. Carter (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. The treble ringer is the first Cumnor House boy to ring a quarter peal. For family service.

**EALING, MIDDx.**—On Feb. 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Bishop 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, M. Gathercole 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For morning service. Also at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Tomsett (first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, J. Tomsett 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, H. J. Eldred 5, M. T. Sprackling 6, S. Croft 7, Mrs. J. Andrews 8. For evening service.

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Maund 1, F. Lawrence 2, C. Haylings 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, A. A. Jopp 5.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob): J. Yorke-Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Munday (first in method) 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Janet Besant 4, P. Ford (first in method) 5, R. C. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDx.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Campbell 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, B. Watson 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubbs 8. For Evensong.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Miles (first quarter) 1, Rosemary K. Hayward 2, J. Baverstock 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Coleman 6.

**FRAMPTON, Lincs.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hunt (first quarter) 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 4, J. R. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, on Feb. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor behind: P. Clarkson 1, I. Goulter 2, W. Jones 3, T. Boreham 4, G. Green (cond.) 5, A. L. Barry 6, P. H. Allen 7. In memoriam Bishop A. J. Hodson, first Bishop of Tewkesbury, died January 28th, 1961. Also at the Cathedral Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarkson 1, I. Whiting 2, Nadine Price 3, L. Barry (cond.) 4, G. Green 5, F. Beaumont 6, P. Allen 7, J. Whiting 8. For Matins.

**GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Napper 1, S. Franklin 2, Miss P. Haines 3, H. Tull 4, L. Haines 5, N. Tull 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Tibbits 8. For the Oxford Guild's 80th anniversary.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Truman 1, A. Truman 2, F. Willis 3, N. Mallett (cond.) 4, C. Yates 5, F. Wreford 6, G. Skinner 7, F. Mack 8. For Evensong.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (first quarter) 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan E. Shedd, a ringing member, and Miss Janet Teele.

**LAUNTON, OXON.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jeacock 1, H. Massey 2, J. Marriott 3, G. Penn 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, G. Gregory 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For the Oxford Guild's 80th anniversary.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clapp 1, Margaret Charleson (first quarter) 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Insley 4, R. Woodruff 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6.

**MERTON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Westminster II, Blackburn P.B., New, Huntspill, St. Nicholas', Winchendon P.B., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): Rita Gasson 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. Spreadbury 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung after a peal failure (broken rope). First in 11 methods by all.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Daphne Hyams 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Before family service, as a birthday compliment to Ann Hancock.

**OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.**—On Feb. 1st, 720 Kent T.B., 360 Killamarsh T.B., 240 Oxford T.B.: A. Else 1, G. J. Newman 2, G. B. Lawrence 3, L. Gascoyne 4, D. A. Culling 5, S. C. Lawrence (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. R. Miller, Rector, 1959-61.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, T. E. G. Taylor 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

**PAINSWICK, GLOS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Green 1, P. Clarkson 2, G. Goulding 3, W. Jones 4, L. Edwards 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, P. Allen 7, R. Watts 8. For Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Jan. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks (first on eight) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, W. G. Lavers 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, T. G. Myers 5, D. R. Bould (first on eight as cond.) 6, H. F. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Midge (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Weekes 2, A. Clayton 3, Miss C. Carpenter 4, B. Coatsworth 5, J. Perrett (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**QUEDELEY, CLOS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Brown 1, H. Taysom 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, W. Richings 4, E. Cooksley 5, A. L. Barry (cond.) 6, A. W. Gibbs 7, B. K. Lewis 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Ward 1, M. Hallett 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, G. Sandwell 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hatch 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Pointer (first in the method) 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, J. Hartless 3, C. Herbert 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) K. J. Jacobs 8. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Holroyd 1, W. Donovan 2, S. Armeson 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Mrs. M. Burns 5, Susan Chaddock 6, R. Woodward 7, P. Walker 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung for the Thanksgiving service for the repair of the tower, and as a welcome to the Archbishop of York.

**ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Ann Postlethwaite (first quarter) 1, Pauline Fennell 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, Sonia K. Davies 4, Mrs. N. Bridges (cond.) 5, B. Marshall 6, J. Baxter 7, E. Fowles (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Mr. Fairhead. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob) with 7, 8 covering: Ann Postlethwaite 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Sonia K. Davies 3, Pauline Fennell 4, J. Baxter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, Christine Cobbold 7, E. Fowles 8. For Evensong.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret R. Page 1, Wendy Bird 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, E. Haines 5, E. C. Read 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, L. A. Page 8. For Evensong.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. F. Bareham 1, Jean R. Simmonds (first quarter) 2, J. G. Brett (first quarter) 3, Mrs. C. Bartlett 4, S. Dace 5, D. E. Tupper 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Brown 8. First quarter for many years by a resident service band. Rung for Confirmation service.

**SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. J. H. Mitchell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, J. H. Gardner 4, E. H. Knapp 5, A. E. Laker 6, W. Oatway 7, R. Overy (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. Baldwin and Miss M. Hobden.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,344 Gainsborough Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, J. K. Ward (cond.) 4, W. D. Ward 5, H. Oglesby 6, W. Birmingham 7, F. R. Scott 8. First in the method for all, except 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled by the Slough band (assisted by H. Oglesby, of Hitcham), as a tribute to their former colleague, Frank V. H. Sinkins, died this day, aged 96 years.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. May (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, J. H. Wale 4, M. G. Wood 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong, to welcome the Rev A. H. Silverwood, C.E.C.S.

**STEVENTON, BERKS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Beale (first quarter) 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, D. R. Bennett 4, J. Jarvis 5, J. Hobson (first quarter) 6. For the Oxford Guild's 80th birthday.

**STOCKLAND, DEVON.**—On Jan. 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Webb (Honiton) 1, Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster) 2, C. J. Turner (Ottery St. Mary) 3, G. H. Cross (cond., Chardstock) 4, B. Pidgeon (Awliscombe) 6. Rung to celebrate Preb. Cox's 60th anniversary as a ringer.

**TETSWORTH, OXON.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,360 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Margaret Cozier (longest length) 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, E. R. Venn 4, J. Pladdys 5, P. J. Heritage (first quarter) 6. Rung for Epiphany.

**TWYNING, GLOS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Christine Halling 3, W. Williams 4, K. Brookes 5, D. Williams 6. Rung before Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. George Boulton, on his 84th birthday.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Avent (first of Major) 1, W. G. Paul (cond.) 2, Jennifer M. Bunyan 3, A. J. Hickson 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. D. Bell 6, R. G. Smith 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

**WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tanner 1, J. A. Howard (cond.) 2, D. Martindale 3, J. Leppard 4, D. Slater 5, A. Dawes 6. Rung for 1st birthday of daughter of D. Slater.

**WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus (with 5, 6 covering): V. Headland 1, J. Groom (cond.) 2, Miss D. C. H. Gibson 3, J. Coulson 4, Miss K. Brown 5, R. Murdin 6. First quarter for 5 and 6. A wedding compliment.



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The peal rung at Twyford on February 4th, to mark the Oxford Guild's 80th birthday, particularly recalled the work of Frederick Dentry, captain of the tower 1913-1944 and secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch 1918-1928 and member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from 1888 to 1960. This tower has only had four captains since the bells were installed in 1913. The present captain, Mr. H. Smith, and Mr. W. Hunt, another captain, took part in the peal, and it was listened to by Mr. F. Wigmore, tower captain 1944-1948, who is the only member of the original band alive.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. C. Hazelden is in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, suffering from an attack of hæmorrhage.

'The Irish Bell News' starts Volume IV with an attractive new cover. It has passed its ninth birthday and maintains its original subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum.

Another young ringer of the Sherburn-in-Elmet band has joined his friends as a peal ringer. They extend their congratulations to 13-year-old Peter Copley, who rang his first peal at Huntington on February 4th.

Mr. William Pratt, who has been president of the Irish Association since 1947, has signified his intention of not letting his name go forward for re-election in 1961. 'The Irish Bell News,' in a tribute, writes of the unselfish manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Association. Mr. Pratt is 77.

That great stalwart of Wymondham ringing, Mr. William Clover, rang a peal on the Abbey bells on January 28th to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his first peal. The band included Mr. George Sayer, who made a welcome return to peal ringing after a 15 month lay off owing to illness.

The Great Glenn Handbell Ringers collected £86 at Christmas by ringing selections around the village. This money has been distributed as follows: Dr. Barnardos' Homes £25. Wireless for the Blind £20. Leicester Spastics £10. Cancer Research £10. Great Glenn Evergreen £5. League of Friends £5. Leicester Boys' Home £5.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

With the peal of Ulverscroft Surprise Royal, Mr. Ernest Morris completed 300 peals at the bell foundry tower, Loughborough, which is a record for peals in one tower by any individual ringer. These include all the standard and a large number of, Surprise methods from Doubles to Royal. Mr. Morris has conducted peals here from a level 5,000 Forward Major to 13,440 Bob Major, and also a number of other long lengths, viz., twice 7,008; 9,760 (400 Singles) Bob Major, 6,720 Little Bob, 9,120 Ilkeston (extent); and rung in 9,600 Worcester (extent tenors together) and the tenor to 10,976 Bristol Surprise.

Putney practice night has not been changed. It is still Mondays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

A sign of the times! At the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex Association 42 new members were elected. Is this a District record?

In an attempt to ring the fastest peal ever rung, a peal was brought round on handbells at Derby in 59 minutes. Although the attempt was umpired and well rung, the band are not counting it because at that speed every change sounded the same.

A word of congratulation is due to Messrs. W. E. Critchley, S. Burton, W. Butler, and others, who are embarking on the much needed task of publishing a classified collection of Surprise Major methods, together with impositions.

Many of our readers have enjoyed the article in 'The Times' of February 4th, 'Beginner in a Bell Tower.' The writer and his wife apparently ring in a West Country 10 bell tower. Articles from his pen would, we are sure, be appreciated by 'Ringing World' readers. Few beginners have such a descriptive flair.

For the enthronement of Dr. Say as Bishop of Rochester, on February 1st, the Cathedral band rang two touches of Grandsire Caters. Those taking part were: Dr. Norris 1, R. A. Cochrane (Hatfield) 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, J. W. Coleman 4, E. G. Wharton 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. J. Gould 7, R. E. Norris 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, K. S. Ryan 10.

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### Our Jubilee Issue

Our jubilee issue on March 25th will consist of 24 pages of reading matter with a special cover.

In addition to our list of continuous readers over the past 50 years, for which we invite 10 lines of ringing biography, readers are requested to contribute to the following:—

- (a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (Not more than 20 lines.)
- (b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)
- (c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)
- (d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association was held at Shardlow on January 14th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 when a short service, conducted by the Rev. R. Bagnall and the Rev. D. Rice, was held in the church. Following the service, tea, provided by the good ladies of Shardlow, was taken in the Legion Hall.

The Association president, the Rev. D. Rice, was in the chair for the election of officers for 1961. Those elected were: Chairman, Mr. F. Hinds; honorary secretary, Mr. R. Barker; honorary treasurer, Mr. E. Willows; Ringing Master, Mr. B. R. Manning; committee, Miss B. Manning, Messrs. M. Fern, J. Foster, J. S. Knighton, E. Thomas and A. Whiting; auditors, Miss J. Copeland and Mr. L. Jones.

Reporting on the financial status of the Association the honorary treasurer said there had been an increase in funds for the fifth successive year. Altogether fifty ringers were present representing 14 towers, including visitors from Chesterfield, Derby Cathedral, Duffield, Matlock, Liverpool and one visitor from far off Cumberland.

### ANNUAL DINNER

Five incumbents from towers within the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association were guests at the Association's first annual dinner held at the Dog and Duck Inn, Shardlow. They were the Revs. R. Bagnall (Shardlow and Elvaston), W. G. Cook (Aston-on-Trent), D. V. Jones (Alvaston), A. T. Hammond (Lockington) and the Association's president, the Rev. D. E. Rice (Chellaston).

Forty members and guests sat down to enjoy a hearty meal, ably supervised by mine host, Mr. Leslie Walmsley. Following the dinner the president, during his speech proposing the toast of 'The Association,' decried the use of 'artificial bell music,' that is the replacing of bells by playing records. He said everyone knew what a typical parson was but asked 'What is a typical bellringer?' commenting on the 'galaxy of beauty' present at the dinner.

Mr. J. S. Knighton welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Association, thanking, in particular, the Vicars of the towers in the Association for the use of the bells during the past year. The chairman, Mr. F. Hinds, then thanked the Rev. W. G. Cook (Vicar of Aston-on-Trent) for the use of his Vicarage room for committee meetings and Miss Bernice Manning presented him with a pipe, smoker's companion and tobacco from the committee members for his kindness. After dinner all took part in games organised by Mr. F. Hinds to conclude an extremely enjoyable evening.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 7



MR. AUBREY L. BENNETT,  
Devon Guild.

All of those many ringers who have had the pleasure of taking part in peal ringing tours in Devonshire have been very grateful to Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for making the necessary arrangements to ensure a happy week. He has not had the opportunity for ringing many peals—his total to date is 53, but he has been happiest in helping others to enjoy their ringing. He never spares any pains when organising ringing for others, and he has the happy knack of being able to get permission at 'difficult' towers. When he does take part in any ringing, his striking is everything to be desired.

Aubrey was born at Buckfastleigh on November 30th, 1895, where he has lived for most of his life, and was educated at the local council schools. He learnt to ring there in 1911, starting with the usual well-struck

call changes, and learnt half-pull ringing at Wilton, Taunton, Somerset, between 1916 and 1919. This band was later to build up the best band in the West Country, for they scored a local peal of Bristol about 1925.

His first peal was at Netherton, Worcs, on May 1st, 1920, being Stedman Triples. This was rung while he was working for a short time at Dudley. He is one of two survivors of the band who rang in the first resident peals of Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Devon Guild in 1937. Both of these were conducted by the indefatigable Charles R. Lilley. He is very proud of a peal of Stedman Caters he took part in at Christ Church, Swindon, in 1932.

He has served the Devon Guild very well indeed, being secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch from 1935-1958, and was general treasurer of the Guild from 1948-1956. He was also a representative on the Central Council from 1945-1953, and again from 1957-1959.

From 1922 until February, 1935, and from July, 1947, until his retirement in November, 1960, he was employed on the outdoor staff of the Buckfastleigh Post Office, and from February, 1935, to July, 1947, he was rent collector and general clerk, and later rating and valuation officer to the Buckfastleigh U.D.C.

He is keenly interested in the affairs of the church and is captain at Dean Prior tower, Buckfastleigh, which contains a fine ring of six, and where Robert Herrick was once Vicar. He is a sidesman, a member of the Church Council, and a representative on the Totnes Ruridecanal Conference.

Among his other interests are life auditor of the Buckfastleigh Rugby Club, and chairman of the Rugby Supporters' Club. He is also local secretary of a well known friendly society, and is very keen on cricket.

Altogether the picture of Aubrey Bennett is of a very kindly, unassuming man, well respected by all who know him, who really enjoys serving others. Those who have enjoyed their ringing in glorious Devon will always be thankful for his willing help and advice, and hope he will continue in good health to continue his unselfish work.

APACE.

### MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Writing in his parish magazine the Vicar of Chertsey, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, states: 'Church bell ringing is an art which requires enormous concentration as well as some physical ability and must be taken very seriously. At the same time I can honestly say that the ringers I have met in various parts of the country are, without exception, the nicest and most friendly people one could wish to meet.'

Miss Marion Cook, who rang in her first peal at Pakefield on January 30th, was taught to ring at Leiston by Mr. James Bailey and advanced as far as being able to ring 720 Bob Minor before going to a Teachers' Training College in London. On completion of her studies she took a teaching appointment in London for a further 3 years, and did not touch a bell until coming to Pakefield School, just a year ago. Her longest length at Pakefield, previous to the peal, was about two courses. The band agreed after the peal that she rang remarkably well.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' February 20th, 1931:—

London lost a peal of twelve bells when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire on February 17th, 1836.

Oxford University Guild was founded 59 years ago.

A photograph taken in 1878 at Huntsham Court, Devon, shows G. H. Phillot, of Cheltenham, C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Jasper W. Snowdon, of Leeds, Rev. A. du Boulay Hill, Master of Winchester College, 'Squire' Proctor of Benington, Rev. R. H. Dyke, Acland Troyte, Mr. C. D. P. Davies (before he had taken Holy Orders) and Mr. W. P. Fulford, of Exeter.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Paul's Church, Walkden, on January 28th. For many years the annual meeting was held at Bolton Parish Church but, owing to a crack which has developed in the tower, the meeting was transferred to Walkden.

Canon Norburn, Vicar of Bolton and Rural Dean, who usually presides, sent an apology, and the chair was taken by the president of the Association, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. Geoffrey Fothergill was re-elected Ringing Master, and he and Mr. John F. Wood were elected to serve on the Association's committee.

Congratulations were accorded to Mr. Arthur Burton, who until recently was leader of St. Paul's, upon completing 50 years as a ringer at the church. Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. Burton has recently been promoted from serving brother to an officer of the Order. A peal is to be attempted in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Peter Crook gave an account of his visit to British Columbia and of his daughter's, as well as his own, ringing activities. Mention was made with regret to the loss to the Branch by the departure of Mr. John Froome, of Hurst, near Reading. During his three years with the Branch, Mr. Froome had been of great assistance.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young people present. The sumptuous hot meal was enjoyed and those who had prepared it were appropriately thanked. Next monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Deane, February 25th.

P.C.

COMPTON DANDQ, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1.440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Kent and Oxford): P. Bridge 1, F. C. Mogford 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, J. K. Laver 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, P. M. J. Gray 6.



## CUMBERLANDS LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

A NOTE of confidence was struck by Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Master, in his speech at the annual dinner of the Society of Cumberland Youths, held at the Euston Tavern, London, on February 4th. A company of over 80 included visitors from Newark, Lincoln and Birmingham.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Beresford on the top table were the Rev. Meredith Davies, of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Evans (Walton-on-Thames), Mr. E. A., Mrs. and Miss Barnett, Mr. W. R. Winterton, Mr. M. P. Moreton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. Hawkins and Mr. T. W. White.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church,' submitted with wit by Mr. W. R. Winterton, who gave a particularly cordial welcome to the Rev. Meredith Davies, 'in coming to this dinner on a Saturday night when he should be writing his sermon,' and also to the Rev. J. M. Evans. He expressed the company's regret that the Vicar of St. Martin's could not be with them.

As a master of anecdote, the Rev. Meredith Davies kept the company highly amused. In a more serious vein, he urged that the Church had to progress and move with the times. In the course of his work he met 4,000 Borstal boys last year, and at Wormwood Scrubs something like 39,000 prisoners passed through. Only a small minority of them had any conception of the Church, and they could only touch a fringe of them.

They talked about speed, space ships and outer space, and it was all part of this materialistic age, continued Mr. Davies, but they should all be concerned with their own spirituality because it was only on a spiritual basis that life would continue.

### THE ONLY PLANE

'You bellringers at times cause discords in the minds of many people, and it is good that it should be so because the community will only advance when it realised that the spiritual plane is the only plane. Although the Church may be ancient, I am proud to express its humble bleat that the spiritual life will grow as men and women are prepared to accept this plane as a projection into the future.'

The new secretary of the Cumberlands, Mr. F. J. Matthews, proposed the toast of 'The Society,' and reminded the company that the Cumberlands were now over 200 years old. There was a time when everyone ringing at St. Martin's was white-haired, wore a blue serge suit with a watch-chain suspended from the waistcoat. Such a scene was but a memory. Today they had lady members: they were very welcome—indeed they were a part of their Society. As a Society they had a lot to be thankful for in their leader: with his keenness and enthusiasm the standards of ringing and striking were improving.

'We have a good leader; let us give him the support he needs as Master of the Cumberlands,' concluded Mr. Matthews.

### A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Master in his reply said last year they were able to look forward perhaps a little optimistically to the year ahead, but this year he thought they could look forward confidently to what was before them.

'We have had a successful year. We rang a total of 12 peals, and what is gratifying is that 50 people took part in them. One was a peal on handbells of Grandire Caters. We also achieved for the first time a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Although these peals give us pleasure they also mean that we are progressing and achieving a higher standard.'

'Last Saturday at our annual meeting we had quite a number ringing on 12 bells for the first time, and it was a delight to listen to it. That is what we want in all our ringing.'

'Our main object is to provide bands to ring for services. This year we have been unfortunate as our headquarters have not been available to us. I am not certain this is a disadvantage as we have visited our old friends at Shoreditch and St. Clement Danes'. Our standard of striking has improved and we can look forward to going back to St. Martin's with a higher standard of ringing.'

### 200TH ANNIVERSARY PEAL INVITE

The Master mentioned that he had received a letter from the secretary of St. Paul's, Bedford, mentioning that 200 years ago this year a peal of Bob Major was rung by the Society at St. Paul's, Bedford, and inviting the Society to their tower. The Master said he would do his best to take a band to accept the invitation. He was sure they would agree with him when he said it was a very nice thought.

The Master, in a welcome to 'his friend the Master of the College Youths,' said they were looking forward to the day when they would revive the competition between the two Societies. One of the things they hoped would come out of this increasing rivalry would be increasing friendship.

### The Real Ringer's Answer

'Overtones,' the publication of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, tells of the visit of Bill and Nancy Tufts to 'The Thatched Tavern' at Appleton.

Nancy was invited to join the locals in tune ringing. Picking up a bell, she saw there was no note on the handle. She tried another bell with the same result. 'Look here,' she said, 'these bells have no notes on the handles. How do you know which is which?' Frank White, in rich Berkshire dialect, replied: 'Us uses our ears; us don't need notes on handles.'

'It is a great honour to be re-elected as Master for a second term, particularly as strong views were expressed as to the office going round. At the annual meeting we elected a new secretary in Frank Matthews, and it was remarkable that Frank's grandfather was elected Master of the Society 50 years ago and remained in office for 21 years.'

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. A. J. House. Mr. Michael Moreton, the Master of the College Youths, replied, and said most of them would agree that there were many towers in London that were undermanned and had not the number of keen ringers required.

The number of young men who learnt to ring in the villages and small towns, and then moved to London and were then lost to ringing was quite large. There were also large numbers of young people in London who had nothing to do with their leisure and were very good material to fill the empty towers.

### WEEK-END COURSES

The Central Council had been giving attention to week-end courses, and these courses in various parts of the country had been a success. He felt that a course in London would do more good than in other parts of the country when travelling was difficult.

Mr. Moreton said he failed to understand why that bitterness of the past should have existed. He thought that rivalry and a determination to do the best to improve the stan-

dards was to be encouraged provided it did not develop into animosity and hatred.

A course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on handbells by E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4, Dennis Beresford 5-6, Peter Beresford 7-8. There was also an entertainment by Malcolm MacDonald (baritone), Joan Houghton (soprano), Sheila Lawson (comedianne) and Diane Blaber (at the piano).

### THE COMPANY

In addition to the top table, there were present Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. P. Eves, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Sarkar.

Mesdames R. Lathbury and A. Beresford. The Misses J. Warner, R. Yeld, N. Shorter, Jo Beresford, R. Foreman, C. Whitfield, M. Ponton, H. Talbot, J. Cox, S. Parsons, J. Langton, M. Ladd, D. Deverell, M. Harte, I. Lemare, M. Prockson and E. Yardley.

Messrs. D. Leach, G. Paul, M. Lewis, I. Ogilvie, D. Hart, R. Brockington, C. Rogers, T. Tall, D. Kibble, G. Drew, H. Eggleston, B. Jeffrey, N. Steere, P. Beresford, A. Cutler, D. Gibson, J. E. Warner, I. Oram, P. Bond, A. R. Ling, A. J. House, B. Baker, J. Cooper, A. Mason and W. Prockson.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The 14th annual meeting of the Newark District was held at Newark on January 21st. Ringing took place on the six bells at Balderton, from 2.30-4.30 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. P. H. White. A very enjoyable tea was prepared by the lady members of the Newark Parish Society of Ringers, and served in St. Mary's Rooms, Newark, after which the business meeting took place, presided over by the Vicar of Newark, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The secretary read his report for 1960, which contained many challenging remarks. Three new members were elected, one each from Elston, Balderton and Staunton-in-the-Vale.

Officers for 1961 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. W. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. P. N. White; committee members, Mr. W. L. Exton and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Mr. Midwinter expressed thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, and said how sorry he was to see him relinquish the post, as Mr. Exton's work had always been most untiring.

North Muskham was confirmed as the place for the March meeting, and the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing the tea, and to Canon Grinter for taking the chair and giving permission.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The accent was on youth at the annual meeting of the North East District held at Halesworth on January 28th, when over 30 members attended. Ringing included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. In his welcome at the service, the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Button) expressed his pleasure that Halesworth bells were rung regularly for service by the young band which had been formed.

There was only one change in the election of officers: Miss Marion Branch, of Halesworth, is the new District secretary, replacing Mr. A. R. Bridges, who had moved from the district. One new member—John Canham, of Halesworth—was elected. Next quarterly meeting Leiston; ringing meeting Wenham, with Blythburgh first.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### STRUGGLING BANDS AND VISITING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Phil Corby's letter in 'The Ringing World' (January 20th), suggests that struggling bands go out visiting to improve their ringing.

I would start by saying how I appreciate the help that I have had in various towers, including Sevenoaks. I have a car at present and can often get over to Sevenoaks for a practice. I could not if I depended on public transport as there is no way of getting to Sevenoaks from Ash by public transport in under 2 hours.

If I want to go to Northfleet I cannot get home again without waiting for an hour for a bus in Gravesend—before I had the car I often bicycled and have very often walked home after the practice. That is my point of view.

The local ringers are practically all young—they are also in the choir, and belong to several other organisations which take up their spare time. They are also very shy to go visiting where they are not known, though I am always urging them to come out with me. Neither would one visit help at all—but what I would suggest is a possible compromise of 'Mohammed and the mountain,' an occasional visit of four or five really experienced ringers to boost our morale and get us really into method ringing and return visits to help out the other towers and get more practice.

There is, of course, the genuine snag with people like myself who are married and do not like to be out too often. We have our home responsibilities as well.

I am not grumbling, and I fully realise that without private transport we are just as cut off from the outside as the outside is to us. We can keep plodding on and perhaps one day we shall get further along the road of bellringing. We do manage fairly regular service ringing, and practise to the best of our ability.—Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER.

Ash, near Sevenoaks.

P.S.—Ash is about 8 miles from either Northfleet or Sevenoaks.—J. V. M.

### 'QUADRING SURPRISE MAJOR'

Dear Sir.—The method rung at Epworth, Lincs. on January 7th, 1961, under the name of 'Quadrang' is not new. The first peal of it was rung at Aldershot, Hampshire, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink, on September 28th, 1957, when it was named Wellington, after a certain British general.

This is the second recent instance of duplicated methods, of which there are numerous earlier examples. Unfortunately, no subsequent correction can ever change the original erroneous publication, and future queries on the names Quadrang, Newmarket, and the like, are bound to occur.

Although a number of ringers have made their own collections of the methods scattered through the pages of 'The Ringing World,' it is not high time that the Central Council published a complete collection of those surprise methods rung to date?

Publication of the long-awaited collection prepared by Mr. Trollope was finally discarded ten years ago, for financial reasons, but a very much simpler collection, on the lines of the now out-of-date booklets of the late Mr. Andrew Corrigan, would meet today's needs, admirably. It should be restricted to those methods which have been rung and named, and could be kept up-to-date by regular supplements, to be published as necessary.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

### THE CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—There has been a happy absence of what I would term 'nasty' letters in 'The Ringing World' over the past few months, but Mr. Robin Leale has again excelled himself in a tone which does him little credit.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Claude Rush for many years, and may I say that few people, in East Anglia at any rate, have done more for bells and ringing since the war than he. I am sure that his observations on the Christmas Day broadcast emanated from an intense interest and love of bells and ringers, and were certainly not intended to be taken as a yardstick for future broadcasts or to offer advice to such knowledgeable people as Mr. Leale.

We in Australia are unable to tune in to the Christmas bells, but read with great interest any news published about them. I hope my fellow ringers here won't look upon Mr. Leale as a typical example of the fraternity in Britain.—Yours, etc.,

Melbourne.

G. W. PIPE.

### PRESENTATION CERTIFICATE

Dear Sir.—Some time ago I arranged and rang in a peal for the last service of a visiting Australian parson at our church. A sheet from my wife's 'Record Book' was purloined, filled in and handed to the parson and his wife after the service. The thanks we got for this was a little overwhelming, and it was promised pride of place in a glass frame on the wall back home in Australia.

I have often thought of this; we ring a peal—for us it's another tick in the book, another page filled in, another method—but if it's rung for a complete outsider, a loved vicar, a birth, a bride and groom, etc., what have they to show for it!

I think there is a need in the C.C. publications of a certificate on the lines of a diploma that can be filled in by the conductor for a peal, or quarter even, and handed to the person or persons for whom it was rung.

The skyline block on the front page of 'The Ringing World' could be a heading for such a form.

Well there's the idea, perhaps other ringers would care to comment on it.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID S. PALIN.

Faversham

### GRANDSIRE CATERS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Grundisburgh on November 2nd, 1957, the composition being false, and I apologise to all those concerned.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE.

King's Norton, Birmingham.

### RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir.—I give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of the Rector of Grundisburgh (Rev. R. W. Schofield), an attempt to ring 23,111 of Grandsire Caters will be made on Saturday, March 4th, 1961, at Grundisburgh, starting at 8 a.m. I enclose the composition.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea.

For composition see back page (120).

### SOME EXTENSION THOUGHTS

Dear Sir.—Mr. J. S. Barnes, in your issue of January 27th, asks why we 'illogically tolerate the names St. Simon's Doubles and St. Clement's Minor for what is the same method on different numbers of bells.' During all the discussion and argument about method extension there was very little, if any, mention of extension from an odd number of bells to an even, or from an even number to an odd: from Doubles to Minor or from Minor to Triples, for instance.

The particular case of extension from Minor to Triples is explained in the preface to the C.C. 'Collection of Triples Methods' (1934): 'Every Minor Method on the Plain Principle can be turned into a Seven-bell Method by adding a Bell-in-the-Hunt. The seven-bell variation will bear exactly the same relation towards the six-bell Method that Grandsire Triples does towards Bob Minor.' The committee which produced this Collection did not include the attached method, presumably because it does not have triple changes throughout but a double change at the treble's lead. (Plain Bob is omitted too.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 1 4 3 6 5 7

2 4 1 6 3 7 5

4 2 6 1 7 3 5

2 4 6 7 1 5 3

4 2 7 6 5 1 3

2 4 7 5 6 3 1

4 2 5 7 3 6 1

2 4 5 3 7 1 6

4 2 3 5 1 7 6

2 4 3 1 5 6 7

4 1 2 6 3 7 5

1 4 6 2 7 3 5

1 4 2 6 3 7 5

Now if St. Simon's Doubles is the contraction of St. Clement's Minor, then this attached method must be the extension to Triples. But the extension to Triples in the Triples Collection has a bell-in-the-hunt (besides the treble), three lots of thirds under the treble and a triple dodge in 1-2, just as in the Minor. Working on the same principle from St. Clement's Minor, by adding a bell-in-the-hunt, the following Doubles method is produced:—

1 2 3 4 5

2 1 3 5 4

2 3 1 4 5

3 2 4 1 5

3 4 2 5 1

4 3 5 2 1

3 4 5 1 2

4 3 1 5 2

4 1 3 2 5

1 4 2 3 5

1 2 4 5 3

This will be recognised as Double Grandsire. In the same way it will be seen that College Minor contracted to Doubles with a bell-in-the-hunt becomes Reverse Grandsire.

There are, of course, a number of anomalies in Minor-Major names. Double Oxford and Hereward seem obviously related to each other, but London Bob Minor becomes Pershore Bob Major, Double Court becomes Double Norwich, Edinburgh Delight Minor and Major are not 'related' I think. The Minor was rung first, by the way, in Cheshire, at least in 1935. And one of the new St. Clement's Major variations (Schofield, I think) rung in the recent 29 Major method peal seems like an extension of one of these new Minor methods with four places made at once (Fairfield is it?).—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

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## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY DINNER

THE University of Bristol Society held its annual dinner on January 28th in the Senior Common Room of the University, where once again all attendance records were broken, over 130 people being present. Throughout the day ringing had taken place in many enthusiastically-crowded Bristol towers, where London, Oxford, Bristol, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were some of the methods rung. Members from the Reading, London, Oxford and Southampton societies arrived in the course of the day and were warmly welcomed, especially as they much increased the general standard of method ringing.

The dinner took place after a short, delightful service at St. Michael's, held by the Rev. Vivyan Jones. The various courses of the dinner proved as good as anticipation had imagined them (thanks go to John Baldwin for choosing the menu so expertly—it was not 'bangers and mash' as ominous rumour had threatened!).

After the toast 'The Queen', Professor Brocklehurst, president of the Society, rose to welcome all those present, especially the large number of old members who had come back in honour of the occasion. The secretary, Mr. Ian Maycock, said how very delightful it was that Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the Dean of Bristol and the Rector of St. Michael's, had been able to attend; he also welcomed the Masters of Oxford, London, Reading and Southampton Universities and read out apologies from Cambridge and Manchester.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Frederick Sharpe—and, of course, his witty stories kept everyone in peals of laughter. In between the jokes he imparted some very sound advice and said how encouraging it was to see the art of bell ringing kept alive; this enthusiasm among young people at Universities and elsewhere was something which had hardly existed ten years ago; it showed a growing interest in all matters connected with the church and the importance of this interest at such times as these could not be sufficiently stressed.

'The Ringing World,' however, had had a very hard time and he begged everyone to do more for the paper; the interest was there as had been shown by the success of the 'Beginner's Handbook,' which was going through another edition.

The Master of London University, Mr. Jeff Pratt, then rose and, after an amusing introduc-

tion, congratulated the U.B.S.C.R. on its success last term when all of nine quarter peal attempts had been won. Finally Mr. John Baldwin, Master of the Bristol Society, welcomed all those present, and gave a brief summary of the year's events. It had been a year of consolidation, he said, rather than of outstanding progress. There had been the usual doubts about the new session, but the Society had gained five new members, three of whom were experienced ringers.

Much enthusiasm had been shown towards ringing practices and outings: the standard on six bells was quite passable, but much was to be desired on eight. Last term eight-bell practices had either been thwarted or those held had been poor. However, attendance at city practices had continued the good relations with the town ringers.

Outings this year had been very successful: apart from cycle outings there had coach trips to Tewkesbury and Wells, the summer tour, Michael Sprackling's Kent tour, and a combined tour with Southampton Universities to the Isle of Wight, on which Bristol immediately blotted their copy book by arriving too late to catch the ferry. Relations, however, between the Universities were now back to normal!

The Master regretted that that afternoon the Society had lost what would have been its seventy-fifth peal. However, during the year five attempts had been successful and Albert Tyler was thanked for his invaluable help to the Society. In conclusion he quoted from 'The Ringing World' of last November:

'It is the ability of a ringer by his handling, striking and dependability in the method being rung that counts in the belfry and by that yardstick he is judged in the eyes of his fellows. Because of this guiding principle there is a responsibility placed on the Universities to produce worthy practitioners in the Exercise.'

Bristol, he said, was fulfilling this responsibility.

Afterwards the guests adjourned to the lounge, where the more energetic gave a short handbell exhibition. However, someone else was also feeling energetic, for at twelve midnight 'the tenor king,' repeating his pre-war success in a certain London tea shop, performed 20 'press-ups,' while demonstrating to many onlookers that he is still in his prime. And this memorable event brought another very enjoyable annual dinner to its close.

M. B.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

### Basingstoke District

In spite of the wretched weather, there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District held at Basingstoke on January 28th. The service was conducted by Canon F. A. Sanders, Rector of Overton, who spoke on the true Christian Fellowship to be found in ringing.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Basingstoke ringers, Canon Sanders presided at the business meeting. It was reported that membership had fallen to 71, but there were signs that it was again increasing. As only three teams had taken part in the competition for the Alliston Cup, it was agreed, with the donor's consent, that the future of the cup be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Guild. A suggestion that an annual report might be produced for the District received no support. The meeting was in favour of a donation being sent from the Guild to the A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund.

Provided the necessary arrangements can be made meetings will be held during the year at Yateley, Kingsclere and Overton.

Apart from visitors—they were welcomed from as far afield as Hillingdon and Wareham, Reading and Southampton—the absence of experienced ringers was very noticeable. It is all too clear that ringers in the District face an uphill struggle.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern Divisional Annual

Growing interest in the Northern Division was evidenced at its annual meeting at Horsham on February 4th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and by service time the spacious tower was full to capacity.

The Vicar, the Rev. Peter Gillingham, who took the service, congratulated the secretary on the singing of her members. He also presided at tea (at which 64 sat down), but owing to another engagement was unable to stay to the meeting.

Mr. R. Johnson (Master of the Association) took the chair at the business meeting, at which Mrs. E. L. Hairs was unanimously re-elected honorary secretary, Messrs. G. Francis and D. Mitchell committee, A. J. Butcher auditor, and G. Francis Ringing Master.

The balance sheet was passed with great satisfaction, showing a balance of £37 odd. Affiliation fees were also good—£38 11s. as against £12. Another encouraging sign was the election of no less than 42 new members!

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the organist, the Master said they could not overlook the good work done by the officers of the Division, especially the wonderful way in which the honorary secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) had pulled the Division up again from a very low ebb.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise, and the standard of striking also showed a gratifying improvement.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION South-Western District

St. John's, Leytonstone, proved an attractive setting for the A.G.M. of the South Western District on January 14th. The overflow gallery was needed to accommodate 100 members, plus another 20 ringers who were just 'passing through.' A welcome return was made by 91-year-old Dick Stannard, who once again, after an absence of 5 years, was able to take his stand in a touch of Stedman.

The Rev. G. Earl, of St. Mary's, Leyton, conducted the service. His interest in bells had been shown previously when he composed, for the service, an extra verse to the hymn 'We love the place, O God' as follows:

We love the peal of bells;  
Whose music never cloy;  
Which of Thy sweetness tells;  
And speaks of Heaven's joys.

At the business meeting officers re-elected were: Mr. J. H. Crampion, Master, Mr. C. E. Wilkinson, secretary, and Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood) and Mr. M. Hallett (Rayleigh), committee members.

The secretary reported that membership had continued to rise and now stood at 315, plus 21 life members. Honorary members numbered 75. He drew attention to the time and effort given by tower masters in their training of young people and supplying a steady stream of new members. Twenty peals had been rung and 160 quarter peals for Sunday service. Eight young members had rung their first peal and three their first as conductor. The monthly 10 bell District practice at Walthamstow had been well attended and very successful; 12 new members were elected.

Full support was given to a proposal to hold a District outing in June, the venue being Oxfordshire.

Sincere thanks was extended to the Leytonstone ladies for the excellent manner in which they had catered for one and all. The next meeting will be held at Epping on April 8th.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch

At the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 21st, the honorary secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke), in his annual report, said it was hoped that repairs to the tower of St. Peter's, Dorchester, would begin during the present year.

The bells of Charminster were now in the hands of Messrs. Taylors, at Loughborough, and it was hoped that they would be ready for ringing, after augmentation to eight, in the spring. Frampton bells were ringing after repairs to the tower. The tenor of Abbsbury was cracked and estimates had been received for work to be done on these bells. Efforts were being made to reform the band at Litton Cheney, after a lapse of several years. Membership now stood at 156—138 ringing, 13 associate, 5 honorary.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector of Cattistock); vice-chairman, Rev. E. B. Brooks (Vicar of Fordington); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke (St. Peter's, Dorchester); Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose (Wyke Regis); Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Slade (Presion) and Mr. E. Amey (Charminster).

Eight new ringing members were elected, viz.: Miss M. Smith, Miss E. Kingman, Mr. F. Burt, Mr. M. Bryan, Miss A. Shakesford, Mr. K. Adams, Mr. G. Franklin, and Mr. A. Day. Mr. F. Stedman was elected a life member, and the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn an honorary member.

It was suggested that meetings during the year should be held at Frampton, Wyke Regis and Charminster. Branch practices were arranged for, subject to confirmation, as follows: Preston, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Bere Regis, Piddlehinton, Wyke Regis (April 8th) and Wool (April 15th), otherwise at fortnightly intervals, commencing on February 4th.

The Guild service at St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn) who, in his address, spoke of the unity and team work among ringers and appealed for the same unity of purpose among Christian Churches.



## THE LATE MR. FREDK. W. BRINKLOW

As previously reported, Fred Brinklow died suddenly at his home at Oxhey on January 19th. His death came as a grievous shock to his many friends, and great sympathy will be felt for his widow. For, up to the time of his death, he had been a very fit and active man in spite of his 75 years, and young in mind and spirit.

Fred learned to ring at Oxhey just over 60 years ago. He was one of the original band trained by George N. Price, who died only recently. Price's ability and drive, together with the excellent material he had to hand, led to the formation of one of the best local bands of that or any other time. The Oxhey Society flourished from 1900 to about 1927, but after the Great War Price moved and virtually gave up ringing. Their heyday was in the dozen years or so up to 1914. By 1908 they had rung many purely local peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and the three (then) standard Surprise methods, Superlative, Cambridge and London. Bristol was added in 1910. They also practised Eryri, a form of Bristol in which the treble has a double-dodging hunt, but no composition was available in this method until Harold Cashmore obtained one, by parting the tenors, in 1935.

Fred's first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on August 10th, 1901. This was also the first for the brothers William and Henry Hodgetts who, with Fred, rang their first handbell peal in July, 1902, when Price called the same composition, Holt's Original. These four, with Hubert Eden and others, later rang a number of handbell peals: Stedman Triples (a number of different compositions, including Carter's Odd-bob), Caters and Cinques, also Double Norwich and, in 1909-10, three peals of Superlative, being only the third band to ring peals of Surprise 'in hand.' George Price, himself an able conductor, encouraged others to do so, and many of his ringers called peals both in the tower and on handbells.

Fred became a good back-ender, and from 1908 onwards rang the tenor to many of his peals. By December, 1913, when he rang his last peal until after the war, he had rung 131 peals. Those who may think this a moderate number for 12 years' active ringing must remember that in those days the railway was about the only means of public transport; for the ordinary ringer nearly all journeys had to be made by pedal cycle or on foot.

In 1927 Fred called a peal of Superlative 'in hand.' In this Ronald W. R. Picton (1-2) rang his first peal and Harold G. Cashmore (3-4), who had learned at Oxhey in the post-war years, his first 'in hand.' Henry Hodgetts rang 5-6.

### ALPHABET IN SURPRISE

In the 1930's a Surprise band, under Harold Cashmore as conductor, rang many peals, a great number being in new methods and rung without previous practice. Fred was a regular member of this band. One of his ambitions, to ring Surprise methods right through the alphabet, was not realised until December, 1955, when, at the age of over 70, he learned and rang a peal of Xavier Surprise.

As a ringer Fred was absolutely first-class, both in handling and striking; the latter surprisingly, since he suffered from deafness which increased so that at one time, until he acquired a hearing aid, it threatened to cut him off from ordinary conversation. Yet however little he could hear, he always knew exactly what was going on 'up top' (a source of amazement to some of those he taught!) and his striking was always faultless.

As a conductor he had few ambitions, but he achieved that of becoming the first to call the four standard Surprise methods on both tower- and handbells. He always called from the observation bell, and was safe. He never sorted out muddles, for one of the main tenets of the old Oxhey school was that this was not part of the conductor's job—it was for the ringers

themselves to avoid making mistakes. This may well account for their success and explain why Stedman Triples was for them a stock method, both in the tower and 'in hand.'

In 1932 I was fortunate in coming to Bushey, and took part subsequently with Fred in many peals in the tower and something over 50 peals on handbells, some 45 of which were in Surprise methods. Harold Cashmore conducted nearly all these peals and all the spliced. Henry Hodgetts rang up to and after the war, his place being taken during the war by Edwin Jennings, later by my wife, and finally by the late Ernest C. S. Turner, who rang in the war-time series. The latter called Fred's last handbell peal, Stedman Triples, on July 29th, 1953. Before the war we rang Cambridge, London, spliced Surprise from two to six methods and Bristol. In the war another series was rung up to 6-spliced. Afterwards peals of Superlative, Yorkshire, two new methods, Jersey and Felstead, and spliced in various numbers of methods up to 16, the latter being rung in October, 1952, when Fred was 67. Cambridge and London, strictly silent and non-conducted, followed.

Fred rang his bells as a pair, learning his methods by studying the combined diagram, not by construction; consequently he could only ring leads he had previously studied. While it is easy to translate a single 'blue line' into words and learn it by heart, this cannot be done with two. Visual memory and practice are needed, so Fred was always rather slower than the rest to learn; but once he had got a grip he made few mistakes. All but about three of his handbell peals (two Stedman and one Bob Major) were rung on the tenors. If it had been required he would undoubtedly have gone far on an 'inside' pair, but this would have wasted his extraordinary talent as a tenor man. He was a wonderful judge of speed, nearly all his handbell peals on eight taking from ten to 20 minutes over two hours. His rhythm was very near the ideal 'strict time' or metrical beat, so after a few courses the bells would be going as if being rung by a machine.

Fred's last peal was rung at Northchurch—Cambridge Surprise, July 2nd, 1960. He rang as well as ever. Altogether he rang 460 peals—every one of them, I believe, good ones.

No appreciation of Fred as a ringer would be complete without some reference to him as a man. His cheerful, friendly nature and humour, and his obvious enjoyment of life, endeared him to all. Of late, especially, he had become an institution whose presence in a peal band or on an outing would add greatly to the enjoyment of those taking part. We shall miss him very much. C. W. W.

## MR. BRINKLOW'S PEALS

The late Mr. F. W. Brinklow rang 460 peals, of which he conducted 28. He had completed the alphabet in Surprise methods. Of his peals 'in hand'—109 (conducted 9)—he rang in peals in 8, 9, 12, 14 and 16 Spliced Surprise methods.

His tower bell peals included three peals of London Surprise Major rung in three different counties in one day (April 24th, 1905) and also the first peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 1 version). He was the first man to call peals in the four standard Surprise methods on both tower- and handbells. He rang in two Frederick peals—Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Details:—

### TOWER

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1), Stedman 1. Minor, 3 methods. 1, 7 methods 5, Surprise Minor 5 (including 17 methods spliced).

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 57 (8), Erin 1, Erin and Stedman Spliced 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 19, P.B. and D.N. Spliced 1, Duffield 1 (1), Original 1, New Cumberland 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 44 (1), Cambridge 25 (3), New Cambridge 5, London 38 (2), Bristol 26 (2), Yorkshire 21, Rutland 2, Pudsey 2, other methods 42, Spliced Surprise up to six methods, 23. Eryri Major (an extension of Bristol in which the treble has a double dodging hunt) 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 4, Erin 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge Surprise 5, New Cambridge 1, London 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total 351 (19).

### 'IN HAND'

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 16 (2).

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1), Double Norwich 4, Avalon Court 1, Cambridge Court 1, Richmond Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 6 (1), Cambridge 6 (1), New Cambridge 1, London 13 (2), Bristol 6 (1), Yorkshire 4, Jersey 2, Felstead 1. Spliced Surprise, 23 (including 12, 14 and 16 methods).

Caters.—Stedman 9 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Total 109 (9).

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor; Mrs. E. Philpott 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. C. Phillimore 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hilda L. Hills, wife of churchwarden and sister to ringer of 3.



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**BLYTH**—On February 9th, 1961, suddenly at 31, Grange Road, Cambridge, the Rev. Arthur Cecil Blyth, M.A., M.C., fellow of Selwyn College, and for 26 years president of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers. 7708

### RETURN THANKS

**MRS. WICKENS** and Stella wish to thank all ringing friends for letters and sympathy in their recent bereavement. 7712

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Readings, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross.

**RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Ringing tour, July 29th to August 19th, in the Glos/Somerset area. Members and those wishing to join the tour should contact me ref. provisional tour list.—W. A. Lacey, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leics.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—Practice night during Lent moved to Thursdays, 7.30-9 p.m.—A. H. Fitter. 7692

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**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Skelton, on Saturday, February 18th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7696

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7666

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Monken Hadley (8), February 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Special method: Oxford Treble Bob.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Derby Cathedral bells available from 6 o'clock until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 7634

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Ealing, on February 18th. Ringing at St. Stephen's 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Own tea arrangements. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.15 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7655

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7695

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Redgrave (6), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 5 n.m.—David H. White. 7685

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, February 25th (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. Names must be sent to Mr. P. Pratt, Holford, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable. Beds. by 23rd.—K. G. Snivins, Dis. Sec. 7699

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. Names for tea, please, by 22nd. to the Rev. J. M. Jones, the Rectory, Adwick-le-Street, near Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 7689

**GLoucester & Bristol DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Rural Branch.—Monthly ringing practice service and tea, Winterbourne (6), February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Notify for tea.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 7687

**GLoucester & Bristol DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Management Committee meeting, Gloucester, February 25th. Pre-

liminary notice of annual general meeting, which will be at Moreton-in-Marsh, on April 8th, at 2.15 p.m. All towers in the Stow Branch will be open for ringing 10 to 1.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. H. Harper, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. Election of Master: Nominations for Master must be received by me by Friday, March 10th, together with names of proposer and seconder.—Charles Rouse, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 7673

**GLoucester & Bristol DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lacock (6), on Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 22nd, to J. Iason, 30, Dallas Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 7700

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly practice, Quatt, Saturday, February 25th. 6 till 8.30 p.m. Minor methods.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 7701

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden.—C. T. H. 7686

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Deane, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business follows tea. Delightful ancient church, modern excellent eight. All welcome.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7715

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Birstall, near Leeds, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. North, 1,094 Bradford Road, Birstall, near Leeds. 7678

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—14th annual dinner and social, St. Mary's Hall, Hinckley, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 9s. each. Please notify by Wednesday, February 22nd, Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley, Leicestershire. Phone Burbage 516. 7705

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea (please) by Wednesday, February 22nd, to Mr. J. T. Stimson, The Old Rectory, Wymondham, near Melton Mowbray, Leics. 7703

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, February 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, February 20th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7647

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., February 25th. 2.30-4.30 n.m., St. John's, Waterloo Road. 2.30-4.30 St. Clement Danes'. 4.45 Service. 5.30 p.m. The George, Fleet Street, for tea, business meeting and handbell competition, followed by social evening. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921.

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.**—Joint meeting at Sheffield, February 25th. Bells: Ranmoor (10) 2-3.30 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 4-5.15. Tea at nearby cafe. Cathedral (12) 6.30-8 n.m. All University ringers welcome.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 23rd, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 7671

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 n.m. Service 4 n.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, February 22nd, to R. F. I. Gilling, Branch Sec. Fernham, Farnham, Berks. 7651

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st.—Miss Hague, 6, Stomms Road, Holyport. 7680

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Ten bell practice at St. Giles', February 25th. 6-7.30 p.m. social to follow at Racecourse Pavilion. Tickets from committee members or myself, price 2s.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane North, Northants. 7711



**SALISBURY GUILD**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicon, February 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by 21st.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor. 7710

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Evening meeting at Newport (8), on February 25th. Ringing from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. M. Poyner, Sec. 7713

**SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—Saturday, February 25th, South Benfleet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—F. Beene, Sec.

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY**.—Meeting, Oxhey, February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Caroline Evans, 12 Cedar Road, Oxhey, Watford 7702

**DEVON GUILD**.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleham, S. Devon, Saturday, March 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 7697

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Widdford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7660

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than previous Wednesday, please, to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 7693

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY**.—Annual dinner on Saturday, March 4th, at the Griffin Hotel, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 5-7 p.m. All welcome. Tickets (18s.) from Michael G. Swift, University Union, Leeds 2, not later than February 27th. 7682

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**.—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chairman, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRINGfield 1025. 7582

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**.—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, March 4th. Ringing in City: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 2-3 p.m.. St. Martin's (12) 3-4. Cathedral (12) 4-3-6 p.m.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 4th, at Wollaton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 1st, to Mr. M. Poppleston, 25, Hambleton Drive, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7714

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Monksleigh bells (6) available 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury. 7681

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Godstone (8), March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 2nd, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted. 7677

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD**.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Swansea, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—I. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 7709

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Welland, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: St. Clement's Bob Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, February 28th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 7698

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—S.E. Division.—Annual supper and social, Saturday, March 18th, at 6.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Danbury. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, before Wednesday, March 15th. 7661

## OBITUARY

### MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

An outstanding personality in the old Warwickshire Guild and afterwards the Coventry Diocesan Guild died suddenly on January 30th at the age of 90. He was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, having joined on September 24th, 1889, and rang his first peal for the Society on December 27th, 1889.

'Bob,' as he was known to a very wide circle, and who learnt to handle a bell at the age of 10, started his ringing career with St. Michael's Junior Society on September 9th, 1887, being a founder member. He rang his first peal (Bob Minor) on May 25th, 1889, at St. Mary-de-Lode's, Gloucester.

He moved to Birmingham in 1891, and rang his first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Aston. The same year, with a band of College Youths, he rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral. His first peals of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise came in 1891.

About 1896 he moved to Stourbridge, and helped to teach a band at Old Swinford. During this time there was a crack band at St. Mary's, Kidderminster, and Bob was soon invited to take part in their peals. He rang over 60 peals with them before he moved to Wolverhampton and joined the St. Peter's band. He later moved to Beeston, Notts, to work for the Humber Motor Co. After about four years the company moved to Coventry, and took Bob with them.

On his first morning in Coventry he met up with Ned Johnson, who invited him to join Stoke St. Michael's band. Here he met J. F. Smallwood, who was at that time the kingpin at Stoke. This was in 1908. The Warwickshire Guild had only been formed a year and, to use Bob's own words, was a very rickety child, scarcely able to walk. He met with hostility on all sides, but this soon levelled out, and in his first year in Coventry he took part in four peals. About this time Canon C. C. Cox was making his presence felt in the Guild. Bob rang in the first peal of Cinques (Stedman) for the Guild at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

I met Bob about two weeks before he died, when he was very alert and appeared to be quite fit. He reminisced about the peal of Stedman Triples which was rung for his silver wedding in May, 1918. After serving in Palestine in the first World War he returned to Coventry, and Stoke St. Michael's. He rang over 250 peals—100 of these were for the Warwickshire Guild—and conducted about 35 of them. His last peal was of Stedman Triples at Stoke on his 84th birthday.

He met with an accident about three years ago which left him with his right arm practically useless: this ended his ringing, but did not prevent him from calling in at Stoke on practice nights. He would not tolerate bad striking at any time, and was always ready to help others. His last sincere hope was that the Coventry Diocesan Guild would be controlled by efficient officers, and his regret was that no provision had been made in the plans of the new Cathedral, Coventry, to build a tower to house the lovely 12 bells still in the old Cathedral tower. His last attendance at a Guild meeting was at Whitnash in October, 1960, when the Guild paid tribute to its veterans, of which Bob was one.

Officers and members of the Guild were present at his funeral at Stoke St. Michael's on February 2nd. Before the cortege left the church, members rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The bells are not ringable at the moment as the tower is being overhauled, so there will not be a peal to bid Bob farewell. He will be missed by all who knew him. J. L. G. H.

Mr. Russell S. Morris, of Leicester, rang in 73 peals during 1960, all on tower bells. He conducted three.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, J. H. Edwards 3, L. E. Duffield 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Wildman, former people's warden.

### MR. FREDERICK PARR

With deep regret we record the passing of Mr. Frederick Parr, of Killamarsh, on January 25th, aged 83 years.

Mr. Parr was the last surviving member of the Killamarsh team, which rose to great heights in change-ringing under the leadership of the late Mr. Charles Severn in the early years of the present century. He rang his first peal on April 22nd, 1911.

A keen churchman, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council and a churchwarden until sickness overtook him.

He was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer, and looked upon this as a duty as well as a service. Very rarely absent, he placed this above all his other activities. He prided himself that he never once let his team down. His guidance will be greatly missed.

After the funeral on January 28th the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

E. E. M.

### MR. SIDNEY 'GUNBOAT' SMITH

Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, has lost a village worthy who was a keen sportsman by the death on January 30th of Mr. Sidney 'Gunboat' Smith. A ringer at Nettlebed since the 1920's, he was the brother of the late Mr. J. Smith, captain of the tower.

In spite of heart trouble in the last few years he would always make the band up whenever asked, and during the writer's eight years as captain he never let the tower down. Climbing the belfry ladder was no doubt against doctor's orders, but nevertheless he still came and to make his work as light as possible was generally placed on the treble, although he would have taken any bell in the tower. He was a good Doubles ringer, a good striker and neat handler.

For some years it had been customary for the ringers to have a drink with Sid at his home on each Christmas morning. Last Christmas the band was welcomed in by Mrs. Smith to find that he had had a nasty attack during the night. Although he was his cheerful self, alas it was the last time most of the band saw him.

The funeral service and cremation was on February 3rd, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled by B. Sadler 1, J. Pinchin 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Belson (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6. N. B.

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### Essex Association

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on January 28th at Coggeshall, when 79 members and visitors attended.

The Rev. F. N. Brown, Vicar, conducted the service, and Mr. Gunn was the organist. Tea was served in the Lecture Hall by St. Peter's Women's Guild.

During the business meeting Mr. H. A. Pratt was again elected Master and Mrs. M. E. Moore secretary. Two new committee members were elected, Mr. Alan Syder and Mr. Peter Wood.

The last year had been very successful: increased membership; more peals and quarter peals; better average attendance at meetings; and a new tower affiliated to the Association.



**23,111 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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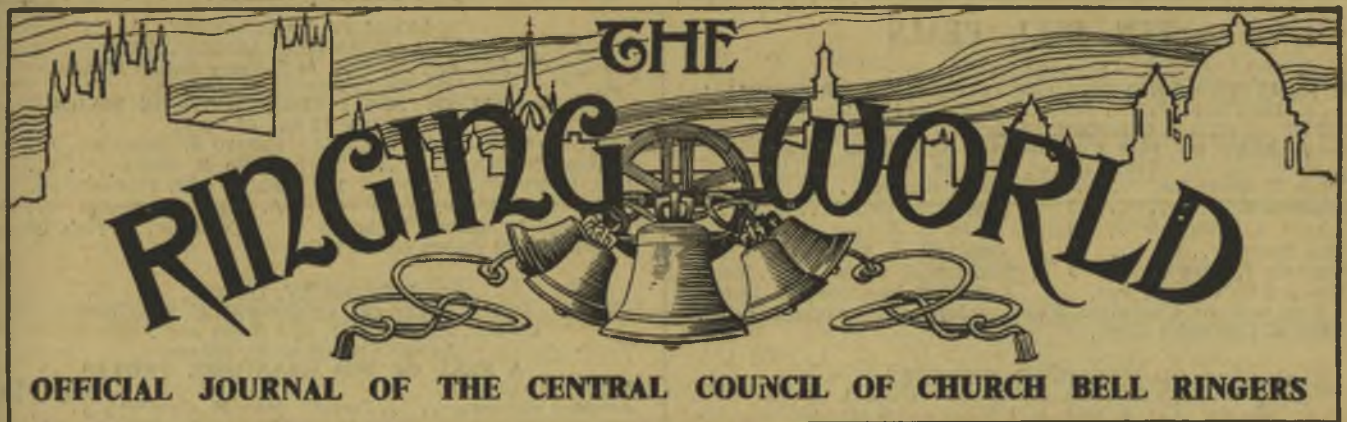
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## A MEMORY OF SOUTHWELL

IN December, 1953, there appeared in 'Belfry Gossip' the following, with reference to Southwell Minster:—

'A band of Grandsire Triples ringers were attacking, rather furiously at times, for upwards of three hours before the order came for evacuation. Readers will no doubt feel assured to know that this Norman stronghold, and the bells, withstood the assault and are apparently no worse for the invasion.'

This was attributed to some Surprise-ringing wag, following the report of the first peal ever to be rung on Southwell bells by an all-local band.

However, in 1961, by the mere stroke of the pen on a cheque by a local benefactor, the famous old Rudhall ring of eight is no more. Early in the New Year it was removed from the central tower of the Minster and taken to the Loughborough Foundry.

Local ringers are somewhat in the dark as to what is happening to them, but it is understood they are to be dispatched to the melting pot and made into a ring of 12, probably ready for ringing by Christmas, 1961. This news was received with mixed feelings in the district because Southwell, as it has been known for the past 240 years, will be just a memory.

Gone will be the old ringers' gallery with its wide, open space across the tower and approximately 60 foot drop in the church below (this is to be filled in), and gone will be the lovely old ring of eight bells, with its glorious-toned tenor of about 28 cwt., reputed to be a maiden bell cast by Abraham Rudhall at Gloucester in 1721.

The ringers' gallery with its anti-clockwise ring of eight, the fine old Norman arches behind the ringers, and the protective wire netting on the balustrades made this tower unique in the country. Many famous ringers have 'conquered' Southwell in their day, and quite a few failed. Many gallant attempts were made, some successful, some otherwise, and the first peal of Southwell Surprise Major was rung here in January, 1954.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, conducted by Francis E. Dawe, about 1895 or 1896. The last peal on the bells was in the same method and rung by a local band last December.

Originally there was a mixed lot of ancient bells here, of which little is known, for on November 5th, 1711, a violent thunderstorm passed over Southwell in the evening and fire broke out in the south-west tower which spread to the roof of the nave and the central tower; the organ was destroyed and the bells melted. The marks of the fire can be seen to this day on the walls of the towers. In May, 1712, Thomas Clay, of Leicester, agreed to salvage the metal, and cast a ring of eight bells 'to be well tuned, well toned and pleasant sounded.'

However, Clay's bells could not have come up to expectations because in January, 1719, many of the inhabitants of Southwell signed an agreement to contribute money to have them recast. Rudhall was approached, and he agreed to recast the eight old bells and make a new ring 'that shall be in the judgment of any three or more understanding and judicious persons in musick, as good and tuneable and to have as sweet and harmonious notes or tones as the bells at Newark,' which were lately cast by him. Rudhall's bells were hung in the Minster in the autumn of 1721, and the cost for the whole job of casting, transporting from Gloucester to Southwell and hanging in the tower, came to £170 17s. 6½d.

In 1819 it appears the fourth and fifth bells were recast by T. Mears, of London, and the second seems to have been recast in 1849 by C. and G. Mears, London. In 1897 the bells were rehung by John Taylor, of Loughborough, and two more added to hang 'dead' in the tower to enable the National Anthem to be played by mechanical chimes.

These two bells accompanied the eight ringing bells to the foundry in 1961, and when they return they will be the first ring of 12 bells in Nottinghamshire.

As there are to be 13 bells in the new ring, one of the great advantages will be the possession of a good front or middle eight. And this, with the addition of the new floor, will be a boon to teaching local recruits, which has long been a stumbling block at Southwell.

The bells were rung for the last time on New Year's Eve, and so with the passing of 1960 there came the end of another chapter in Southwell's long history. With 1961 a new chapter begins, and whatever the future holds for the old Minster with its new bells and a host of lusty youth in the vicinity to be tempted for training, there will at least be plenty of scope for pioneering—and it should be exciting!

F. W. M.



## TEN BELL PEALS

## BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 8
†JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 9
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 5	†GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.  
\* 30th peal of Cambridge Royal. † 50th of Cambridge Royal.  
‡ 100th of Cambridge Royal.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN .. .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	*DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 9
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Richard David Say as 104th Bishop of Rochester.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*TERRY COYNE .. .. Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	†KEITH WILLIAMS .. .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 9
*DAVID JORDAN .. .. 5	†DAVID J. WILKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of the record peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major, which was rung in this tower by the Walsall band on February 4th, 1861, in 6 hours and 18 minutes.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 2	*CHARLES F. W. EYRE .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 4	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5	GEORGE DEAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † 100th peal.

In memoriam Fred Colclough, of Bilston, for many years secretary of the Dudley and District Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 86 lb.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. Treble	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. 5
*WILLIAM H. RIDDLE .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

## MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb.

PETER WATSON .. .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2	DAVID B. JAMES .. .. 6
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
First peal of Pudsey on the bells.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

## WOODBURY, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 23½ cwt.
ANTHONY GOODING .. .. Treble	JOHN H. GLANVILL .. .. 5
NORMAN MALLET .. .. 2	GEORGE SKINNER .. .. 6
ROBERT T. PERRY .. .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4	JAMES GOODING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

A tribute on his 'own' bells to John L. S. Glanvill (died October 17th, 1960, aged 56). By his efforts these bells were restored and rededicated, August, 1960, this being the first peal since that date.

## OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
*JUNE THOMAS .. .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 5
RONALD J. HILL .. .. 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 7
†JOHN MEREDITH .. .. 4	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Buswell, who were married this day at All Saints', Oakham.

## AUDLEY, NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD CHALLINOR .. Treble	*WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 5
*NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. .. 6
DENIS HEAPY .. .. 3	*ROY WORRALL .. .. 7
ALAN D. STEEL .. .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

## BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

## METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in A.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 6
†DELIA SMITH .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

\* 250th peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. Treble	*DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.  
\* First peal of Bristol.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.



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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt.  
M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5  
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2 FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6  
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3 ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7  
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 4 J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor  
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt.  
MARIE R. CROSS .. .. Treble HAROLD SMITH .. .. 5  
MRS. H. SMITH .. .. 2 †BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 6  
\*DAPHNE J. POLLARD .. 3 WALTER HUNT .. .. 7  
MRS. B. C. CASTLE .. .. 4 HENRY LAWRENSEN .. Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.  
\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.  
Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Guild and in appreciation of the work of past members of the Guild, and in particular for the work of Frederick Dentry, captain of this tower 1913-1944.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.  
\*PETER G. HARRIS .. .. Treble DAVID A. CORNWALL .. 5  
ROLAND BIGGS .. .. 2 J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6  
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 3 JOHN E. CAMP .. .. 7  
SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 4 DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.  
\* First peal away from the tenor.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.  
Pritchard's Four-Part.  
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Treble BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5  
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2 JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 6  
MARGARET A. LADD .. 3 BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. .. 7  
\*CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. 4 WALTER H. DOBBIE .. Tenor  
Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.  
\* First peal of Major.  
Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. R. D. Say, Bishop of Rochester, on his first visit to Tonbridge.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16 cwt.  
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5  
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2 ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6  
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3 RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7  
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4 CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor  
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
First peal in the method by all.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.  
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5  
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2 JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6  
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3 JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7  
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4 JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor  
Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.  
Rung for the 68th anniversary of the dedication of this church; also a third birthday compliment to David Andrew Warwick, son of the Ringing Master.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.  
DAVID E. BELCHAM .. Treble ERNEST J. BLOWER .. .. 5  
PHILIP H. AVEY .. .. 2 MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6  
\*PETER J. PERKINS .. .. 3 ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7  
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL 4 WILLIAM F. WARD .. Tenor  
Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.  
\* First peal of Triples.  
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blower.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
ERNEST A. SHIPP .. .. Treble WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 5  
\*PETER J. PEASE .. .. 2 GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 6  
SIDNEY MARSHALL .. 3 ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 7  
GEORGE LOVE .. .. 4 NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor  
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID L. ROBINSON.  
\* First peal. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED LITTLE AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Consisting of 2,592 Little Bob and 2,496 Plain Bob, 192 changes of method.  
THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5  
MIRIAM HIGDON .. .. 2 F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6  
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3 BERT GOGLE .. .. 7  
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 4 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor  
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
Composition contains the 120 course-ends, tenors together in 12 equal parts.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5  
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2 KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN 6  
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3 J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7  
\*NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 4 ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor  
Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5184 WOKING SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.  
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Treble JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5  
\*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 2 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6  
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3 BRIAN BLADON .. .. 7  
†ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4 JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor  
Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* 200th peal on the bells. † 500th peal. First in the method (Corrigan, No. 342); rung without previous practice.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON DERRY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.  
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5  
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2 LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6  
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 3 PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7  
BASIL JONES .. .. 4 BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor  
Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.  
In memoriam Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft.

WOKING SURPRISE MAJOR.  
36-56.4.58-58.36.14-14.5-14-3  
8ths place lead. 4ths place bob.  
LONDON DERRY SURPRISE MAJOR.  
3-8 x 3-8 1-4 x 1-2 x 3-8 1-4 x 1-4 3-8 1-6 x 1-4 3  
L.H. 15738264. F.C.H. 24365, 32546, 46253, 53624, 65432.

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**BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**  
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 26½ cwt.  

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS.. .. Tenor

 Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

**BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in A flat.  

*DUDLEY HAWKINS .. .. Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT .. 5
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN.. 3	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 7
‡PAMELA A. JONES .. .. 4	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

 Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.  
 \* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First 'inside.' First as conductor.  
 Rung for the dedication festival; also as a compliment to the Rev. S. F. Sidebotham, assistant curate, on his recent marriage to Miss M. Palmer.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 BOTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.  

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS .. 5
DAWN ELSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH.. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
CHARLES COLES .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

 Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

**BRISTOL.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 11½ cwt.  

W. Cave's variation.	
*VICTOR J. WILLIAMS .. Treble	‡CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. 5
†HERBERT T. FERRIS.. .. 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 6
‡GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
‡MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 4	†FRANK R. HUSSEY .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.  
 \* First peal on a working bell. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

**CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.**  
**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.  

ARTHUR H. REED .. .. Treble	*PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 5
*DOREEN COX .. .. 2	*JOHN BRAIN .. .. 6
ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 3	*GWILYM G. SALMON .. 7
*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.  
 \* First peal of Pudsey. 25th as conductor. First of Major on the bells.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.**  
**A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.  

MARION ARCHER .. .. Treble	LEONARD GOODALL .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. Tenor

 Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.  
 First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.  
 In memoriam Mrs. E. Timms, of Woodlands, Doncaster.

**HERTFORD.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.**  
**A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.  

JUNE I. DEAR .. .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE.. .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE.. .. Tenor

 Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extant each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements', and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.  

JOHN C. PERRIN .. .. Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.. .. 4
*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 2	†RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 5
JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

 Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.  
 \* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods. First as conductor.

**PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.**  
**THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon, Jan. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, being 480 each of St. Dunstan's, All Saints', Antelope, Old and Norfolk. 960 Plain Bob and 1,680 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.  

*JAMES A. TURLEY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM D. WATSON .. 4
RALPH L. CLARK .. .. 2	ROBERT W. FERRIS.. .. 5
JOHN L. FRYER.. .. 3	*RONALD E. MILLER.. .. Tenor

 Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.  
 \* First peal.  
 Rung for Australia Day (January 26th).

**CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  

EDWARD HOWES .. .. Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER .. 4
FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. 2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

 Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.  
 First peal in the method by all the band.

**CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.  

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	EDGAR A. COLE.. .. 4
GEORGE A. CHARLTON .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. .. 5
C. ROGER ASHER .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.  
 A birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Tysoe.

**HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.  

JUDY EXON .. .. Treble	JOHN E. MANNERS .. .. 4
CELIA COWLEY .. .. 2	BERNARD H. SMITH .. .. 5
JOHN TICKLE .. .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

**HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.  

*JOHN D. NIXON .. .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
BERNARD GROVES .. .. 2	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5
*JOHN W. COLEMAN.. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

 Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.  
 \* First peal in four methods.

**HUNTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.  

*PETER COPLEY (13).. .. Treble	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 4
MRS. J. R. RENDER.. .. 2	†JOHN POTTS .. .. 5
ALAN EVANS .. .. 3	†KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

 Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.  
 \* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal together. The fourth bell was rung without a stay.



LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.  
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID A. HOULT .. .. Treble	*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 4
*MARGARET ROSS .. .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. 5
*BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. .. 3	*JOHN H. SOANES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*ALAN BUCK .. .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. .. 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

\* First peal.

WANSFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being two extents of St. George, three of St. Silvester, five each of April Day, Old Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten each of Plain Bob and Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire (Morris's).

Tenor 3 cwt., approx.

RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. .. 4

PERCY AMOS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

CAWTHORNE, BARNLEY.  
BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
AND  
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Sandal, Kingston, Snowdrop, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. Treble	HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER MOXON .. 2	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. 5
PETER GARbutt .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

\* First peal.

Rung for the anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten different callings) and 240 Pitman's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

A. NAYLOR .. .. Treble	R. TODD .. .. 4
P. S. HEATH .. .. 2	C. HUDSON .. .. 5
G. REYNOLDS .. .. 3	T. CROWDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by P. S. HEATH (aged 15).

First peal for the whole band.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Hoy and Mr. Brian Buswell.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 RICHMOND DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4
CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 5
DR. D. J. NEALE SMITH .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*MRS. E. M. WILLIAMS .. Treble	IVOR G. HUGHES .. .. 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. .. 2	DAVID T. NORTH .. .. 5
CHARLES H. WEBBER .. .. 3	*ERNEST J. PIKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

\* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

PAUL CATTERMOLFE .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 4
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 2	JOHN V. TEMPLE .. .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 3	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, being an extent each of Durham, York, Wells, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in A.

IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 2	*RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* 50th peal together. † First in eight Surprise methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

BROMESBERRY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble	†IVAN PAGE .. .. 4
PETER CLARKSON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 5
*ALLAN A. PATON .. .. 3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ 175th peal (conducted 50).

A farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who is shortly returning to Australia, where he is a member of the band at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris 240.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GILES B. THOMPSON .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 4
†TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

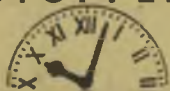
\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

### RICHMOND DELIGHT MINOR

34—34.6—12—123—34—1

6ths place lead-end.

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CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.  
EDMUND J. MORRIS .. .. Treble | MOLLIE TILBURY .. .. 4  
HAZEL WAY .. .. 2 | MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 5  
GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 3 | BARRY J. COUZENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY J. COUZENS.

First peal as conductor.

In memory of Mrs. E. R. Briggs, the conductor's grandmother.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In 17 methods: (1) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (4) Hexham and Berwick; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley.

Surfleet and Cambridge; (7) Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4  
\*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5  
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3 | RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\*First peal in 17 methods 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Childwall, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

DONALD C. PRICE .. .. Treble | PETER J. COLES .. .. 4  
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2 | \*JOHN G. CULL .. .. 5  
STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 3 | GERALD PENNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\*First peal in seven methods.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Wells, tower captain, Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1961, in 1 Hour and 10 Minutes,

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 20 extents Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire, eight of Antelope, two of April Day and two of Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.

Tenor size 6½ in D sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4  
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in five methods 'in hand' by all. Fastest peal by all the band, and for the Association.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1961, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13 in F.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES**

Being 120 each of Southrepps, Kennington, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, 240 R. Canterbury, 1,200 Plain Bob, 2,400 Old and 720 April Day.

Tenor size 10½ in G sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,200 each April Day, Old, Plain Bob, 120 each Southrepps, Kennington, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure and 840 Plain.

Tenor size 9 in B.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6

Jointly Conducted.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Lucy (first quarter) 1, P. J. Milton 2, C. H. Macve 3, A. M. Macve (cond.) 4, R. Bird 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Macve (first of T.B.) 1, J. C. Perrin 2, R. Bird (cond.) 3, A. M. Macve 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, D. C. Manger 6.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. O. Goulter 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, B. R. Cox 4, H. F. Cox 5, W. Lampard 6. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, H. F. Cox 3, Enid Roberts 4, C. H. Bagot (first of Triples as cond.) 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, J. J. F. Roper 7, B. R. Cox 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Ireland (first quarter in Australia) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6. First quarter of Spliced for all the band except treble. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**ADLINGTON, LANCs.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Walmsley 1, T. Barker 2, K. Bonehill 3, T. Turner 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss 6, F. Brownlow 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication service for a new High Altar by the Bishop of Lancaster.

**AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): E. Sopp 1, F. Storey 2, J. Reeves 3, S. Hamilton 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rev. Railston Brown, who has retired.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,408 Ashted Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Cox 1, R. G. Hooper 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, P. E. Cobb 4, A. E. Cox 5, C. E. Lewington 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

**BINEGAR, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Heymann (first quarter) 1, P. Bridges (first 'inside') 2, R. Smith 3, J. Fray 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6.

**BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Hawkins 1, Hilary N. Kippin 2, D. E. House 3, Pamela A. Jones 4, N. Hayes 5, Janice Williamson 6, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 7, B. J. Harvey 8. For Evensong on Dedication Festival Sunday.

**BRAY, BERKSHIRE.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1-2 leading): Sheila Craythorne (first quarter) 1, Janet Barker 2, Wenda Harris 3, Diana Harris 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. McCleary 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung by the local band for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, O. Garnham 2, G. Peek 3, N. Watson 4, A. W. Foreman 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For the ninth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Laurence 1, G. W. Ashdown 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, Rev. J. Burslem 5, K. Lewsey 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, J. Henshaw 8. 6-8 covering. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Very Rev. E. Rogers, who, until he retired 6 years ago, was Dean and Rector of Bocking, for 23 years.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy M. Stafford 1, I. C. Maycock 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, R. Blackler 4, Jane Cook (cond.) 5, P. J. Bird 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Atkinson 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, A. R. Kench 4, M. J. Austin 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. M. J. Young (first on treble) 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, P. C. F. Wooster 3, Jennifer Gambling 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, T. J. Samuelson 6. For Evensong. All by the U.B.S.C.R.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: P. F. Romney 1, Stella M. Knight 2, K. C. Knight 3, F. F. Godsmark 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, E. F. Packham 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, G. A. Packham 8. Rung in memoriam Charles H. Wickens, of Twineham, who died on January 16th.

**BURTON-HASTINGS, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Stratford 1, Rita Stratford 2, W. Noone 3, M. E. Brown (cond.) 4, A. M. Lindsey 5.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Inman 1, P. J. Spice 2, D. J. R. Martin 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, A. M. Threlfall 5, Miss M. E. Kirby (first as cond.) 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, A. Richards 8. First of Bob Major 'inside' for 4, 5 and 6.

**CHURCHILL, OXON.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Hovard 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Cummings 3, J. Bolton 4, Miss M. Hovard 5, F. Rix 6, K. Hovard 7, M. Iles 8. A compliment to the ringer of fourth, on the birth of a daughter, also 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. By the Sunday service band.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Larner 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. A compliment to R. Taplin, on the anniversary of his silver wedding, also to L. Clifton, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Great Tew.

**GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. B. Duncan 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, A. W. Fulcher 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, A. W. Bird 5, A. J. Moy 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, A. G. Wigmore 8, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 9, Rev. G. C. Galley 10.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss P. Drury 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) and 75th quarter) 5, D. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Gould (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss W. Hussey 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, P. Newton 7, R. Schofield 8. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newton (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Hussey 2, Miss B. Smith 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss J. Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, R. Hazell 8.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. A. Hussey 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, S. J. Smith 4, K. Seymour 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Rung following the induction of the Rev. C. H. J. Cavell Northam, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At the Church of St. Michael, Headingley, on Feb. 4th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Josie R. Hutchings 1, W. R. Read 2, M. G. Swift 3, L. Sheard 4, R. Brown 5, F. K. Williamson 6, C. B. Dove 7, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band. A compliment to R. Brown and Miss S. Trotman on the occasion of their engagement.

**LONDON.**—On Feb. 6th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. N. Pitsoot (cond.) 1, G. W. Cecil 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. D. Rock 4, M. P. Moreton 5, D. Randall 6, J. Phillips 7, J. H. Crampion 8. Rung on the anniversary of H.M. the Queen's accession. Also at Bow, E., on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, F. G. Richardson 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bridle 1, P. G. Yeo 2, E. Abraham 3, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 4, F. W. E. Carter 5, P. Bridle 6, J. Brain 7, D. G. Yeo 8. For Evensong.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lee (first of Minor) 1, Jennifer Lewis 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, W. Moore 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Christine Cobbold 3, R. G. Dadds 4, P. L. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Lade, who has completed 60 years ringing at St. John's, and also to Mr. P. Page, for over 50 years member of the Kent County Association.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, C. Tarr 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, E. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung on the middle six, as the tenor is cracked and out of action for the time being.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, L. Derrick (cond.) Mrs. R. Quint 3, Mary Powell 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of fourth.

**OWSLEBURY, HANTS.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen White 1, Mrs. R. T. Jones 2, K. Waller 3, Mary White 4, S. Holloway 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5. By the Sunday service band.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Carpenter 1, N. Waite 2, D. Putnam 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth 5, A. Clayton (first of Major 'inside') 6, A. Bishop 7, C. Mew

(cond.) 8. First of Major for 3 and 4. For Matins. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, C. Carpenter 2, A. Clayton 3, A. Bishop 4, B. Coatsworth 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6. For the Feast of Christmas.

**RAMSGATE, KENT.**—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Durham 1, J. Webb 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, J. Baxter 4, S. Gee 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, T. Edwards 7, W. Bridges 8. For Confirmation.

**SALFORD, LANCs.**—At the Church of Sacred Trinity, on May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Warrilow 1, Cynthia Bibby 2, D. Fraser 3, R. J. Johnston 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5, D. Taylor 6. In memoriam Harold Lees, also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Edna M. Poulter (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Bibby 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, D. Fraser 4, J. Soanes 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain): Edna M. Poulter 1, Margaret Ross 2, B. S. Sheppard 3, D. A. Houlst 4, J. H. Soanes 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. J. Johnston 2, Edna M. Poulter (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Ross 4, D. W. James 5, J. H. Soanes (first as cond.) 6. All by Manchester University Guild.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Watkins (first of Treble Bob) 1, Rita Stratford 2, Dorothy Page 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christine J. Stratford, a member of the local band. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Watkin 1, Dorothy Stratford 2, J. Watkin (first of Surprise) 3, Rita Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. W. (Tim) Coleman, 25 years sexton, who died on February 4th.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Copley 1, D. Sheppard 2, Mrs. J. R. Render 3, A. Evans 4, K. B. Sissons 5, J. Potts (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

**STAFFORD.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Warrilow 1, D. Murcott (first of Major and 'inside') 2, F. R. Wiggins 3, B. J. Wyldie 4, F. H. Eley 5, R. Barlow 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, Rbt. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W.**—At St. Mary's R.C. Basilica, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Hughes 1, G. A. J. Langshaw 2, Mrs. Margaret E. Goodyer 3, R. L. Clark 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. F. Hammond 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. H. Fryer 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Triples for all the band and believed to be the first in N.S.W. Rung on the Australia Day holiday.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Large (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, C. Hancock 3, W. Rogers 4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5, J. Bowles 6.

**TETSWORTH, OXON.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,360 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Margaret Cozier (longest length) 1, J. S. Walker 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, E. R. Venn 4, J. Pladdys 5, P. J. Heritage (first quarter) 6. For Epiphany.

**TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Mary I. Ronalds (first quarter) 1, B. Rainsford 2, W. Smith 3, K. A. Macqueen 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, J. B. Watts 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of honour and affection for His Excellency, Viscount Dunrossil, Governor-General of Australia, who died on Feb. 3rd.

**TYWARDREATH, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Locke 2, G. D. Carter 3, B. A. Parkin 4, D. Burnett (cond.) 5, D. R. Michell 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Hayton 1, D. J. A. Rice 2, H. A. Usher 3, V. G. Roberts 4, P. C. Wright (cond.) 5, D. G. Stone 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

**WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Stinton (first quarter) 1, C. Brown 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, S. Cook 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Read, sidesman at this church, who was interred this day.

**WOOLKEY, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Prime 1, Mrs. A. Short 2, R. Short 3, F. J. White 4, G. Salmon 5, V. Roberts (cond.) 6. In memoriam Frank C. Hall, late captain of Woolkey ringers.

**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Clark 1, M. Clark 2, P. J. Gardner 3, S. Cole 4, J. Evered 5, T. Hims 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service of Rev. H. S. Briggs, M.A., Rector from 1936 to 1952.



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Margate ringers held a dinner on February 7th in honour of two of their veterans. Mr. H. Lade, now 82, has completed 60 years of ringing at St. John's Church, Margate, and Mr. P. Page (76, and rang in a complimentary quarter of Stedman) has a membership of over 50 years in the Kent County Association.

In the front page article 'The Bellringer' (see page 89) the year Mr. Walter Hunt made his observation about the difficulties of maintaining a ringing paper is 1941 and not 1914 as inadvertently appeared.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Hill, of Hillingdon, has been confined to hospital for several months. His address is North Ward 3, Harefield Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex, and he would be pleased to hear from friends.

Mr. William Lampard, ringer at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, rang in a quarter peal at Adelaide, prior to leaving to spend a year in England. Knowing of his enthusiasm, it will not be long before he turns up in an English belfry.

A welcome visitor to Sydney was Miss Charlotte Brown, of Lyme Regis, who is assistant purser of R.M.S. 'Stratheden.' We understand that she rang in two N.S.W. towers and left Sydney with hopes of a ring at Melbourne Cathedral.

The combined practice at Bramley, Hants, on February 11th, came to a sudden end. There was a tremendous thud and on investigation it was found that the gudgeon of the 7th had broken and the bell was lying in its pit. And who was ringing the 7th? Why the local churchwarden.

Ipswich 'Evening Star' has given prominence to Mr. G. E. Symonds' suggestion to make St. Mary-at-the-Quay Church a school of campanology. There are six nicely tuned bells there, but the tower needs strengthening after the German bombs. If this was carried out a golden opportunity would be presented to the Boys' Brigade, whose headquarters are at the church, to learn ringing.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Biggest ringing disappointment, over the Oxford Guild's 80th birthday, was the loss of a peal of Cambridge Royal at Slough in the last course. The band, in ringing 3 hours 15 minutes, had rung longer than any of the published peals. Taught to handle a bell 12 months ago, David Hilling (14) was ringing 'inside. Better luck next time, David.

The six Girl Guide learners belong to Great Horwood and not Bletchley. (See page 97.)

Mr. T. W. Goodyer, the well known Sydney conductor, has been appointed an assistant actuary of the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company, Ltd.

Mr. T. Haines has succeeded Mr. E. Billings as honorary secretary of the Northampton branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. His address is 10, Northampton Lane North, Moulton, Northants.

Two experienced English ringers are now ringing in Adelaide. They are Mrs. Jean Ireland, who rang in her first Australian quarter on January 30th, and Mr. John Woolley (a brother of Mr. Christopher Woolley). This quarter was listened to by the crowd of between 15,000 to 20,000 watching the fourth test match about 300 yards from the Cathedral.

The quarter peal at Burgess Hill on February 3rd, in memory of Mr. Charles H. Wickens, was rung by a band composed of ringers who had rung in a peal which he conducted. Because Twineham tower is cracked ringing at this his own tower is not possible. Mr. Wickens' record of service here is commendable—ringer, chorister, sidesman and, at the time of his death, churchwarden.

Here is a coincidence! After a peal at Castleacre, Norfolk, on February 4th, three ladies were conversing with the band. One recalled a christening at Happisburgh 20 years ago, when, because of the snow, a godmother could not reach the hall where the ceremony took place and she acted as deputy. The baby of 20 years ago was Gilbert E. Larter, a member of the band.

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### Our Jubilee Issue

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(a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (No more than 20 lines.)

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Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

### RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

THE Raving Ringers chose Gloucester as the base for their 1961 reunion, held on the week-end of January 6th/8th. Nine Ravers gathered outside Gloucester station on the evening of January 6th, and sped by varying means to Sandhurst, where the first Ravers' quarter peal was rung on the 15 cwt. eight, conducted most expertly by our versatile tenor king. After this successful attempt, the Ravers, tired and hungry, went back to Gloucester to greet the late arrivals and to find their night's lodging.

An early start was made on the Saturday as 14 Ravers piled into the hired minibus and set off for the 13 cwt. six at Brockworth. The second call of the town turned out to be the highlight as the twelve at Painswick rang out to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Here we were grateful for the help of local ringers. Randwick and the six at Woodchester followed before an excellent lunch at Stroud. Seven towers were visited during the remainder of the afternoon, including Moreton Valence where the Ravers' carpentry service was called into operation to deal with an extra floor that had conveniently been placed between the bells and the ringing chamber. Out came a varied assortment of drills, hammers and screwdrivers as, aided by the light of an ancient spirit lamp and numerous ends of candles, our expert carpenters set to work to make rope holes through the new floor so that ringing could commence. January is not the most ideal time of the year to hold a ringing tour and our combined driver and Ringing Master must be complimented on his driving which, surprisingly enough, got us safely through dark and storm to the scheduled towers on time.

Saturday evening was spent celebrating the reunion in traditional Ravers manner as Findlay Road, Gloucester, echoed to the strains of the Ravers' songs, bringing back happy memories of previous summer tours. In the early hours 14 tired and hoarse Ravers made their ways to varying parts of Gloucester for a much needed night's sleep.

Sunday's programme included ringing for morning service at Barnwood, a Chinese lunch, climbing through thick mud to reach Churchdown, a delightful six with tenor cracked, and at Quedgeley. Farewells came after an excellent tea and evening service ringing at St. Mary-de-Lode, whose ringers and friends deserve special thanks for help with accommodation. We also single out the organisers and Ringing Master who, considering what they were up against, made a marvellous job of the reunion. C.C.

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Feb. 5th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 1, M. Smith (first quarter) 2, Miss B. Faunch 3, Miss M. R. Crossthwaite 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, G. A. Dimmock (cond.) 6, E. Cowperthwaite 7.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE — 8



MR. J. ALAN AINSWORTH,  
Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Durham and Newcastle Association have always been fortunate in having a number of talented ringers and conductors to assist in keeping the good name of the Society well to the front. Foremost amongst these names was the well known William H. Barber, who had few equals in calling difficult and unusual compositions, such as Carter's Odd-bob whilst blindfolded. It seems only natural, therefore, that Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, of Fenham, Newcastle, should be following the same path, and interesting himself in calling complicated peals of Triples. Although only 25 years of age, being born on October 2nd, 1935, at Sheffield, he has already conducted Holt's Original, Carter's Odd-bob, J. O. Lancashire's 'Marvel,' and J. W. Parker's Odd and Even Bob and Single 10 part, amongst others.

Alan's family moved to Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1939, and he was educated at Wingrove Elementary School, winning a Founder's Scholarship to Dame Allan's Boys' School in

1946. He was taught to handle a bell at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, in company with his great friend, Eric N. Harrison, by Messrs. Kenneth Arthur and Tom Crowe. This was in 1948, and he rang his first peal in October, 1950, four Minor methods at Whickham, Co. Durham.

Within a year of this, he had rung peals of Cambridge Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Kent Maximus, being still only 16. He acknowledges much help and encouragement being given him by Messrs. John Anderson and Denis Bayles. His present total of peals to date is 264, including one handbell peal, of which he has conducted 80.

In addition to the peals of Stedman Triples he has called, he is very proud of taking part, with a Kent band, in excellently struck peals of A. J. Pitman's 'all the work' Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 5, 6 and 7 methods, conducted by Mark S. Lancefield. He has also fulfilled his ambition of 'turning-in' Newcastle Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Royal, and Bob Royal. Once on a peal tour in 1955, he rang 14 Surprise Minor, conducted by C. Edward Jeffries, in which he learnt 10 of the methods the night before!

Since leaving school he has been employed as an insurance clerk, and did his National Service with the R.A.S.C. at Aldershot, from 1954-55. In September, 1958, Alan married Marion S. Capey, who is a good ringer, and learnt to ring at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. So far she has rung 70 peals, being a member of the Newcastle Cathedral band.

For the past three years, he has been honorary secretary of the Fenham Guild, and chairman and Ringing Master of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1957. Amongst Alan's other interests are classical music, and he has a good collection of long-playing records, especially of orchestral and vocal pieces of the last two centuries, up to and including Bach and Handel. He has also been a member of the Fenham Church choir since 1944, first as a treble, then a bass, and for the last four years as an alto.

Alan is a young man who is a great credit to his Association. He is particularly keen on good striking, and will not tolerate low standards in any form. He has the age, talent and ability to continue his good work, and make a lasting name for himself. Good luck to him! APACE.

### THE ROVING RINGERS

A company of about 50 members attended the 14th annual reunion of the Society of Roving Ringers held at Shrewsbury on February 4th. Ringing took place at Atcham, Cound, Montford and at both St. Mary's and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

After dinner at the Lion Hotel, the president was 'enchained' and the business meeting began with the officers' reports. The new officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. A. Kingcott; Master, Mr. G. Harris; hon. secretaries, Mr. M. C. Austin and Mrs. R. Short; hon. recorder, Mr. C. E. Lewington.

The emphasis of the meeting was to keep the business as informal and short as possible. It was decided that the summer tour should be in Northumberland and Durham. After the votes of thanks, especially to Mr. A. Bennett for his assistance in arranging the week-end programme, colour slides and films of previous tours were shown.

The following morning the Society rang at St. Mary's and St. Chad's, and a very enjoyable week-end concluded with ringing at Condover and Berrington.

### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Almost 40 people sat down to tea at Killmarsh Rectory when the Society held its February meeting. Ringing was under the energetic supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert). The company were thrilled after tea by well-struck touches of Triples, Major and Surprise Minor rung on handbells by the officers of the Society.

### EXETER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY

St. Peter's (Exeter Cathedral) Society of Change Ringers have decided to include an annual dinner in their activities and the first of these was held at the Queen's Hotel, Exeter, on February 4th, where the ringers and their ladies sat down to a sumptuous meal.

Mr. A. T. Truman was a genial chairman and the secretary read apologies from the president (the Very Rev. Marcus Knight, Dean of Exeter), Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Thompson, Mr. S. Skinner and Mr. R. T. Perry. It was, however, pleasing to see such a strong gathering present and he hoped it would be the first of many a happy occasion.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. C. P. Yates, proposed the toast to the visitors and among those honoured were the head virger of the Cathedral, Mr. C. Dean. Mr. Yates reviewed the past year's events, especially the restoration of the bells, their first major overhaul since 1902, and looked forward to a happy future for the Society.

The head virger, in his reply, referred to the happy relationship which existed between the Cathedral staff and the queer folk who pulled the ropes and suggested that his was the only T.V. set in the city which had bell interference!

The entertainment was supplied by novelty handbell ringing, which mystified a few, but mainly amused the company. Mr. Norman Mallett's tape recorder also contributed to a very successful evening.

**OXTED, SURREY.**—On Jan. 29th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Nixon (cond.) 1, Susan Mothersele 2, Mrs. M. Haworth 3, A. Newham 4, E. Jarrett 5, A. Nowers 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6.



## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

On Saturday, January 21st, the Society held its quarterly meeting at Cannock, a mining town on the edge of the famous Cannock Chase. The mild January weather helped to bring together the largest gathering of ringers and friends seen at a meeting of this nature for many years.

Throughout the afternoon ringers packed the tower, which tended at times to make good ringing a little difficult. The ringing was arranged by the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin, who ensured that the eight bells, tenor 14 cwt., were put to very good use. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major and rounds and Queens for the learners.

The Rev. David Bishop conducted a short service and in his address extended a welcome to the Society and thanked ringers for the good work they did reminding people of what was going on in church. Bells were the voice of the church, he said, proclaiming to the world the joyful news of the Christian Gospel.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, where more than 130 people sat down as guests of the Cannock ringers. They were joined by the Rev. L. H. Townshend, Rural Dean of Rugeley and Vicar-designate of Cannock. A bountiful spread covered the tables and we are all indebted to Mr. George Bradbury, the Cannock ringers and their many helpers who worked so hard to make the meeting a success.

During the business meeting the secretary criticised the poor attendance at the annual dinner, which had not been a financial success. It was very disappointing, he said, and in view of this the Society must seriously consider whether it really wanted an annual dinner. After a rather negative discussion it was eventually resolved to try once more this year and see if any better support would be forthcoming. A pleasant feature at the conclusion of the business was the election of 18 new members to the Society, seven from the Wednesbury band alone. D. J. T.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Upwards of 60 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Christchurch District on February 4th, when Canon R. P. Price conducted the service in the Priory, and Rev. T. Eric Evans, senior curate at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and himself a ringer, gave the address. He told of how a woman had been converted as the result of hearing the sound of bells. The newly-formed District choir led the singing.

Mr. F. Price, District chairman, presided at the annual meeting, and at his bidding the company stood in silence in respect of the death of Mr. F. Feltham, captain of Hordle tower since 1940.

A satisfactory balance in hand at the end of the year was reported by the honorary secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. T. Godfrey) who mentioned that membership, at 115, was the highest since 1948. Mr. Alex Fry, of Ringwood, who formed the District's choir was unable to continue as leader as he was going to live in Maidstone. His successor is Mr. Lewis Cobb, of Ringwood. Reports from eight out of the 13 towers in the District showed that steady progress was being made in the training of beginners and that in all towers the bells were rung regularly for divine service on Sundays. Seven peals had been rung and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay had rung her 600th peal.

A programme of practice and quarterly meetings was arranged and the meeting concluded with the chairman proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make it such a success. Ringing on the Priory bells included Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

## RUTLAND BRIDE OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER



TWO well known members of the Peterborough and Southwell Diocesan Guilds, Miss Jean L. Hoy and Mr. Brian N. Buswell, were married at All Saints' Church, Oakham, Rutland, on January 28th. The Rev. H. V. Prytherch, Rector of All Saints', officiated in the presence of many ringing friends.

The bride was beautifully attired in white figured brocade, trimmed with white fur, with a bouffant style veil and headdress and carried lilies of the valley and white freesias. The bride's six sisters attended her.

The honeymoon was spent in London, and the couple are to reside at 5, Meadow Road, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire.

The bridegroom is a Central Council representative for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the bride was for some time secretary of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in their honour following the wedding.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The Master, Mr. D. Beresford, presided at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on January 28th, when the following officers were elected:

Master, D. Beresford; honorary secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. A. R. Ling; junior steward, Miss D. Deverell; trustees, Mr. T. H. Francis and Mr. P. N. Bond; auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss M. Prockson; dinner secretary, Mr. I. Zass-Ogilvie.

The finances of the Society were considered and it was decided to increase the entrance fee to 10s. The next annual dinner will be held on February 3rd, 1962.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Shoreditch for the use of the bells, on which some excellent ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon, and the ladies of St. Martin-in-the-Fields' canteen who provided the tea.

## DRAGON MAJOR

Dear Sir.—With reference to the peal of Dragon Major, it looks like an attempt to compose a peal of Stedman Major, but, writing out a plain course, we notice that the sixth and third bells are both 'Quick' bells, and the other six do all the Slow Work in a plain course of 72 changes, which contain the backward change half-way.

It is difficult to see how a bob can be made without one bell making three blows in 6ths place. I hope that the conductor will give us at least two sixes, showing the effect of the bob, together with a copy of the peal.

In a 'Ringing World' in 1951, a plain course of Double Stedman Major, 72 changes arranged by F. C. S., in which all the bells alternately do 'Quick' and Slow work, starting with a full set of six changes, was published, as below. This has never been rung to a peal.—Sincerely yours,

E. WEATHERLEY.

Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

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412 785

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Plain Course 48 changes.

OXFORD.— At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Drewitt 1, P. Walker 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, Miss D. Elson 4, C. Coles 5, E. R. Venn 6, C. Holloway 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 6 and 7. For Septuagesima.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BEFORE THE OXFORD GUILD WAS FORMED

Dear Sir,—Reading the article on the formation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, one gets the impression that the East Berks and South Bucks Society was a flourishing territorial association, which in 1881 developed into the Oxford Diocesan Guild, it then being the only territorial association in the diocese. This is incorrect, for at the time of the formation of the O.D.G., the E.B.S.B.S. consisted only of the Boyne Hill band and a few other ringers from outside. Also, there was a successful territorial society in the diocese, for the Sonning Deanery Guild had at least six attached towers. I think it more likely that the idea of a Diocesan Guild came from this area, and Appleton and Drayton.

Briefly, the situation in the diocese in 1880 was as follows: The Oxford Society, formed in 1734, and active since that time under various titles, was peal ringing, with J. Field as conductor. The Oxford University Society, formed about 1871, was also active, ringing peals with the Oxford and Appleton ringers.

In Berkshire, the Rev. F. E. Robinson was at Drayton, and the Appleton Society had for many years been ringing peals without the aid of the Oxford ringers. There was little activity in Reading, but the Sonning Deanery Guild had been formed in January, 1880, and included Arborfield, Hurst, Sonning, Wargrave, both Wokingham and other bands. With this Guild we associate the Rev. Dolben Paul, Vicar of Bearwood. The E.B.S.B.S. had met with little success and, apart from the Boyne Hill band, had only a few members from Burnham and Farnham Royal. Ringers from Slough and Windsor made up the Slough Branch of the West Middlesex Association, formed in 1874. In Buckinghamshire the Long Crendon Society had been peal ringing since 1857.

At the public meeting held at Reading in November, 1880, there were ringers from Appleton and Drayton, Oxford University Society, Oxford City, Oxford District, Reading District and the E.B.S.B.S. The O.D.G. was formed as a union of all these societies. It is not correct to say that the E.B.S.B.S. developed into the O.D.G. Nor can it claim to be the original territorial society in the diocese, for as such it was a failure, and this distinction must lie with the Sonning Deanery Guild. It was only after the formation of the O.D.G. that the E.B.S.B. Branch became territorial.

The Long Crendon Society recorded several peals during the years 1879 to 1881, but did not join the O.D.G. until 1884, when J. W. Washbrook went there and called a peal of Grandire Triples. Slough remained attached to the West Middlesex Association until 1886, when their bells were augmented to eight, and it is only in recent years that Windsor became attached. Slough ringers did not immediately transfer their allegiance to their Diocesan Guild, but continued to benefit from the help given by W. Baron, instructor to the West Middlesex Association.

I hope that the above brief notes will help to clear away any false impressions left by Paudian's article.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

## IVYCHURCH

Dear Sir.—Might I make a correction in your leading article by 'Marshman'? The bells of Ivychurch have been rung on several occasions since the war, I myself having rung there at least twice.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. ROWE.

London, N.

## LINDLEY'S ERIN CATERS FALSE

Dear Sir.—I have recently been sent a composition of Erin Caters which is attributed (and I have no doubt correctly) to me. Investigation, however, shows that a six in the eighth course runs false with one in the handstroke position. In order to avoid disappointment, could you warn your readers against using compositions of Erin, attributed to me, and using regular nine course blocks with two cells in each course?

I understand that the composition has been rung at least once. I should like to apologise to the ringers concerned.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. LINDLEY.

Epsom.

## 'ANOTHER NAME IN THE BOOK'

Dear Sir.—May I ask the Surprise Major bands why they do not follow the precedent set by the band that rang the first peal of 'Cambridge Surprise Major (Burton variation)'? They realised that they were ringing a variation of Cambridge. It seems that the only reason for ringing a peal of, say, 'Fordcombe,' a trivial variation of Lincolnshire, as a distinct method is to get 'another name for the book.'—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Witton, Worcs.

## PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—If Mr. W. A. J. Knight (page 84) cares to have another look at the composition of Pudsey S. Maximus (page 56) he will note a pair of brackets enclosing the last course end, indicating that the change is the course end (and as such is not rung, hence the brackets) and not the 'Wrong' lead-end.

53426 is the transposition from course end to course end for a single Wrong. Transpose 32546 by this gives (42536).—Yours sincerely,

BRYAN PATTISON.

Durham City.

## 'FALSE' PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR

Dear Sir.—It has been pointed out to me that the peal of Double Oxford I withdrew at Washington, Lincs. was not in fact C.C. Collection No. 23 but No. 13, which is true. This was published in the 1958 Lincoln Diocesan Guild report. I thank Mr. J. R. Ketteringham for pointing this out and apologise for not being more thorough before my previous letter.—Yours faithfully,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln.

## COMPOSITIONS FOR SHACKERSTONE AND RAVENSTONE

Dear Sir.—Compositions for Shackerstone and Ravenstone Surprise Royal have appeared in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' These are claimed as having been composed by Mr. Burton. The first is the composition used for the first peal of Cambridge Maximus with the addition of two sets of three homes; the second is an insignificant variation of a very well known peal of Cambridge Royal. Surely in these cases both the 'composer' and the conductor are to blame. Whoever is responsible is either very ignorant or lacking in standards. Incidentally, I wonder how Mr. Warwick selects what composition to call? Has it ever struck him that even ill-named perversions of Yorkshire Royal would yield good music to reasonable compositions?—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

## MODERN CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—I wonder if many ringers feel as despondent as I do at the lack of provision for bells in new churches. I think of the church I serve as assistant curate, with a small bell hung from the chimney; a new church nearby with an electronic device in a concrete pencil; or of the architect who advocated nylon ropes for the open towers of his churches in Coventry. Now recently the Rev. Peter Hammond has written a book\* on church architecture which deserves to lead to a great improvement in modern churches. He deals boldly with the question, what is a church for? and tells us to plan according to function and not according to the tradition for long Gothic buildings.

But good as his book is on the problem of arranging the church round the altar, he seems to have given little thought to church towers. They may, he says, 'be said to serve two distinct purposes; first, as a support for a bell which can be rung to summon parishioners to services; secondly, as a landmark, by which the church building can be readily identified from a distance.' And goes on to doubt the need for towers and bells when people have watches and know where the church is.

My reaction to this is to feel that we are called to much thinking. Firstly, we must be sure what bells are for: it is for ringing clergy to decide where they fit into God's scheme of things and tell us when called on to preach at meetings or to meet architects and those building new churches. Here we might start with Dorothy Sayers' well known introduction to 'The Nine Tailors' where she called ringing 'the one loud noise that is made to the glory of God.' So we share in the priesthood of all men by offering for the church the worship of metal and rope and stone and wood. Can we say just why we might have an electric organ but not electric bells?

Secondly, we need much technical thought on the problems of bells in modern churches. We have yet to see a really modern tower with a ringing peal (the campanile at Biggin Hill is planned traditionally) to show us what can be done with modern styles and modern engineering and acoustics. Could we save on the cost of towers by putting the bells nearer the ground and leading the sound upwards?

Dorothy Sayers went on to say, 'England, alone in the world, has perfected the art of change ringing and the true ringing of bells by rope and wheel, and will not lightly surrender her unique heritage.' We need much theological and technical thinking to make sure that change ringing does not vanish amid the present rash of Swiss and Swedish towers.—Yours sincerely,

A. S. D. GRAHAM (Rev.).

Welwyn Garden City.

\* 'Liturgy and Architecture,' page 48.

## DIFFERENT USES OF WORD 'PEAL'

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Barnett's letter, obviously in the present day use of the word peal, there can be no true 5.040 of Doubles or Minor, as each change must be repeated 41 or 6 times, respectively.

It is, I think, interesting to note that in former times the word peal had two meanings, one was 'method' the other was 'extent.'

Taking this second meaning, one can say that with the exception of James Barham's band's performance in 1761, there has never been a peal of Major, and probably never will be one of Caters, etc.

This second meaning accounts for the recent references to 'half quarter peals' and 'quarter peals' of Major of 5.040 and 10.080 changes.—Yours sincerely,

'FARMER.'

Manchester.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I am really getting a little tired of the utter balderdash Mr. Amos keeps writing. For one who uses the word 'logic' so freely, he seems singularly incapable of using it, and it is consequently rather futile to argue with him. However, as I am accused of keeping quiet through lack of a case, perhaps I may be excused for trying to do so.

My contention (and, it seems, not only my own) is that each method must, per se, have a plain course, a plain course which is, moreover, different from the plain course of any other method. The differences may be slight, e.g., those between Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, or between Yorkshire and Biddenden, but differences (or variations, if Mr. Amos prefers that word) there must be.

Now Plain Bob and April Day Doubles both have the same plain course. You can call the method Plain Bob or April Day (in the Clavis Campanologia of 1788 it is called Old Doubles), but to call it by both names—and half-a-dozen more—doesn't seem to me to be particularly logical.

Mr. Amos assures us that 'we can ignore all this "baloney" about plain courses as having no bearing on the truth of meaning of which is a variation.' Quite right, Mr. Amos, but we're not arguing about what constitutes a variation, but rather about what constitutes a method. Mr. Amos contends that even if two 'methods' have the same plain course, as long as the courses needed for an extent are linked together in a different way, the two resultant six-scores are in different methods, or, to quote his own words, that 'every method is within its own right if there are no repeats in an extent.' Perhaps Mr. Amos would like to tell us whether a 60 of Grandsire Doubles called P.B.P.B.P.B. is a different method to a 40 called P.S.P.S., and are they both different to an 80 called P.B.P.S.P.B.P.S.? And while he's writing, perhaps we could have an answer to my earlier question—are Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major not Cambridge and Bristol when they are rung with 6th place bobs in place of the usual 4th place bobs?—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Dear Sir.—Now that Mr. Amos has disposed of 'variations' I'd like to emphasise 'methods.' At the risk of repeating my previous letter, which attempted to show how true methods are obtained, the requirements of a method are (a) That it should have a plain course, (b) That the plain course should have as many leads as working bells.

Now Biddenden has a different plain course from Yorkshire, and Plain Bob is different to Reverse Canterbury. The differences are only slight, true, but they give a different plain course to each method.

Now let us study a plain course of April Day and Kennington. They are identical to Plain Bob: in fact, they are Plain Bob. The call does not alter the method, whichever type of call is used, otherwise Holt's Bob Single would justify Grandsire Triples being given a new name, as this call is completely different from the recognised Grandsire calls.

The calls to give a touch in any method are not an integral part of that method, they exist to alter the work of certain bells in the plain course of that method in order to produce fresh changes to those rung in the parent plain course. Once this alteration takes place, the affected bells continue on the path of the plain course, doing the work of the method.

To sum up then, if a peal should be rung of Plain Bob, April Day and Kennington, the method rung in each case would be Plain Bob, i.e., 2nds, 3-4 down, 4 in 5ths and 4-3 up. Therefore, this peal would only be in one method, with three different types of Bob. I would recommend to any young ringer the Collection of Doubles methods published by the Central Council. There are over eighty fairly easy methods there, each with its own plain course, apart from the harder principles. In fact, a peal in all the principal methods would be a difficult task.—Yours sincerely,

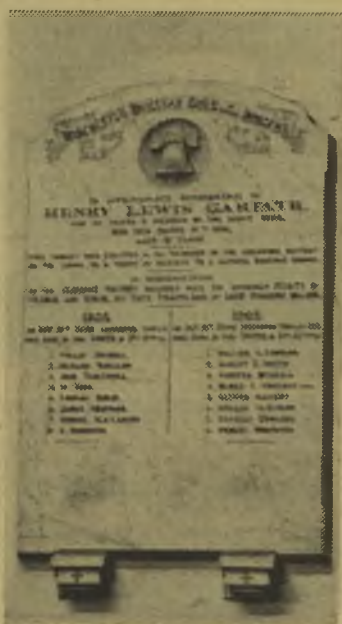
V. GRIFFIN.

Swindon, Wilts.

## DISPUTE OVER PEAL TABLET IN CONSISTORY COURT

THE removal of mural peal tablet during redecoration of Farnham Parish Church and placing it in the ringing chamber was the subject of a petition at a Consistory Court at Guildford on February 14th, heard by the Chancellor of the Diocese (the Worshipful Kenneth Macmorran).

The petition was presented by Mr. Bertram Eric Garfath, of 26, Howard Street, South Norwood, against the Rector, parish councillors and bellringers concerning the position in the church of a memorial to Mr. Garfath's grandfather.



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## TWO PEALS

The memorial bears the inscription:  
Winchester Diocesan Guild of  
Change Ringers

'In affectionate remembrance of Henry Lewis Garfath, for 20 years a member of the above Guild, who died March 17th, 1906, aged 51 years, this tablet was erected by members of the Guildford District of the above, as a token of respect of a faithful ringer.'

Below are details of two peals and the names of ringers.—One on November 10th, 1805, of 5,040 Grandsire Triples 'in commemoration of the glorious victory obtained over the fleets of France and Spain, off Cape Trafalgar by Lord Nelson.'

The second, also Grandsire Triples, was rung on October 21st, 1905, and conducted by Henry Lewis Garfath.

Mr. B. E. Garfath told the court that Mr. C. W. Denyer, captain of Farnham ringers, was wrong in believing the tablet to be a matter for the ringers only. It was referred to in all the old documents as the Garfath Memorial and it was also the concern of the family. The family had been consulted in the positioning of the tablet when it was first erected.

It appeared to have been moved with the unilateral authority of the Rector and without any faculty.

In its new position in the ringing chamber the tablet was normally seen only by ringers and the members of the family could not have free access to it.

Mr. Garfath petitioned the court to order the tablet to be restored to its original position.

In this he was supported by his wife, Mrs. Mary Garfath, and his son, Henry Lewis Garfath, who said they visited Farnham about three times a year and always went into the church. They knew nothing about the tablet being moved until they found it had gone.

## DEDICATED BY BISHOP

Mr. Garfath maintained that although the tablet appeared to have been placed in the church without a faculty, it had been dedicated

by the Bishop and had remained in position for 50 years and was therefore 'in ordinary.'

The Chancellor remarked: 'You say the parish authority, in moving the tablet, have committed an illegality. They might retaliate by saying that your ancestors committed an illegality in putting it there.'

Mr. Charles Denyer said there would be no objection to any member of the public going into the ringing chamber to look at the tablet provided a ringer was there. He did not consider the tablet was of great interest to the general public, but it was to ringers and was now in a position where it would be seen by the many ringers who visited the tower.

The Rector, the Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, said that last June the architect for the alterations addressed the congregation for an hour and answered questions. That meeting was advertised in the local Press and the parish magazine. No objections to the proposals were raised.

## THE FORTY-FIRST

During the Rector's evidence, the faculty for the alterations to the church and amending documents were examined. It transpired that no memorials were mentioned in the faculty but that the amending documents mentioned 40. The Garfath memorial, the 41st, was not mentioned.

Announcing his decision, the Chancellor said that a curious set of circumstances had been revealed, and both parties appeared with hands which were not altogether clean.

'I have no idea what my predecessor would have said if the matter had come before him in 1906,' he said. 'Looking at it from the point of view of the present day standards of furnishing, which are much stronger than then, I doubt whether I would have allowed it to be put up in a church. It is not a work of art and not well executed from the point of view of lettering and there are other details I would have required amending. Nevertheless, incorporating, as it does, some historical interest, I should not order its removal from the church even if I were asked to do so.'

## CONSIDER OTHERS

'I feel somewhat strongly that this is mainly a ringers' memorial. I appreciate the jealousy of the Guild of Ringers in all matters pertaining to their art and while I cannot see that this is an appropriate adornment to the ringing chamber, it commemorates a man who was closely associated with it and that the bells were rung on two historical occasions.'

The Chancellor rejected Mr. Garfath's appeal and said that if a proper petition was made to him, and there were no objections to it, he would issue a new citation to cover the retention of the tablet in its present position. He suggested that the Rector and churchwardens should, in making the petition, consider the legal position of the other tablets which had been moved during the redecoration of the church.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
Lewisham District

Over seventy members and friends attended the quarterly meeting held at St. Mary Cray on January 28th. Ringing in a variety of Minor and Doubles methods during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Willoughby, the Vicar of St. Mary Cray. Mr. E. Barnett read the lesson and the organ was played by Miss Strouts.

The District was pleased to have Mr. A. G. Hill, recently elected a vice-president of the Association, in the chair at the business meeting. Customary matters received attention, including the election of ten new resident practising members, and Mr. E. Barnett received the company's congratulations on having completed 64 years' membership of the Association.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, W. B. Smith 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Smith, a faithful church worker.



# DEATH OF FRANK V. H. SINKINS

## G.O.M. OF RINGING

THE death on January 31st of Frank Victor Horace Sinkins on the day after his 96th birthday removed from the Oxford Diocesan Guild one of its most earliest, members and one of its most revered sons.

Born in 1865, Frank Sinkins commenced ringing in the original St. Mary's Parish Church at Slough, with its light ring of six bells (tenor 9½ cwt.), and rang his first peal upon them in April, 1888, and his last peal at Burnham, with the late George Gilbert conducting, in August, 1951, at the age of 86 years. He was still ringing regularly when well into his nineties, a wonderful record of service to the belfry.

To hear him reminiscing of the ringers with whom he rang in the nineteenth century, of the miles he walked with the late William H. Fussell for a bit of ringing, of the Slough he knew as a boy, and of his own most interesting life story was a pleasure indeed.

Sinkins is a name known better to gardeners than to ringers. When Frank Sinkins was a boy his father was Master of Slough Workhouse and Infirmary (since enlarged to become Upton Hospital) and a keen amateur gardener. As a result of his experiments he produced the flower now known universally as 'Mrs. Sinkins Pink' and named it after his wife. Frank's mother, Slough has since achieved borough status, and this flower is now incorporated in the borough coat of arms.

## STARTED AT 11

A choirboy and bellringer (at the age of eleven) at Slough, Frank Sinkins rang call changes until, as he relates, a rather shocking incident led to the introduction of change ringing. Ringing had taken place prior to a Confirmation service, and two of the 'old boys' visited a nearby public house for a drink during the service. Both got well inebriated, and one staggered into the ringing room, with 'Look at those funny little things hanging down from the ceiling' and grabbed a bellrope. Down came the bell—in the middle of the Bishop's homily!

After the service the Rector sent for the captain and demanded to know the reason for this irreverent misconduct by the ringers. The outcome was the 'sacking' of the culprits, and the younger members, who had heard about the new art being practised in Uxbridge and Hillingdon, sought to introduce it to Slough. With George Newson as instructor, it was little wonder that the Slough ringers were soon, 1886, clamouring for two trebles, which a beneficent churchwarden was persuaded to purchase, and by 1888 peals of Triples were being rung, conducted by George Newson. At this time he walked the seven minutes to Beaconsfield nearly every week to practise.

Frank Sinkins followed his father's profession, and became workhouse master at Huntingdon in 1889. Here he got little ringing, if any; so on various occasions, such as Bank Holiday week-ends, he invited his Slough colleagues and other members of the 'Cumberlands', to which he then belonged, to Huntingdon for ringing week-ends, which gave him the chance to score a few peals and enjoy a bit of ringing. In 1901 he succeeded his father as Master at Slough and he was soon ringing peals again—nearly all of Grandsire or Stedman—in that district. He was a man of great principles, and his determination to sanction only what was correct put him at variance with the Board and he was forced to resign. He always smarted under this injustice, but he revealed it to only his closest confidants.

## PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN

He then became a professional musician, playing the violin in the orchestra of Her Majesty's Theatre in London. He had a special affection for the music of 'The Quaker Girl', as he took part in its original production. He knew well Lionel Monckton and Edward German, and Sir George Elvey, organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, composer of the harvest hymn, 'Come, ye thankful people, come.' He always declared that it was because Sir John Stainer, St. Paul's organist, said Stedman Cinques should be rung as it was the best and only suitable

12-bell music, that the Stedman tradition was established at St. Paul's. [Perhaps a older College Youth could confirm this.]

Before the 1914 war Frank Sinkins was in the South Bucks Territorial Unit and served with it in the First World War until he was invalided out in 1917. He then worked for a short time for the Army and Navy Stores Department and then did clerical work for the American Expeditionary Force, receiving an excellent commendation. From 1920 he was a Government auditor with the Ministry of Labour until he retired to spread the evening of his life in Slough. While in London he rang at St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, where he found a College Youth band. He thus was obliged to fall in line, and left the Cumberlands to become a member of the Ancient Society.

## AMBITION UNFULFILLED

While at Slough during and after World War II he rang regularly on the new (1913) ring of eight in the also new Parish Church. One of his most cherished ambitions was to see a ring of ten bells at Slough before he died, and he so strongly expressed this desire that the writer, to give him happiness, successfully undertook the task. Frank, however, never scored a peal on the ten. He was in the first attempt in 1951, and rang for just over three hours when his legs gave way—he was then aged 86. He did, however, ring another peal, his last, on a lighter ring of bells at Burnham.

When his housekeeper died a few years ago he went to live with his daughter in Streatham, where he continued his ringing, almost to the end of his long life. He loved good striking, and would not go on if the ringing was poor.

He rang in all 42 peals: Grandsire Triples 20, Stedman Triples 13, Double Norwich 1, Kent T.B. Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1 (in Edinburgh) and Stedman Caters 1 (at Kensington).

## HIS FUNERAL

Over 20 ringers attended his funeral at Slough on Monday, February 6th, conducted by Rev. E. W. Perkins, chairman of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was also represented by Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer), and Mr. G. Swift (Branch Ringing Master). The bells were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave. A quarter peal came to grief through a shift course. Towers represented included Slough, Windsor, Old Windsor, Chalfont St. Peter, Stoke Poges, Clewer, Maidenhead, Bray, Marlow, Farnham Royal and Streatham.

The Slough bellringers met on the evening following his 96th birthday to ring for him a birthday 'quarter', but, on learning of his death a few hours previously put on the muffles and scored a half-muffled 1,344 of Gainsborough Surprise Major. An 'In Memoriam' peal of Stedman (his favourite method), lost after an hour's excellent ringing on Saturday, February 4th, was rearranged for Wednesday, February 15th, at Stoke Poges.

Those of us who were privileged to be his friends will ever remember him as a most loyal Sunday service ringer and a splendid example of a Christian gentleman. May he rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon him.

PALUDIAN.

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# OBITUARY

## MR. JESSE H. SCOTT

A ringer for 55 years, Mr. Jesse H. Scott, of Woolton Hill, near Newbury, died on February 5th, aged 70. Until a fortnight previously, he had been very active in teaching a new band.

When Mr. Scott and his brother, Norman, were taught to ring in the early part of the century Woolton Hill was a call change tower. He persuaded the church to hire an instructor from Newbury for 12 lessons and at the end they could ring Bob Doubles. Further progress was made with the arrival of Mr. H. Baalam and in 1925 the only peal was rung on five bells—Grandsire Doubles with Jesse ringing the tenor.

With the addition of a new treble the band progressed rapidly and methods up to Cambridge and London Surprise were rung for Sunday services; two of the promising youngsters then being Tom Lock, secretary of the Middlesex Association, and Reg. Rex. This band created a deep impression at Oxford Guild meetings during their Surprise ringing.

For a number of years Jesse was the village baker and it was during this period that a Woolton Hill band, of which the writer was a member, again attained the heights of Cambridge Minor for Sunday service ringing. Marriage and moving from the village broke up the band.

The funeral service on February 9th was attended by a number of ringing friends, by whom the deceased will always be remembered at Woolton Hill. G. D.

## 'COLLEGE' NEWS

The Exning (Suffolk) School of Ringing is the latest to become affiliated to the College of Campanology. They recently scored their first peal. (Master—Mr. A. Mann.)

The principal of the College, Mr. A. York-Bramble, has been elected the first vice-president of the Portsmouth Cathedral Guild; and invited to serve on the P.C.C. with special reference to representation of ringing interests.

Missenden Abbey College of Adult Education (Bucks Education Committee) has invited four tutors of the College to undertake the ten sessions of lectures and demonstrations in their course on Campanology, over the first week-end in June next.

The College representative in the U.S.A.—Mr. James Lawson, the carillonneur—who has recently moved from Chicago to New York, writes that he hopes to be visiting this country again, next summer, and to look up his many friends.

Congratulations to Giles Beresford Thompson, of Manchester, a junior student of the College, who has just taken the prescribed oral and practical tests for the 'Student's Certificate' (at Wakefield), with the loss of only one point in all; and secured the 'Certificate of Merit'. R. B.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A larger attendance of District members than usual was present at the annual meeting of the Luton District held at Woburn on January 21st. The Rev. T. N. Gunner took the service with Miss Anne Spavins playing the organ. Mrs. Spavins and Anne later served tea for about 30 ringers.

The secretary reported at the business meeting on the successful past year with 11 meetings and an average attendance of 32. Membership stood at 132, of whom 107 were performing. The balance in hand was £5 more than last year. The two ringing contests had been a great success. Westoning, the winners of the trophy, had a young and fresh band of learners. It was felt that the interest stimulated by the cup would be helpful to Sunday ringing.

In place of Mr. P. Newing, who had left the district, Mr. R. R. Churchill was elected chairman. Mr. K. G. Spavins was unanimously re-elected secretary, and the District committee comprises Mr. Smith (Luton), Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield (Totternhoe) and Mr. R. Churchill (Hushorne Crawley).



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## MISCELLANEOUS

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—Preliminary notice.—Dedication of new treble bell in memory of Flo Field (died April 16th, 1960), on Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Full details later. 7744

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be no midweek practices at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, until further notice. 7746

**ST. SAVIOUR'S AND CHRIST CHURCH, BACUP.**—Joint practices on Wednesday nights at 7.30, 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at St. Saviour's; 2nd and 4th at Christ Church. All are welcome. 7672

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## MEETINGS

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden.—C. T. H. 7686

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., February 25th, 2.30-4 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (not St. John's Waterloo Road), 2.30-4.30 p.m. Clement Danes'. 4.45 Service. 5.30 p.m. The George, Fleet Street, for tea, business meeting and handbell competition, followed by social evening. Everyone welcome. Names for tea.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.**—Joint meeting at Sheffield, February 25th. Bells: Ranmoor (10) 2-3.30 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 4-5.15. Tea at nearby cafe. Cathedral (12) 6.30-8 p.m. All University ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport. 7680

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**SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Saturday, February 25th, South Benfleet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea notify R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—F. Beenev, Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Sawley, February 25th, from 3 to 6 p.m. Tea break 4-4.30. Evening at Lenton at 7 p.m., approximately.—Miss A. Henson, Sec. 7717

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on March 4th. Cups of tea provided. Ringing, from rounds to Surprise. All welcome.—D. Smith, Sec. 7732

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Hechester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 4th, South Petherton (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7754

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church (junction St. Anne's Road East, Church Road and Headroomgate Road), Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 7739

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**LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPAOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**—Annual dinner on Saturday, March 4th, at the Griffin Hotel, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 5-7 p.m. All welcome. Tickets (18s.) from Michael G. Swift, University Union, Leeds 2, not later than February 27th. 7682

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Blaby, on March 4th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Social Centre at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 1st, to Mr. J. Wale, 15, Northfield Road, Blaby, Leics.—A. James Poyner, Dis. Sec. 7720

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**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, March 4th, Longton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 1st, to Mr. H. Carter, 35, Goldenhill Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7743

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7731

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 4th, at Calverton (6). Good attendance, please. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford. 7751

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Ravensthorpe, Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby.—J. E. Goddard, Branch Sec. 7733

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—The 73rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held on March 4th, at the White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street, at 6 o'clock. Chair-



man, Frank W. Perrens, Esq. Early application for tickets (20s. each) is desirable, as the number is limited to 60.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 7582

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, March 4th. Ringing in City: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 2-3 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 3-4. Cathedral (12) 4.3-6 p.m.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Shroton. March 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday. March 1st. to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 7735

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting. Saturday. March 4th. at Wollaton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 1st. to Mr. M. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7714

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary (6). Saturday. March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Monksleigh bells (6) available 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury. 7681

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**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting. Welland. Saturday. March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: St. Clement's Bob Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday. February 28th. to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue. St. John's, Worcester. 7698

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Saturday. March 11th. annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by 9th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Look up St. Clement's Bob Major and Lincolnshire Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7228

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting. St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester. Saturday. March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street, Colchester. 7755

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting. Saturday. March 11th. Full details next week.—S. Russell, Gen. Sec. 7668

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting. Northchurch (8). Saturday. March 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 7750

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Maidstone District)—Quarterly meeting. and **LADIES' GUILD** (Kent Branch)—Annual meeting at Staplehurst. on March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7727

**ST. DAVID'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Elli, Llanelli, on Saturday. March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. Thomas, 1, Amanwyl, Llanelli. 7729

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting. Coombe Bissett. March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who send names by March 7th. to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. St. Thomas', Salisbury. 7-8 p.m. 7748

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Practice meeting. Bury St. Edmunds. Norman tower (10). Saturday. March 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 7740

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bredon's Norton (6). Saturday. March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Please notify for tea by March 8th. to C. B. Longmore, Sec., 65A, Port Street, Evesham. Worcs. 7751

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The meeting at Pebmarsh. arranged to take place on March 18th. has now been postponed until April 8th. 7730

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. Division.—Annual supper and social. Saturday. March 18th. at 6.45 p.m., in the Village Hall, Danbury. Tickets. 5s. 6d., from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. before Wednesday. March 15th. 7661

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting. St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Thanet. Saturday. March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and cakes only. cost 1s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea must notify. together with cash. please, by March 13th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7719

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS South-West Branch

The annual meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Lifton on January 28th. when between 50 and 60 ringers attended from various parts of the county and North Cornwall. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers, and consisted of Grandsire Triples. Stedman. Plain Bob and Kent. with rounds for the encouraging number of beginners present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Welchman, and was described by the Rev. John Scott, chairman of the N.W. Branch, as one of the brightest and most interesting ringers' services he had attended. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. Whitford, a daughter of Mr. Brimacombe, captain of the Lifton ringers, and other ladies.

At the business meeting an apology was read from the Rt. Rev. Norman H. Clarke, Bishop of Plymouth, who was that afternoon dedicating the rehung bells of Bigbury. He expressed sincere thanks to all the ringers who were giving so much of their time to keeping the bells going.

The meeting stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. George Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice.

The honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers, gave his reports, both of which were most satisfactory. During the year eight peals had been rung and 20 quarter peals. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance of over £28, a slight increase on last year. Mr. Myers was warmly thanked for all he was doing for the Branch.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth) as chairman and Press officer; Mr. T. G. Myers as honorary secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master; Mr. O. Thomas (Emmanuel) auditor, and Mr. J. P. Sims, (captain, Emmanuel) on the General Committee with two new members, Mr. R. Bould (Tavistock) and Mr. W. Lavers (Plympton St. Maurice). Retiring members were: F. E. Dav (Emmanuel) and H. Milford (St. Andrew's), now Guild auditor and treasurer respectively.

A Guild certificate was presented to Miss Margaret Sheppard (Tavistock) and four new members were elected: Miss Priscilla Drake and Mr. B. Perry (Emmanuel), Miss Carol Boucher (unattached) and Mr. William Battin (unattached).

It was hoped during the next twelve months to have meetings at Revelstoke, Plympton St. Maurice and Emmanuel, with a joint meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch at Buckfastleigh.

Before making a start on his long journey to return home, the president, Preb. Cox, said how delighted he was to be present, and congratulated the Branch on having so many young people present, and on having such a successful meeting.

The votes of thanks included one to Mr. Brimacombe, the local captain, with the wish that he would be restored to good health.

## OBITUARY

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### CANON A. C. BLYTH,

President, Cambridge University Guild

As I have known Blyth since undergraduate days I have been asked to write a few lines about him. He was a scholar of Christ's College, and although rowing was his main activity, and in fact he became captain of the College boat club, he did a certain amount of ringing and in 1910 he became secretary of the Guild for a year. He was one of the few who, at that time, were ringers before coming into residence, and I well remember our rejoicing over a 720 of Minor, which the Guild rang on the light six at Great St. Mary's in which we both took part. He was severely wounded in the war, but in 1928 he became a fellow of Selwyn College, and served as Chaplain, senior tutor and finally vice-Master.

In 1932, Mr. Boughey, who had been president of the Guild for more than 50 years, became ill and had to give up his rooms in Great Court, Trinity, which had always been regarded as the headquarters of the Guild. Members then realised that it was essential to find a resident don if the Guild was to be saved from the decay which often occurs to solely undergraduate societies. After Mr. Boughey's death in 1936, Blyth rose to the occasion, despite the extremely full and satisfying life he was already living. After being elected president in 1937 he began to enter into the Guild's activities as though they were the one interest in his life.

I shall always remember what a pleasure it was to return to Cambridge for a night or two, and how his hospitality would rise to the occasion. In 1949 the Guild held a dinner to celebrate 70 years of existence, and largely due to his influence as chairman, this function has become an annual event. His association with Canon Woodward led to the Guild undertaking to ring St. Andrew's bells for Sunday services and to this belfry becoming the Guild's headquarters. In due course, it also led to the bells being rehung.

One of his ambitions was to be the first to ring a peal by a 'one-college' band. After many practices this was accomplished in 1952, when a handbell peal of Bob Major was rung by an 'all-Selwyn' band. This was followed, in 1954, by 'all-Selwyn' tower-bell peals of Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, much to his pleasure.

He always attended the Guild annual ringing week, and one always felt that here was a president, respected and loved by young and old members alike. His shrewd mind was able to sort out many difficulties. In particular, I remember that, when the Pearson collection of priceless ringing books was left to the Guild with conditions which the University library was unable to accept, he arranged things so that the books are now on the shelves of the University library.

He was a man of few words, and his way of stating his point of view sometimes gave offence, but it was soon realised that his advice was very sound. How did he manage all this, and how did he become so proficient a ringer after so long a lapse? One can only imagine that it was because of his brilliance, and his power to give to each of his activities the attention most people give to one activity alone.

It is pleasant to know that on the night before he died he attended the Guild practice at St. Andrew's as was his wont, and that he made in a two course touch of his favourite method—Stedman Triples. E. M. A.

## LATE NOTICES

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Joint meeting with North Forest. Saturday. March 4th. Westbury (6). Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 7670

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Dundee on Saturday. March 4th. St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.15 p.m., Old Steeple later. Names for tea by March 1st. to Mr. Anderson, 1, Blackness Avenue, Dundee. 7669

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting at Rammoor, 3 p.m., Saturday. March 4th. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 7671



## QUARTER PEALS

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Frost 1, Miss J. I. Frost 2, G. Dickens 3, D. M. Trueman 4, J. Payne 5, S. Earl (cond.) 6.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Jan 25th, at 6, Hall Grove, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances Fairbank 1-2, M. G. Swith 3-4, F. K. Williamson 5-6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7-8. Rung by members of the Leeds University Union Campanological Society.

**MARKFIELD, LEICS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Colleen Sheldon 1, K. Burdett 2, T. Ison 3, H. Hover 4, J. Wardle 5, F. Chambers (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tom Wakefield, a past ringer and chorister at this church for 60 years, and also his wife.

**NEWHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Newing 1, K. Triplow (first as cond. and of Minimus) 2, D. Cawley (first quarter) 3, J. C. Baldwin 4. First quarter on the bells.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For morning service.

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): D. Howe (first in two methods) 1, Jennifer Reeve (first of Minor) 2, F. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, F. Mortlock 5, L. Wright (first as cond.) 6.

**READING.**—At St. Mary's, Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol): G. Harvey 1, Helen M. Diserens 2, R. K. Russ 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, J. Manley 5, A. Diserens 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major for 3 and 5.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. C. Law 1, D. W. Stenson (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (first as cond.) 5, N. May (first on tenor) 6. For Evensong.

**WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Clare 1, J. Fox (cond.) 2, W. Hammond 3, N. Greenacre 4, H. Follen 5, M. R. Reed 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial G. Wing, churchwarden and ringer at this church.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): F. Warnes (first quarter) 1, E. Leggett (cond.) 2, A. Bridges 3, D. Culham 4, B. Gibbons 5, F. Clarke 6. Arranged for the treble ringer, who is leaving for Bishop's College, Cheshunt.

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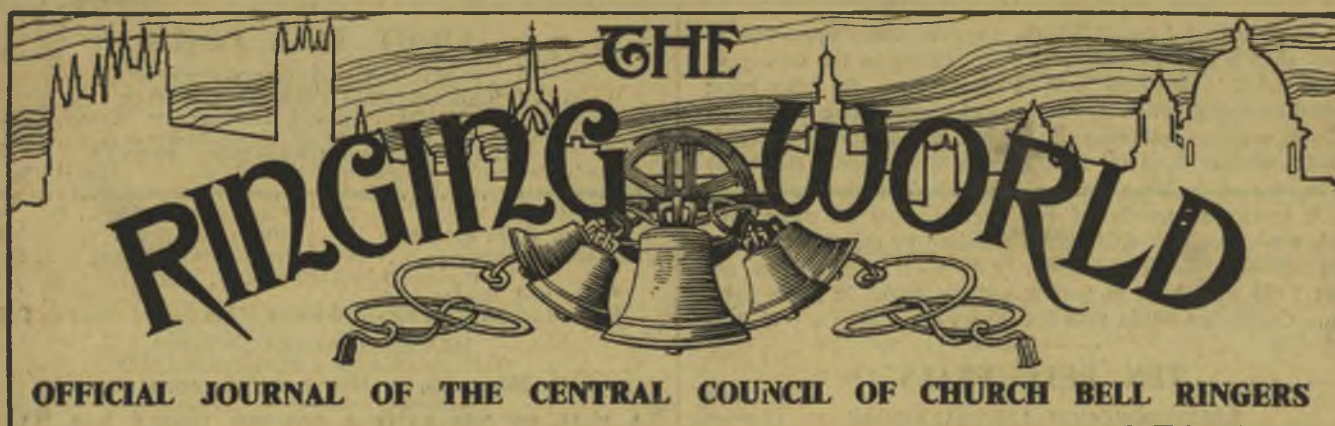
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## THE BELLS OF SUFFOLK

FOR over seventy years 'The Church Bells of Suffolk,' by John James Raven, D.D., who was Vicar of Fressingfield, has been the principal book on the county's bells. A most comprehensive work, it took over forty years to compile. Now, in spite of all Dr. Raven's hard work, the passage of time has inevitably made the book out of date. There is no doubt, however, that it will forever remain as the record of bells of the county as at date 1890, for it is a volume of detailed information.

The author probed deeply to get material, not only concerning the bells themselves, but into their history and founders. The publication was limited to 50 copies imperial quarto and 500 super royal octavo.

One wonders whether Mr. Ranald Clouston, who has done and is doing so much for Suffolk church bells, will one day publish an up-to-date 'Raven,' or a 'Clouston.' It would not surprise me—he has been into so many towers with his expert knowledge and keen eye.

But the late H. Munro Cautley F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., until recently surveyor to the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (i.e. the Suffolk diocese), wrote a book, 'Suffolk Churches and their Treasures,' first published 1937, the latest edition being dated 1954, price 3 guineas, and his section on church bells, though comparatively short, is pleasantly arranged and full of rich interest.

So far as is known, the earliest bells remaining in Suffolk, he writes, is the clock bell at Hadleigh, which is inscribed AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA DOMINIUS TECUM (Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord be with thee). This bell most probably dates from the end of the 13th century. It is true that there are a few bells with narrow and long waists, which might be a century older, but as they have no inscription or marks on them, this is pure conjecture.

Of the 14th century there are certainly several bells in Suffolk, probably the earliest being those at Worlington (near Mildenhall) and Gt. Bradley (between Newmarket and Haverhill), the former inscribed JOHANNES GODYNGE DE LENNE ME FECIT and the latter RICARD DE WYMBIS ME FECIT.

About the middle of the century we have bells at Assington (near Sudbury), Barnardiston (near Haverhill), Monks Eleigh (near Lavenham) and two at Parham (near Framlingham)—the last two named places each having a bell inscribed ASSUMPTA EST MARIA IN CELUM (Mary has been received into Heaven). The Assington bell has the interesting inscription HOC SIGNUM SERVAVIT MARIA THOMA (O Christ, Mary, Thomas, preserve this signal). The second bell at Parham and the bells at Amlington (near Bury St. Edmunds), Bromeswell (near Woodbridge), and Wissett (near Halesworth) are perhaps a little later in the century.

The next group would seem to range from 1390 to 1410, and comprises 22 bells as follows: Barking (near Needham Market)

(two), Butley (near Woodbridge), Clare, Cornard Magna (near Sudbury), South Elmham St. Peter (near Halesworth) (three), Hawstead (near Bury St. Edmunds), Ilketshall St. Margaret (near Bungay) (two), Ipswich St. Stephen (two), Nedging (near Needham Market), Oakley (near Eye), Peasenhall (near Saxmundham), Pettistree (near Wickham Market) (two), Sibton (near Yoxford), Ufford (near Woodbridge), and Westerfield (near Ipswich) (two).

There are many 15th century bells; of these, those at Bildeston, Brockley (near Bury St. Edmunds) (three), Lakenheath (near Mildenhall) (two), Mildenhall and Stowmarket, bear the royal arms as altered after 1413. They were probably made during the next few years. On the Brockley second is a lovely medallion inscribed IHU MERCI LADI HELP.

Of other pre-Reformation bells it is interesting to record that there are cast on the bells of Bradfield Combust (near Bury St. Edmunds) and Saxmundham the emblems of the four Evangelists.

On the bells at Stratford St. Mary (between Ipswich and Colchester) and Ubbeston (near Halesworth) appear the rare and curious foundry shield of William Culverden, his name expressed in a rebus by a culver or pigeon with DEN above it. Lastly, but obviously pre-Reformation, is the Craftfield (near Halesworth) clock bell inscribed VIRGINIS EGREGIE VOCOR CAMPANA MARIE (I am called the bell of the Glorious Virgin Mary), PREY FOR THE SOLE OF WILLIAM ALEYS.

One of the most famous families of bell casters was the Brasyers, of Norwich, whose bells range from 1424 to 1513. These fine Norwich bells are all inscribed in hexameters and are notable for their beautiful lettering: over a hundred remain in Suffolk and a typical inscription as at Charsfield (near Woodbridge) is HEC FIT SANCTORUM-CAMPANA LAUDE BONORUM (This bell is made in the praise of good saints).

A bell foundry existed in Suffolk itself at Bury St. Edmunds in the middle of the 15th century but these bells are not nearly so numerous or fine as those made at Norwich at the same period. The heaviest of them hung in Suffolk is at All Saints', Sudbury, which weighs about a ton and is inscribed STELLA MARIA MARIS—SUCCURRE PISSIMA NOBIS (Star of the Sea, most holy Mary, succour us).

A welcome foreigner is the beautiful Mechlin bell at Bromeswell (near Woodbridge), which bears, in addition to a bold ornamental border, four medallions representing the Annunciation, the Flight into Egypt, the Presentation in the Temple and St. Michael and the Dragon. Its inscription is JHESUS BEN IC GHEGOTEN VAN CORNELIS WAGHEVENS INT IAER ONS HEEREN MCCCCXXX (Jesus am I, cast by Cornelis Waghevens in the year of our Lord 1530). An earlier Flemish bell at Whitton (near Ipswich) is dated 1441, while Leavenheath (near Boxford) has a bell made at Stockholm as late as in 1801. Of about the same date as the Bromeswell bell is the little clock bell at Stoke-by-Clare inscribed SURGE MANE SARVIRE DEO (Rise in the morning to serve God).

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In the reign of Edward VI the Commissioners appointed to record church goods returned as then existing in the county of Suffolk 1,721 'Great bells' and 91 sanctus bells, the latter being referred to in the section on sanctus bell windows (see the section on these windows following this present section on bells). It is doubtful whether there are 1,900 bells in Suffolk today (i.e. 1938) and in view of the large number of post-Reformation bells existing, it speaks eloquently of the large number of older bells which must have been sold, recast or seized by the Crown in the years following the Reformation. (My guess is that there are about 1,940 such bells in Suffolk today (1961). If I am right, Munro Cautley's 1,900 in 1938 is not very far out.) C. R.

## TEN BELL PEALS

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

### BRISTOL.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 2	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 8
JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. .. 9
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.  
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Leaker.

### CREWE, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. .. 6
*CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 7
IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 8
*JOHN S. DEAN .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 9
FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.  
\* First peal of Stedman. The quickest peal on the bells.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 3	GEORFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 8
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 4	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 9
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

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#### LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

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L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (second observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*BRENDA HALL .. .. Treble	JAMES W. DIXON .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. .. 6
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

### MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
*W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	*RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	*ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 4	*GORDON H. LANE .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal in the Ilkeston variation.

Rung as a farewell to the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt, Vicar of Burton and president of the Midland Counties Guild, on his departure for South Africa.

### KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.
RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	ALMA M. GREAVES .. .. 5
*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 2	*ROGER J. GAY .. .. 6
*LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. 3	PAUL W. WEBB .. .. 7
*ALAN J. COLLINGS .. .. 4	RAYMOND H. DAW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Triples.

A 21st birthday compliment to Alan J. Collings.

### BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

#### A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 7
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 4	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### CLYST HONITON, DEVON.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

In two methods: 2,520 Oxford Bob and 2,520 Grandsire, with 84 changes of method.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
JACK SALWAY .. .. Treble	CYRIL DEEM .. .. 5
KENNETH CLARKE .. .. 2	COLIN C. TURNER .. .. 6
CHARLES J. TURNER .. .. 3	GEORGE E. RETTER .. .. 7
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4	JOHN ARBURY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

First peal of Spliced Triples by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.

### DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
*RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of London. † 25th peal.

### HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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



ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HENRY LEWIS (Filz.) .. Treble	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 5
CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) .. 2	DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) .. 6
HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 4	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.  
Rung in memoriam Rev. A. C. Blyth, president of the Guild, who died on February 9th, 1961.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.  
\*REGINALD J. FOSTER .. Treble ‡E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 5  
†W. DAVID WARD .. 2 WILLIAM BUTLER .. 6  
JOHN E. CAMP .. 3 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7  
EDGAR G. SWIFT .. 4 \*DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.  
\* First peal. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire.  
Rung as a thankoffering for the restoration of the bells, and as an 'In memoriam' tribute to Frank V. H. Sinkins (died January 31st, 1961).

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.  
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble RICHARD CHAMBERS .. 5  
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2 FREDERICK F. MORLOCK .. 6  
\*JENNIFER A. REEVE .. 3 ANTHONY MANN .. 7  
†FREDERICK HUNT .. 4 ROGER PALMER .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY. Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.  
\* First peal. † First of Major.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 44 lb. in F.  
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. Treble PETER WATSON .. 5  
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2 FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6  
NEIL BENNETT .. 3 F. JOHN NELSON .. 7  
\*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. 4 A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.  
\* First peal.  
A birthday compliment to Miss Christine Townend.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In three methods, comprising 1,728 Cambridge, 1,728 Yorkshire and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.	
NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	KEITH ABBOTT .. 6
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

DORKING, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.  
OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. Treble ARTHUR H. SMITH .. 5  
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2 EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 6  
\*FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 3 FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7  
ALAN STREETER .. 4 A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* 50th peal in 50 years' ringing.

OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 2	†EDWARD R. VENN .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	CHARLES COLES .. 7
*DAWN ELSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.  
ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5  
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2 WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6  
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3 ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7  
J. KEITH WARD .. 4 FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

BROMLEY, KENT.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Johnson's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.  
MARCUS P. BARTON .. Treble MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 5  
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2 ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6  
MIKAELA ERIK .. 3 DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7  
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 4 GEOFFREY PRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.  
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

CANTERBURY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen, HACKINGTON.

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative: 112 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.  
Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

PHILIP A. CORBY .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. 3	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).  
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* First peal of 4-Spliced in the standard methods.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt.  
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. Treble GILBERT E. LARTER .. 5  
DAVID CUBITT .. 2 MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 6  
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 3 RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7  
REV. GILES GALLEY .. 4 WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by REV. GILES GALLEY.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10½ Minutes,  
At St. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (Pocahontas Memorial).

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.  
DOREEN A. DEVERELL .. Treble JOHN R. COOPER .. 5  
\*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2 THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6  
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3 PETER BERESFORD .. 7  
ALICK CUTLER .. 4 DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.  
\* First peal of Spliced. First of 8-Spliced for the Society.

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KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being 720 of combined Oxford and Kent, two 720's of Oxford T.B. and four 720's of Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	CHARLES MOORE .. .. 4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT.. .. 2	RAYMOND LOFTY .. .. 5
*ROY WILES .. .. 3	PERCY SQUIRES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Revell of Hethersett.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 30 120's (ten callings) and six different 240's Morris's.

JOHN A. RAITHBY .. .. Treble	*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS.. .. 2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT.. .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	BERNARD PLUMBER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.

\* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of Norwich Surprise, two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*PAUL E. WELLS .. .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET.. .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER.. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5
*ALBERT J. DAVEY .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, as Rector of this parish for 15 years.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4
*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' to Surprise peals.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 XINGU SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

PETER J. CHILTON .. .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 2	BARRY BROWN .. .. 5
JOHN J. MORRIS .. .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4
*OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
† MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal of Cambridge S. Minor 'inside.' † First of Cambridge 'inside.' First of Minor in the method as conductor.

XINGU SURPRISE MINOR

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DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores of Stedman and eight each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Treble	GLORIA M. NEWTON.. .. 4
HAROLD L. PARFREY.. .. 2	ALAN F. LEE .. .. 5
GEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS

Rung on the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GRAHAM G. H. COOPER.. Treble	WILLIAM H. COLLINS .. 4
† GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 2	JOHN E. GODDARD .. .. 5
† MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. 3	RICHARD J. DANBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. DANBY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's in seven methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Nether-seale Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

PETER F. ROMNEY .. .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
*FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 2	*JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (2) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (5) Thelwall and Childwall; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

STREATLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 4
*WILLIAM J. IRVING.. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK.. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD.. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1903.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET.. .. 4
F. A. KEITH PRIME .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5
ALBERT J. DAVEY .. .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

\* First peal in more than one method.

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## MERTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Hilary, Blackburn Place, Westminster II, New, St. Vedast, Huntspill, St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Osmund's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

\*CHRISTOPHER MEW .. Treble Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.  
†JOAN SPREADBURY .. 2 | \*ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 4

‡PAUL CATERMOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATERMOLE.

\*First peal on five bells. †First 'inside,' and on five. ‡25th of Doubles. First in 14 methods of Doubles by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Kennington, six each of Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten extents and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

\*TERENCE E. TRICKETT .. Treble | †MICHAEL E. ALLMAN .. 4  
JOHN E. BROUGH .. 2 | FRANK R. MORTON .. 5  
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3 | ‡R. J. ANTHONY HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\*First peal away from tenor. †First of Doubles. ‡First peal. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the third; also as a birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of the conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Williams, former sexton and ringer at this church, who has been visiting this country after 30 years in Australia.

## WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY .. Treble | REGINALD F. CROOK .. 4  
HENRY J. LAWRENSEN .. 2 | ARTHUR SAYERS .. 5  
REGINALD W. REX .. 3 | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung in memory of Jesse Frederick Scott, 55 years a ringer at this church, who died on February 5th.

## BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 20 extents Grandsire and 22 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

\*BRIAN C. LAW .. Treble | \*J. HEDLEY WALE .. 3  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2 | MARK G. WOOD .. 4

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\*First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells since rehanging. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. J. Cheverton), resigned Feb. 1st.

## ENGLEFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4  
PATRICIA HEATHER .. 2 | JOHN MANLEY .. 5  
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3 | \*NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\*100th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal, and 50th as conductor.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble | CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 4  
KEITH JORDAN .. 2 | \*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5  
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3 | \*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH JORDAN.

\*First peal of Minor in the method. First as conductor.

## ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. Treble | \*PAUL A. GIBSON .. 4  
CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 2 | ERIC EDMONDSON .. 5  
JOHN G. CULL .. 3 | STANLEY HUCKLE .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\*First peal.

## BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

ALEC WILSON .. Treble | A. JEWITT .. 4  
JOHN COATES .. 2 | JAMES T. ROOKE .. 5  
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3 | MALCOLM FOSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM FOSTER.

First peal as conductor. First with all singles by all the band.

## EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble | GEOFFREY PAUL .. 4  
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 2 | PETER A. SHARP .. 5  
DELIA SMITH .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## FRYERNING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 63 methods: (1) Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ros-therne, Knutsford, Stisted, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Danbury Delight, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Campanulla, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, Hemsworth and York Minster Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale Surprise; (4) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob; 127 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4  
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5  
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Bradley, life member of the Essex Association and captain of the Fryerning band, who was interred this day.

## PEAL OF MINIMUS

## CONINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Consisting of 210 extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

\*F. INGLE .. Treble | J. CAUSER .. 3  
\*P. LEGGETT .. 2 | A. PAYNE .. 4

\*First peal. Bells 3 and 4 in this 4-bell tower were recast by George Day, of Ely, in 1911.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON .. 1—2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5—6  
\*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3—4 | \*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\*First peal on handbells.

## WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3—4  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5296 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6  
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3—4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.



## HALF PEALS

**ALDERTON, WILTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 2,760 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, T. J. Milsom 5. The longest length on the bells.

**GREAT THURLOW, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 13th, 2,880 Surprise Minor; extents of 1 London and Wells, 2 York and Durham, 3 Ipswich and Cambridge, 4 Norwich: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, R. J. Palmer 3, T. Bird 4, S. Twitchett 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stevens 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips 3, N. Stevens 4, I. Hillburn 5, E. Skinner 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Leonard Bagg, people's warden, interred this day. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bagg 1, H. Stevens 2, I. Hillburn 3, G. Grinter 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, E. Skinner 6. An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dennis Farrow, organist at this church.

**ASTON CANTLOW, WARWICKS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Kinchin 1, C. R. Steed 2, G. Ingram 3, F. C. Lyne 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): V. J. C. Dale 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter in two methods) 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, For Matins, and as a 1st birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

**BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Marcia Nott (first quarter) 1, Mary Browne 2, P. E. Jupp (first as cond.) 3, H. G. E. Warnell 4, D. Wills 5, F. Bys 6. First for Ye Youngs Bellringers.

**BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: Rev. B. Prior (first quarter) 1, Rev. D. P. Angold 2, A. L. Bennett 3, Mary Russell 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, Rev. P. Dowling 6, Rev. A. de Guingand 7, W. G. Lavers 8. First of Major for 2, 4, 6, 7.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Taylor 1, Frances Secker 2, D. J. Roaf 3, Clare Webster 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, A. J. Griffin 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, H. C. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled by the Cambridge University Guild, in memoriam the Rev. A. C. Blyth, their president.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Hodson (13, first quarter) 1, W. Shute 2, J. Frewer 3, J. Foot 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. For the induction of the Rev. P. A. Unwin.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Lamb 1, V. Sheppard (first person to have 'circled' the tower to quarter peals) 2, J. Riley 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 5, R. Law 6. For Evensong.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. Jean Kelly (first quarter) 1, B. Edwards 2, Mrs. Pamela Cracknell 3, P. Atkins 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Onians 6. First in seven methods by all the band. Rung for the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Kingston (first in method) 1, E. G. Smith 2, B. Edwards 3, Mrs. Jean Kelly (first 'inside') 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, B. Hine (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, at which special prayers were offered for the 80th Anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. J. Chivers (cond.) 1, Miss R. Bevan 2, E. Wadman 3, R. Beck 4, D. Targett 5, K. Coombs (first quarter) 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBY.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry (13, first quarter) 1, D. W. Brunning 2, W. G. Hair 3, D. Eames (15) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. Roger Fry, Curate of Linton, upon appointment to the living of St. John's, Bowling, Bradford. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Freeman (14) 1, D. Eames (15) 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, A. I. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5. A 14th birthday compliment to Ian Measures.

**ELSTREE, HERTS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. T. Hawkins 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss C. M. Rimmer 3, Miss C. Bland 4, B. B. Hullah 5, M. Jordan 6. First of Kent 1, 5 and 6. A farewell to Mr. D. H. Anstey, the organist, who is also a ringer.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Carol Elphick (first quarter) 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, June Canter 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. First in three methods for all the band. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 4th.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—On Feb. 18th, at the Church of St. David, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Sims 1, F. E. Day 2, H. W. Milford 3, W. G. Lavers 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, D. R. Bould 6, G. Skinner 7, W. H. R. Smale (first of Stedman) 8. Rung after a meeting of the General Committee of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, on which all the band serve.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Wright (cond.) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Bebb (first 'inside') 3, P. Treble 4, P. Joyce 5, J. Treble (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. Treble 2, W. W. Wright 3, G. S. G. Joyce 4, P. Joyce 5, P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Both rung for Evensong.

**GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. C. Angell 1, R. W. Baker III 2, D. Dix inn. 3, M. St. J. Smith 4, D. A. Goodenough 5, A. W. Cross (cond.) 6.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S. Anderton 1, A. Tomlinson 2, Miss M. R. Crosswaite 3, D. Lawson 4, F. Stead 5, G. A. Dimmock 6, P. Crook 7, C. Crosswaite (cond.) 8.

**HINDLEY, LANCS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cunliffe 1, G. Fothergill 2, J. Rigby 3, F. Brownlow 4, T. W. Smith 5, J. Hallsall 6, P. Crook snr. (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, P. E. Wells 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss P. Buss 2, Miss L. Allen 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. To welcome the Judge of Assize. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Houghton 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. L. Bell 3, P. E. Wells 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. E. Thoday 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6, M. J. Dyer (cover). To welcome the Vicar, Canon A. Morris, back from India.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDD.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss B. Humphrey (first of Treble Bob) 1, C. H. Rogers 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, M. Sprackling 4, S. Croft 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, A. M. Stacey 7, F. Ranson 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. For Confirmation service.

**LEAFIELD, OXON.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Locke 1, L. Smith 2, A. Lynes (cond.) 3, J. Wiggins 4, F. Hawke 5, H. Wiggins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Willshire, a member of the local band.

**LINTON, KENT.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Bennett 1, N. Mattingley 2, A. Perriman 3, J. Houghton 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, R. Maylam 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 6. A compliment to ringers of 1 and 3, for their help to Linton band. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Milner 1, J. Mattingley 2, Joy Mattingley 3, N. Mattingley 4, D. Leworthy (first as cond.) 5, R. Emmett 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Birthday compliment to 2 and 5.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—On Feb. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Evans (first quarter) 1, Hazel Everett (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Smith 3, Penelope Welch 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, H. C. Evans 6. First in method for all except 3 and 4.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 12th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: J. Tomsett 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, A. M. Stacey 5, D. Theodm 6, F. Ranson 7, C. Aldridge (first of Royal) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, W. Oatway 10. First in method for all except 2 and 9. For morning service, and a compliment to H. J. Eldred, 79 on February 18th.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. A. Glue 1, A. Pamela Warren 2, Jill M. Lanc 3, B. A. Todd 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For family service.

**ORMSKIRK, LANCS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garner 1, J. Marsh 2, J. Lunham 3, L. Pearson 4, J. Dilworth 5, C. Byard (cond.) 6, J. Ellison 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung for the special service in connection with Edge Hill Training College S.C.M. week.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin 1, N. Waite 2, L. Allen 3, A. Bishop 4, B. Bull (first of Triples 'inside') 5, B. Coatsworth 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, A. Clayton 8. For Evensong.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Mills (first quarter) 1, T. Pendlebury 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 2, 3 and 5, and by the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Buckingham, organist for 17 years, who was interred the previous day.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On Feb. 14th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. Page 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Haines 5, L. A. Page 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, F. E. Manns 8.

**SOUTHGATE, N.**—At Christ Church, on Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diana M. Lawless 1, Pamela Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, Monica Moore 4, W. Wainwright 5, H. Miller 6, L. G. Gates 7, M. Rowe (first quarter as cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Miller.

**STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, M. J. Stone 2, D. G. Miller 3, C. T. Clarke 4, F. W. Sweet 5, R. D. Short (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Mark David Horscan, born on February 14th.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Verity 1, Miss B. J. Fisher 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ducker, on the birth of a son.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Katherine Burchall 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Olive Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, N. Moxon 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. N. Moxon, aged 100 years, father of sixth ringer, for many years a ringer and chorister at this church, whose funeral took place the previous day.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Mills 1, E. E. Davey (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

**TONBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Large 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, Miss M. E. Ladd 4, S. A. White 5, E. J. Ladd 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, C. Hancock 8. For Evensong.

**TWYWEEL, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Coles (first quarter) 1, J. Groom 2, C. W. Jeffs 3, P. Fleckney (first 'inside') 4, V. Headland (cond.) 5.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Diggins 1, D. Hewitt 2, Miss G. Newcombe (first in method on 10) 3, P. D. Chapman 4, A. J. Boyack 5, T. Hawkins 6, F. Sykes 7, C. Williamson 8, B. Downes (cond.) 9, F. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. B. Holloway 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, E. E. Norris (first in method) 4, E. E. Bray (first 'inside') 5, N. G. N. Knee (first in method) 6, F. S. Slarford 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, I. G. Smith (first 'inside' and as cond.) 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

**WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Goldstone 1, D. G. Blows 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, J. W. Priest 4, R. Collins 5, E. R. T. Biscoe (first of Triples) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. Rung for the wedding of John Foster and Mary Bowman, both ringers at Weybridge.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich): A. Denison 1, G. Crisp 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. M. Youngman (first quarter) 1, D. Murfet 2, D. Robinson 3, G. Thoday (cond.) 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn 6. For Matins.

**WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coulton 1, J. Groom 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, P. Fleckney 4, V. Headland (cond.) 5, R. Murdin 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. Carvil Bonser, for many years a ringer at this church, who was interred at Woodford earlier this day.



## QUARTER PEALS

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck (first of Major) 1, E. Wills (first Major 'inside') 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck 5, L. Hughes 6, C. Harwood (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob): K. Robinson 1, R. D. Flowers 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant (first as cond.) 5, R. Kirkby 6. For Matins, also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Holling.

**BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Mrs. S. Laughton 1, S. Silsby 2, F. Curtis 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. H. Smith, organist and choir-master for 50 years.

**BRISTOL.**—On Jan. 29th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. C. Baker 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, D. J. Hunt 4, H. W. Woolven 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, F. H. Hicks 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8.

**BROADCHALKE, WILTS.**—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. C. Read 1, Miss A. M. Sweeney 2, Miss M. R. Page 3, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 4, B. Lawes (first Surprise 'inside') 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2 and 3. A farewell to B. Lawes, who is leaving this country for Australia.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. D. Mills 1, Miss E. R. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. W. Brooks 5, E. C. Hynard 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (in eleven methods): N. Phillips 1, A. Bird 2, W. Butler 3, J. Brooks 4, F. T. Blagrove 5. Conducted by all. Rung half-muffled, following the funeral of Mr. G. Welch, churchwarden.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong 1, N. Errington 2, G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. Skelton (covering) 7. For Evensong.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Erith 1, C. K. Cooper (first quarter) 2, Miss R. Millham 3, J. P. Brandon 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, I. R. Pantion 6. Average age of band, 17 years. Rung for Youth Guest service.

**GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Jacobs (first quarter, aged 14) 1, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 2, E. G. Pearce 3, J. Bennett 4, R. W. Steward 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, R. F. Downing 7, S. Pipe 8. For Evensong, and a 74th birthday compliment to J. Bennett.

**HALLOW, WORCS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bayliss 1, M. Smele 2, C. Davis 3, P. Bullock 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, F. C. Pugh 6. For morning service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. George Wheatley, on his 55th birthday, a chorister for over 40 years. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds 2, W. Faires 3, A. R. Knight (first in the method) 4, M. T. Symonds (first Stedman as cond.) 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to A. F. Turner.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: W. Hurst 1, G. W. Mason 2, T. H. Bent 3, E. Morris (cond.) 4, T. Still 5, W. J. Tanser 6, H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. First on ten for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10. For Evensong.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Foster 1, Ann Edwards 2, A. Hubble 3, F. White 4, Anne Vowles 5, S. C. Easter (cond.) 6, J. L. Towler (covering). For Evensong, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hubble, on their silver wedding anniversary.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Miss G. M. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, F. Burgess 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, J. C. Rainbow 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. T. Jennings, on his 81st birthday. For Evensong.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller (first of Doubles) 1, J. S. Walker 2, Margaret J. Cozier (first 'inside') 3, E. R. Venn 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss E. Mason 2, A. T. Bowley (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A birthday compliment to F. W. Blatch.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ward 1, R. Goodship 2, E. Blower 3, G. Sandwell 4, M. Hallett 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, R. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, G. Sandwell (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, P. Avey 2, G. Sandwell 3, R. Goodship 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For morning service.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Williams (first quarter) 1, Betty Sagers 2, Freda Hankey 3, K. Game (first of Minor) 4, G. West 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. For Evensong.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Jacqueline Reason 1, D. J. Barnett 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, T. J. Milsom 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, J. W. Isaacs 6, C. J. Barrable 7, Pat A. Burt 8. First in method by all except 3 and 4. First in method on the bells. For dedication festival. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Pat A. Burt 1, A. F. Lee 2, C. J. Barrable (cond., first in four methods) 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Carol A. Ritchens 6, L. J. Cox 7, J. W. Isaacs 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who has joined the Navy.

**WATERLOO, LONDON, S.E.**—On Feb. 5th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (last part of Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, L. W. Battley 3, F. Mead 4, C. W. Otley 5, J. A. Hales 6, M. Meyer 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

**YARNTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Heritage (first of Minor) 1, J. S. Walker (first of Minor) 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Jones 4, M. Journeaux 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

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Featured in 'Segas,' the house journal of the South Eastern Gas Board, is an interview with Mr. F. E. Collins. Our readers knew of Mr. Collins as a past Master of the College Youths, his various offices in the Surrey Association and on the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, but few knew how he earned his bread and butter as foreman of the mechanical department of the Croydon work of Segas.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on February 18th, was rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

We have had an inquiry as to the present record for 'number of towers in a day, where each member of the party rang in every tower.'

Fifteen-year-old David Eames is the first local ringer to 'circle' Church Gresley, Derbys, tower to quarter peals.

The new treble bell, in memory of Mrs. Flo Field, was cast at the Whitechapel foundry on February 15th, in the presence of the captain of the Long Sutton ringers, the donor of the bell, and other friends.

By ringing the treble in the peal at Tonbridge, Kent, on February 5th, Mr. E. J. Ladd 'completed the circle' in this, his 15th tower. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Rochester.

An unusual outing had the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, on February 11th. It was to the P. and O. liner 'Himalaya' in the Port of London. Tea was provided by their Petty Officer host and they were conducted over the ship from the bridge to the galley.

Mr. E. Barnett writes: 'With reference to the recent dedication of the new board recording the ladies' peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' 35 years ago, it is interesting to recall that the cost of the original board was partly met by a donation from an old gentleman in Australia, who had rung a peal for the St. James' Society at Dartford in 1876, which was conducted by John Cox. He had read a report of the peal in an Australian paper.'

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The first peal of Spliced was rung 50 years ago at Edenham, Lincs, on February 15th, 1910. It consisted of 14 methods. The band was as follows: Arthur I. Holmes 1. Rev. H. Law James (cond.) 2. John W. Lake 3. James Osborn 4. Fred Blood 5. Rupert Richardson 6. 'Of the band,' writes Mr. W. A. Holmes, 'only Mr. J. W. Lake survives. He no longer rings owing to trouble with his hands, but he is still interested in ringing.'

Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung his 2,000th peal, which was a new method, Morriston Surprise Royal.

The name of the treble ringer in the quarter peal at Putney on February 4th (see page 111) was A. Millidge and not as published.

'A listener' added his contribution of 1s. to the donation sent with the quarter peal from Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire. Practical appreciation of bells.

The peal at Swavesey, Cambs, on February 11th, was rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Williams, former sexton and ringer at Swavesey Church, who has been visiting this country after 30 years in Australia.

Mr. P. Amos writes that the claim for the lightest five church bells known must now go to Wansford, Northants, with a tenor slightly under 3 cwt. The bells are a minor five and provision has been made for a sixth at some future date.

A new campanological statistician is Mr. Malcolm Phipps, of Chesterfield, who informs us that the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Conisbrough, Yorks, on February 4th (page 108) was his 25th peal. His peals have been rung in 17 different towers with 69 different ringers.

Patrol Leader Virginia Drake, of the 13th Plymouth Company of Girl Guides, has just been presented with her Campanologist Badge. Virginia commenced ringing at Emmanuel Church just over two years ago. This badge, as far as is known, has only once previously been presented to a member of a Plymouth company; she too was a member of Emmanuel ringers, but left the city about three years ago. Virginia's elder sister is also a ringer at Emmanuel.

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### Our Jubilee Issue

Our jubilee issue on March 25th will consist of 24 pages of reading matter with a special cover.

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(a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (No more than 20 lines.)  
(b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)

(c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)  
(d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

### HAILE SELASSIE'S NAME ON A SUSSEX BELL

At the Whitechapel foundry the five bells of Bodiam, near Battle, Sussex, have been recast and a sixth bell added. The Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has given £300 towards the cost of the restoration of the bells and his name has been inscribed on one of them.

The Rector of Bodiam was, before ordination, Major-General A. E. Cottam and head of the British Military Mission to Ethiopia from 1943 to 1949 and became a personal friend of Haile Selassie. The Rector is a ringer.

The new sixth bell has been given by Messrs. Guinness Hop Farms Ltd., who provided a donation of £250. Guinness' own extensive properties in the parish. Two of the other bells have been named 'The All Souls College, Oxford, Bell' (after the patrons of the living) and 'The St. Giles Bell' (after the patron saint).

The bells were originally cast in 1761. The oak frame of the period, which showed signs of decay, has been removed and will be replaced by a steel frame. Bodiam bells have been silent for more than two years and the village is hoping to hear them again at Easter.

### GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

With Messrs. W. F. Moreton and N. Chadock as tutors, a course on 'The Art of Bell Ringing' will be held at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, under the auspices of the West Riding County Education Committee from Friday, March 17th, to Sunday, March 19th.

There is room for 30 students and ringing will take place at Ripon Cathedral (10 bells), one eight bell tower and three sixes.

Subjects dealt with will be conducting, method structure, method ringing, change ringing on handbells, initial instruction, elementary composition, maintenance of bells and fittings.

All in fees: Students in West Riding £2 2s., others £3 (who might obtain a grant if permission for them to attend is received from their local education authority). Applications to the Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' February 27th, 1931:

There appears a photograph of the ringers of St. Martin's Society of sixty years ago. Picture taken 1868. John Day (president), John James, Thomas Edgill, George Baldwin, S. Power, Thomas Day, Henry Johnson (secretary), William Haywood, John Perks, Job Joyces.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 9



MR. FRANK E. HAYNES, M.A.,  
The St. Martin's Guild for the  
Diocese of Birmingham.

Most of our University ringers can be divided into two groups—those who can and those who try. None of them are ever casual about their ringing, and their enthusiasm so often infects others. One of the older generation of the first kind is Mr. Frank E. Haynes, of Smethwick, Birmingham, who is not only well known for his excellent ability as a twelve-bell ringer, but also for his scholarly and witty speeches at ringers' dinners.

Frank was born at Trumpington, Cambridge, on June 26th, 1906, and was educated at the local church school, and the Perse School, Cambridge. In 1925 he obtained an Open Scholarship in Classics to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, gaining his B.A. in 1928, and M.A. in 1932. He was taught to handle a bell in 1923 at Trumpington by Miss Kitty Willers, and rang his first peal on Armistice Day, 1925, it being six methods of Doubles. From 1926-29 he rang numerous Surprise Minor peals with Albert E. Austin's band. Ringing at the University was mainly confined to handbells, in which Frank was joined by Messrs W. H. J. Hooton, Stephen H. Wood and Christopher W. Woolley. He soon became very proficient, and rang peals of Plain Bob from Major to Maximus, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, and Double Norwich. The tenors were often rung by a 'learner'—on one occasion by Richard Woolley, now the Astronomer Royal. At this time, however, Frank was more interested in cricket, tennis

and rugby, but he did sufficient ringing to hold his interest.

Gaining his University Diploma of Education in 1929, he took a post at Holy Lodge Grammar School, Smethwick, and thus came into fortunate contact with the St. Martin's Guild, who were then ringing many handbell peals of Stedman Cinques. He joined the Bull Ring company, under the conductorship of Albert Walker, and has been a regular member ever since. It was not long before Frank rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's and Cambridge Maximus at Wolverhampton, both in 1929. In 1933 he was invited by Albert Walker to join the Stedman Cinques handbell band, and rang each pair in turn to his first six peals of Cinques 'in hand' between January and September. Albert also taught him to call Stedman, and he called a peal of Stedman Cinques for the first time at St. Martin's in April, 1934.

Up to date his total of peals is 640, of which he has conducted 165. A large number of these peals have been of Surprise Major with George Fearn, but he admits that he cannot stand the pace these days! Amongst the peals of which he is proud of calling is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Cambridge Youths, rung at Great St. Mary's on September 10th, 1951, the first 12 bell peal on tower-bells by the Cambridge University Guild, being Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's on September 1st, 1955, and the first peals of Cambridge Maximus by the same Guild, rung at Aston on January 10th, 1959.

Frank has called peals of Stedman, from Doubles to Cinques, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. He enjoys ringing the treble to Maximus, as at Exeter to Cambridge on April 30th, 1949, conducted by Wilfred Williams. He also has the unusual distinction of having 'circled' the four Birmingham city towers of St. Martin's, St. Philip's, St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's, now demolished. A member of many Associations, he is particularly proud of membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he insists is the Society!

Amongst the offices he has held are Master of the C.U.G. from 1928-29, Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild from 1934-43, and Master from 1956-58. He has also served on the Central Council since 1952, and is now one of the vice-presidents of the St. Martin's Guild.

Frank has a very likeable personality, and is very good company both inside and outside the tower. He is a great credit to the University which nurtured him, and the St. Martin's Guild which developed him. Although he says that he has several times almost given up ringing to take up some other hobby, there is fortunately no danger of taking him seriously on this issue. May he long continue as a prominent member of the Exercise.

APACE.

### MOSSLEY HONOURS TWO RINGERS

About 100 ringers, relatives and friends attended a social evening in the Parish School, Mossley, Lancs, on February 18th, to honour two ringers connected with the church—Mr. H. Jackson with 61 years' service and Mr. E. Garside with 50 years'. Mr. H. Pickles, the ringers' secretary, in a happy speech recalled the services these two veterans had given to the church and Sunday school and his remarks were endorsed by other friends. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Garside suitably replied. Supper was served and this was followed by dancing until 11.30 p.m. when 'Auld Lang Syne' was sung.

Prior to the social two 720's of Kent T.B. Minor and Oxford were rung by Messrs. H. Jackson (cond.), E. Garside, H. Pickles and J. Radcliffe from Mossley Church and Messrs. J. Burgess, A. Farrant and G. Perrin from Christ Church, Friesland, Yorks. It was exactly 50 years ago that day that Mr. Jackson was married, but he had been a widower for three years.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Some 60 members attended the Rochester District at the Abbey Church of St. Mary, Isle of Sheppey, on January 21st. There were rounds for the many learners and for the experienced up to Cambridge Surprise, ringing being supervised by Mr. L. Hamer. The Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Wain, conducted the service and tea was kindly given by the young ringers at the Minster and their mothers.

The business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, was noteworthy for the record number of new members elected. These came from the following towers: The Minster, Tunstall, Stockbury, Gillingham, Rainham, Northfleet and the new band at Rodmersham. Mr. A. Dunk gave full details of the K.C.A. committee meeting at Maidstone. Votes of thanks were moved to all who had helped to make the meeting a very happy success by Mr. F. J. Cheal and Mr. A. Dunk, who also welcomed the younger members to the Association.



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

THE O.U.S.C.R. annual dinner was held on February 4th. A large number of members, old and new, were there as well as many guests from other Societies. A good meal was provided and the Founders' Library at New College made a very pleasant setting for the evening. The president, Rev. C. E. Wigg, unfortunately had flu and was unable to be there to take the chair, but his place was ably filled by Dr. Sutton, the Society's senior member.

The first speech of the evening was from Mr. John Wardle, who proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He spoke fluently in spite of feeling that he was proposing his own health, having been told so often from the pulpit that he was the Church. He ruminated on relations between ringers and clergy and told a relevant and amusing story about sharks and another about bricks.

Dr. Lee, the Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, the University church, replied. He thought that bells were a definite asset to a church—bringing both ringers and others into the church. As this was the last occasion on which Dr. Lee was to be present as Vicar of St. Mary's, Dr. Sutton proposed his health and wished him success in his new office.

The next speech was from Mr. Robin Elliott. He explained that he was making his speech at short notice as Mr. Andrew Stubbs, last year's Master, was seriously ill with mumps. Having expounded the complicated and invidious distinction between guests and visitors he made them both welcome. He welcomed Dr. Sutton, Dr. Lee and the various city ringers, who were present. He said how pleased he was to see all the visitors from other Universities, especially the Masters, but he was unable to think of anything sufficiently scandalous to say about them. After apologising for the lack of funny stories he proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.'

Mr. John Baldwin, the Master of the Bristol University Society, replied telling several of the funny stories absent from the previous speech and thanking the Society on behalf of all the visitors and guests.

Mr. John Taylor, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, then proposed the last toast. He was disappointed to find that the beards, which he thought had become a badge of office in the Oxford University Society, seemed to have disappeared, but nevertheless he proposed the toast of 'The Society.'

The Master, Mr. Nicholas Martin, replied, thanking Mr. Taylor and welcoming all the guests (and visitors). He had been alarmed to find that the O.U.S. had become the Oxford University Guild in 'The Ringing World,' but assured the company that it still retained its own identity. He pointed out that Mr. Elliott had only consented to speak if he could sit near the port, which was accordingly passed round to him, and made various comments on the associations of ringers and drink. He apologised for the few peaks rung and mentioned various outings and the very successful Easter tour. Having waded through his fourteen pages he sat down and the official part of the dinner finished.

The rest of the evening passed enjoyably and it was generally agreed that the dinner had been a success.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Wishes for a speedy recovery were extended at the Barnsley and District Society's meeting at Ossett on February 4th to Mr. D. Smith, who is in hospital. Another absentee was Mr. J. W. Buxton. Ringing ranged from Minor to Royal. Next meeting, Kirkburton.

## WANTS £2,500 FOR SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS



Mr. L. E. Pitstow, of 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, has undertaken the big job of raising £2,500 outside Saffron Walden. This is to enable the ring of 12 to be rehung in a new cast-iron frame on ball bearings. The P.C.C. will not allow Mr. Pitstow to appeal in Saffron Walden as they fear that money will be diverted from the roof restoration fund, which has as its objective the raising of £22,000 to restore the roof and stonework of the church.

As the bells are not ringable—a gudgeon of the 11th bell is broken and the frame worm-eaten—it was not possible to ring the old year out and the New Year in, in the traditional manner. Not to be outdone Mr. L. E. Pitstow enlisted the help of some ringers and rang handbells in the Market Square from approximately 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. In the picture, from left to right, are: Mrs. L. E. Pitstow, L. E. Pitstow, L. Mumford, S. Wright and H. Cranwell.

Mr. Pitstow is anxious to hear of any fund or charitable trust to whom he could apply. Any help would be more than welcome.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Southern District

An all-ladies service touch was rung at the annual meeting of the Southern District held at Aldershot on February 11th, and in the evening methods up to London Minor were rung at Ash. After the Guild form of service, an ample tea was provided by the local members.

At the business meeting Mr. Hawthorne was elected vice-president for the ensuing year, with Mrs. C. Harbott (20, The Street, Ashted) to continue as secretary. It was agreed to make a contribution to the Pulling Memorial Bell Fund and to add to it the collection taken at tea, amounting to 12s. The success of the meeting was due in no small way to Miss Nancie Bragg, who made all the local arrangements.

## GIRL GUIDES' RINGER'S BADGE

Dear Sir,—Rule (3) 'Ring one standard method on an "inside" bell' is surely an unfair one.

This would make all Girl Guides who ring in towers where call changes only are rung ineligible—and let it not be said that making call changes is not bell ringing.

Take, for instance, in some towers where when rising all bells strike on the 3rd pull, not before not after, double strikes together (if their hanging allows), when up, go into changes and maybe down without even perhaps setting them to finish it off, all bells stop at the same stroke—surely a Girl Guide ringing in this would be a 'ringer.'

Where Girl Guides hold loyalty as a rule would not 'Ring in 75 per cent of Sunday service ringing for 3 months' be a better rule?

Rule 2 would be better as 'Raise and lower a bell in peal.' With a rule you can hardly have a preference.—Yours, etc.,

GERALD PIDGEON.

H.M. Yacht 'Britannia,' Portsmouth.

## 'THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S'

Dear Sir,—The death recently of Douglas Furber, who wrote the famous song 'The Bells of St. Mary's' is of more than passing interest to Southampton. It was the bells of St. Mary's, the mother church of Southampton, which inspired this song, written by him and the Australian composer, A. Emmett Adams, during the Great War of 1914-18, when they heard them sounding across the water of the docks. The sister of A. Emmett Adams, who was in this country from Australia in 1956, attended the great service of consecration when the sixth St. Mary's Church was opened.

The well-known song is now the college song of the New York State Maritime College. For many years now these fine bells have been in the care of Mr. J. W. Faithfull, captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Southampton.—Yours sincerely,  
K. S. B. CROFT.  
Southampton.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## METHODS OR VARIATIONS— COMPROMISE?

Dear Sir.—The parties in this correspondence are hardly likely to agree on what constitutes a method or a variation, and are reduced to the hair splitting of the meaning of words. Most readers know perfectly well what the real situation is, and are prepared to give as much credit to those who ring Plain Bob with  $n$  different calls as to those who ring St. Simon's, for example, with  $n$  different slight variations to the plain course, so it is immaterial which are methods and which variations.

Even the C.C. Collection of Doubles Methods does not appear consistent, as Reverse St. Bartholomew is not included (presumably because the plain course could also be achieved by ringing Grandsire and calling four consecutive singles), yet St. Bartholomew is in, when this could also be achieved by ringing Reverse Grandsire and calling four singles. Or is it because St. Bartholomew does not use a bob that is a plain lead of another method? But does this matter? Many standards on six bells or more were already relaxed to give variety to Doubles ringing (e.g., four blows in one place), and it seems better in fact than devising an awkward asymmetrical bob to avoid using the plain lead of another method, or some other 'undesirable' feature.

The most satisfactory way out, I suggest, is this: many relaxations have been made to permit a variety of Doubles methods; keep the individual plain course requirement for six or more, but relax it for Doubles, where it is barely workable anyway, and contrary to old traditions in many ways.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

Casile Gresley.

## MEMORIAL TO MR. W. POSTON

Dear Sir.—On November 2nd, 1959, Bridstow and the Hereford Diocesan Guild lost a fine ringer and a great churchwarden in Mr. William Poston ('R.W.' page 712). To commemorate his life, the Church Council has decided to erect a small plaque in bronze or stone in the church.

Locally he was known for his loyalty to his Vicar and church—he was gardener to nine Vicars and churchwarden for 22 years—but pre-war ringers will remember him for the able and vigorous band he maintained in this quiet corner of Herefordshire.

It is felt that many of those who knew 'Bill' may like to make a contribution towards the plaque, which will cost about £30, any excess going towards new bell ropes. If so, it would be much appreciated, and should be sent to Mr. D. D. Lewis, Wiltstow, Merryvale, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, or to the undersigned at Bridstow Vicarage.—Yours sincerely,

REV. F. I. TURNEY

(Vicar)

F. E. ROBERTS.

## PRESENTATION CERTIFICATE

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mr. Palin's plea for a presentation certificate, has he any particular objection to the cards produced by 'The Ringing World'? The design at present is a pleasing one (I like it best of those I have seen) and the cards can be posted if necessary—only 2d. for printed matter.—Yours sincerely,

MISS J. SANDERSON.

Letchworth, Herts.

The first peal on the rehung bells of Blaby, Leics., took place on February 16th. There has only been one previous peal on the bells—Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris on November 23rd, 1920.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN AND NELSON

Dear Sir.—The method rung as Kirby-le-Soken Bob Major on January 28th, 1961, is St. Leonard's Bob Major, and it was first rung at Watlington, on November 5th, 1960, conducted by Alan R. Pink. This peal was published in the 'R.W.' of November 18th, 1960, page 764. The method is given in the footnote of the peal.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you will allow me a little space to elaborate this matter. In my opinion, the responsibility for ensuring that methods claimed as new are actually so, rests fairly and squarely upon the shoulders of the conductors of such peals. It is not good enough merely to ascertain in retrospect whether the claim was justified. Such a course not only confuses the reader (present and future), but wastes valuable space in this journal, and time and effort on the part of persons like myself who appear nowadays obliged to write on such matters nearly every other week. Also, and this is the most important point, the error remains in print for all time, serving as a constant source of confusion for years to come. This point has been admirably put by Mr. Massey in his letter of February 17th, and I wish to associate myself with his letter in its entirety, including the need for a new collection of Surprise Major methods.

Nevertheless, the absence of a suitable collection of methods does not excuse conductors their responsibility, and certainly not in the present case, as a good collection of Plain methods exists. If people are going to ring new methods, then it is their duty, either to keep accurate records and not make slips or omissions, or to submit their methods, before they are rung, to someone who does. Anything short of this is grossly irresponsible. Not that I wish to be inundated with such requests, but I would rather that than have to write to 'The Ringing World' so frequently. If requests are made, a S.A.E. would be appreciated as this sort of thing tends to get a trifle expensive.

The publication in the 'R.W.' of February 3rd, page 88, of the figures of the peal of 29 Plain Major methods raises another matter. One of the new methods appended is named Nelson. This name cannot stand, as a peal of a different Plain Major method named Nelson was rung at Accrington on June 24th, 1960. It may be argued that the method rung in the Spliced peal should be called 'Nelson College Major' while that rung at Accrington is called 'Nelson Bob Major.' I do not, however, think this distinction good enough, and there is no precedent for such a procedure. Moreover, the descriptive terms used for Plain methods—College, Imperial and Court—are not precise terms in the same way as Surprise and Delight, and it is at times arguable what terms are appropriate to a Plain method. Therefore, I do not think two Plain Major methods can be allowed the same proper name, even if they differ in construction. In view of the fact that only a few months separate the two peals in question, and also that some ringers took part in both peals, this appears as another irresponsible act.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

NOTE.—G. W. Massey and Giles R. Thompson are thanked for their letters on this subject.—Ed.

## PEAL OF ERIN CATERS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Erin Caters rung at Wakefield on October 15th, 1960, as the composition is false. I extend my sincere apologies to the band.—Yours sincerely,

Wakefield.

W. F. MORETON.

## FALSENESS IN PEALS

Dear Sir.—We would like to thank Mr. G. Massey for his comments on our article, and we apologise for the error which he points out in the published form of Sawley S.M.

Our generalisation that publishing F.C.H.s without the incidence of falseness is of no value was perhaps too sweeping. We agree that it has some limited value, but very little compared with that of the complete falseness.

Mr. Massey's assertion that a conductor merely needs to know the F groups to which his compositions are true, can produce some startling results. Suppose for example that a conductor has Middleton's amongst his compositions. He will know that this composition is true to F groups B, D and K. He will also know that Cambridge has F groups B, D and E, and will therefore conclude that Middleton's is not true to Cambridge!

If, however, he does not ignore the incidence of falseness, he will know that Middleton's is true to F groups B, D and K in all leads, and to group E in all but lead 4, and that the falseness of Cambridge is B (F1 2/3), D (F1 2/5 and 7/3) and E (F1 7/7).

This way of thinking can have even worse results. We know of a case where an eminent conductor wanted a composition for X Surprise Major, which he knew to have F.C.H.s Y and Z. In his own collection of compositions he had one which appeared to suit because it was for a method which had the same lead head order, and also had F.C.H.s Y and Z.

Unfortunately, since the incidence of falseness in the two methods was different, he conducted a false peal.

By requesting the full information, we are not asking for any additional work to be done, since deriving the F.C.H.s entails deriving the incidence. One reason alone why the information is vital is that it will enable composers quickly to determine all the methods to which their compositions are true. We know that a composer can quickly derive full falseness for himself, but can he do this quickly for the 7,178 methods which are about to be published? Our estimate is that it would take one man 12 months' full time work.

It will have been noticed that a few well known composers are able to publish a composition for a particular method and then add a long and impressive list of other methods for which the composition is true. This is because they have derived the full 'truth' of their composition and have available the full falseness of all classified methods.

In conclusion may we express our thanks for the magnificent task carried out by Eric Critchley and Shirley Burton in compiling a complete list of all the right place Surprise Major methods and their F.C.H.s, and may we ask them to allow us to share in the full fruits of their work, by publishing not only the F.C.H.s, but the incidence of falseness.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. C., G. A. H. and D. J. M.

Derbyshire.

## RESPECT FOR DOUBLES RINGERS

Dear Sir.—When Mr. Pink rang his peal in 42 method/variations he was probably justified in claiming the 'first in 42 methods,' but since then Mr. Blagrove has so raised the standard of Doubles ringing that in comparison these variations are as worthwhile as Bob Minimus. If more Doubles ringers followed Mr. Blagrove's example then perhaps they could expect more respect than they get at present.

What would the Central Council rating be if Mr. Amos rang a peal containing 80 plain course methods and 40 variations?—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon, Wilts.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## MINUTES OF THE FOLKESTONE MEETING, 1960

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-fourth Council (63rd Annual Meeting), held in the Town Hall, Folkestone, on Whit-sun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor of Folkestone, Alderman F. W. Archer, the Bishop of Tonbridge, Dr. G. Russell White, the Vicar of Folkestone, Canon J. F. Hough and Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent County Association. The President replied on behalf of the Council.

### PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett and Mr. A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. A. Moulds.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. J. L. S. Glanville and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves and F. B. Lufkin.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and C. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colegate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. F. Dunkerley and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. D. Barker, D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs and E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. B. M. Buswell and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. G. W. Hughes and Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Mr. J. W. Blythe, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss R. J. Seabrook.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. Overy, R. W. R. Percy and H. Stalham.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

### REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 57 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 156 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 187. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

### APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE

An application from the University of Bristol Society was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. M. J. Gray, seconded by Mr. W. Williams.

### SUMMARY:—

	Members	
	Society	Present Absent
Wholly represented	29	70
Partially represented	21	54 22
Not represented	8	— 11
	58	124 33
Life Members		6 1
Hon. Members		14 7
		144 41

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr H. O. Baker, Miss M. E. Beamish, Rev. E. G. Benson, Messrs. R. G. Blackman, L. G. Brett, J. W. Clarke, G. E. Fearn, J. G. Gipson, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, C. H. Hawkins, A. C. Hazelden, G. I. Lewis, A. E. Lock, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. D. H. B. Millward, T. G. Myers, A. J. Pitman, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, D. H. Rooke, H. J. Shuck, Miss H. G. Snowden, Miss M. E. Snowden, Messrs. B. A. Sollis, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, Miss N. G. Williams, Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths); A. H. Reed, G. Salmon (Bath and Wells); A. E. Rushton (Bedfordshire); Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University); A. R. Elkins, J. Worth (Chester); J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry); G. A. Halls (Derbyshire); Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon); K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle); E. J. Ladd (East Grinstead); D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin (Ely); P. J. Eves (Essex); R. G. Hooper, C. A. Wratten (Gloucester and Bristol); C. W. Denyer (Guildford); G. Dodds (Hertford); P. A. Corby, I. H. Oram (Kent); E. Morris, B. G. Warwick (Leicester); J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln); D. Smith, P. Walker (Oxford Guild); Dr. J. E. Spice (Oxford University); B. Austin (Peterborough); J. T. Barrett (Salisbury); H. Poyner (Shropshire);

D. Beresford, F. J. Cullum (Royal Cumberland Youths); Miss R. G. Seabrook (Suffolk); R. W. R. Percy (Sussex); A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth); V. Bottomley (Yorkshire); Dr. T. P. Edwards (University of Bristol); H. L. Roper (Honorary).

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr. Frederick Sharpe was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Vice-President: The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. F. W. Perrens was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willis.

The Committee also recommended the election of Mr. W. F. Moreton.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

The Honorary Secretary gave notice under Rule 6 (ii) on behalf of the Standing Committee that the election as life members under Rule 6 (i) (b) of Messrs. J. T. Dyke and A. Walker would be proposed in 1961.

### ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. R. B. Blanchard (Surrey), H. C. Chandler (Middlesex), R. E. Chichester (Devon), J. Clark (Hereford), A. H. Cocks (Oxford), A. N. Hardy and C. J. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), R. S. F. Murphy (Irish), A. H. Pulling (Honorary), and A. W. Searle (Devon). Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Cocks, Murphy, Pulling and Searle.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 18th, 1960, and circulated to members were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, subject to the following amendments:—

**Reports.**—Insert after 'Methods Committee':—Literature and Press Committee, ('Ringing World,' June 5th, 1959, p. 369). Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

**Alteration of Rules.**—For 'A. D. Baker read 'A. D. Barker'.

**Motion (c).**—The sentence 'The motion, as amended was carried' to appear at the end.

### REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

### HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 17th, 1960, pages 418-9)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. It was agreed that the Secretary should inform the Devon Association of Ringers that the Council would be pleased to consider an application from the Association for affiliation to the Council.

### HON. LIBRARIAN

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

### BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.



**TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Thanks were expressed to Mr. D. Hughes for demonstrating the machine during the year.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 419)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

**'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, R. S. Anderson and F. I. Hairs were reappointed. Mr. W. G. Wilson was added to the Committee.

**'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS**

(June 17th, 1960, pages 420-1)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

**LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 421)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The Committee (Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes) were reappointed.

**BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE**

(June 24th, 1960, page 434)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Willis, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. The Committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, L. Stilwell, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis) were reappointed.

**PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 421)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler. The Committee (Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler) were reappointed.

**BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE**

(June 24th, 1960, page 434)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. Messrs. H. J. Sanger, N. Chaddock, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were reappointed and Mr. H. N. Pitstow was added to the Committee. The Council's thanks were expressed to Mr. A. A. Hughes for his past services to the Committee.

**RECORDS COMMITTEE**

(June 24th, 1960, pages 435-6)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall were reappointed and Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the Committee.

**PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE**

(June 24th, 1960, page 435)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, with the inclusion of a peal of Minimus but the omission of a peal of Minor in which two ringers exchanged bells. Arising from the latter, it was agreed that Mr. W. B. Cartwright be asked to consider redrafting the appropriate item of 'Conditions Required for Peals' (page 19 of the Council's Handbook) to remove any possible ambiguity. The Committee (Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. L. Roper and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) were reappointed.

**PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE**

(June 17th, 1960, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Crichtley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn. Messrs. W. E. Crichtley, G. E. Feirn and A. J. Parnan were reappointed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed was added to the Committee.

**SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY COMMITTEE**

(June 24th, 1960, page 436)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray. Mr. N. Chaddock, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were reappointed to the Committee.

**TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE**

(July 1st, 1960, pages 450-1)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman. It was agreed to submit to the Central Council for the Care of Churches, for their

comments, the proposed amendment to paragraph (a) of the draft joint statement. The Committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) were reappointed with the addition of Messrs. B. Austin and B. D. Threlfall.

**METHODS COMMITTEE**

(July 1st, 1960, page 451)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. Mr. B. G. Warwick said on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild that two methods referred to in the report, Lyne and Whitwick Surprise Royal, would be renamed. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Secretary of the North Staffordshire Association regarding Gainsborough Surprise Royal.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. C. K. Lewis were reappointed and Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the Committee.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Honorary Secretary announced the names of the ex-officio members:—Mr. F. Sharpe, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow and all conveners of committees.

The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Look, P. J. Stanforth and Mrs. P. J. Stanforth.

**ALTERATION TO RULES**

On behalf of the North Staffordshire Association Mr. R. S. Anderson moved the following amendments of Rules, and in the absence of the seconder the Honorary Secretary formally seconded:—

(1) To add the following new Rule 2, and renumber the existing Rules 2 to 18 as 3 to 19 respectively:—

'2. The Council shall:—

(i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.

(ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.

(iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.'

An amendment proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott to delete the words 'guard the rights and' was lost and the motion was carried.

(2) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Societies' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall'.

The Rule to read:—'At the meetings of the Council and President or Vice-President shall take the chair, and in the event of their absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether Representative, or Honorary or Life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President or Vice-President, or, in the absence of the President or Vice-President, to the Chairman of the meeting.'

The motion was lost

**MOTION**

Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre:—

'This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of "The Ringing World" and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peal Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's Handbook of 1956.'

After discussion, Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. Freeman seconded that the matter be left on the table. This was credited.

**PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Invitations had been received from the North Staffordshire Association to visit Stoke-on-Trent and from the Norwich Diocesan

Association to visit Great Yarmouth. It was agreed to accept the former.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Honorary Secretary drew attention to the item (f) (ii) of 'Conditions required for peals' on page 19 of the Council's Handbook, that in the case of an attempt to surpass a record peal of 6,720 or more changes, notice shall be sent to the secretary of the society under whose title the record peal was rung. It had been brought to notice that this had not been complied with on two recent occasions.

**VOTES OF THANKS**

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Folkestone, the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge and Mr. J. Willis, Vice-President of the Kent County Association, for their welcome; to the Vicar of Folkestone for the use of his church for Holy Communion and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to Messrs. A. Berry and J. R. Cooper, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. C. T. Hillis, T. C. Phillimore and J. Willis of the Kent County Association for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were guests of the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone at tea.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****West Lindsey Branch**

A wedding delayed the start of the West Lindsey Branch meeting, held at Stow on February 11th, and a merry 'peal' was rung for the happy couple as they left the church. The Rector (Rev. W. Nicholson) conducted Evensong and extended a cordial welcome to those present. Tea was served in the Methodist School room to some 40 ringers, among whom were visitors from the Central Branch.

The vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) presided at the business meeting, when the subject of group practices was raised. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) thought it might be possible to arrange for an instructor through the local education authority, as had been done elsewhere. It was agreed to postpone a decision until a more representative opinion had been obtained.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH****Alton and Petersfield District**

Over forty members and visitors met at Petersfield for the annual meeting on February 11th. The eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening with methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Long, the lesson being read by the secretary, Mr. C. E. Bassett.

An excellent tea was served by the wives and friends of the Petersfield ringers, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rector. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and warm welcome, also to all others for making the meeting a success. R. T. J.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN**

All the Branch officers and committee members were re-elected at the annual meeting at the Eastern Branch at Loddon on February 11th. They were: Mr. E. R. Goate, chairman; Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, secretary; Miss D. Lidbetter, Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. A. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. Gorrod and B. Willgress; Association's Standing Committee, Rev. G. C. Galley and Mr. W. B. Duncan. A membership certificate was presented to Mr. Arthur Cooper (Gorleston) by the president (Mr. N. Golden), and Miss V. J. Cooper, of Beccles, was elected a non-resident ringing member.

Great regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of Acle, and the secretary was instructed to write to him accordingly. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the Rev. G. C. Galley, who preached at the service, and the organist (Mrs. J. Robertson). Also to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and their helpers for the tea arrangements.

Next meeting, Ranworth, April 22nd (subject to permission).



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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: March 7th and 21st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; March 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded of the meeting at Oxford, on Saturday, April 15th. Full details later. 7774

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7762

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## MEETINGS

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Parish Church, on Saturday, March 4th, 7-9 o'clock.—F. Skinner, 38, Marnston Road, Exeter. 7783

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7738

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, March 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. E. Warrett, 219, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7726

**WATFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Bushey (8), March 4th, 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. One tea arrangements.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7742

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 7693

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Poolstock, Saturday, March 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 7760

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Newhall, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7725

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7731

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 4th, at Calverton (6). Good attendance, please. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford. 7751

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, March 4th. Ringing in City: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 2-3 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 3-4, Cathedral (12) 4.3-6 p.m. 7731

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hok, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. T. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7754

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.—J. Seaser, Sec. 7671

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Monks Eligh bells (6) available 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury. 7681

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Practice meeting, Wenhamston and Blythburgh, Saturday, March 4th. Wenhamston (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Blythburgh (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhamston, Halesworth. 7734

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, on March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. in The White Lion.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 7786

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice at St. James', Benwell, Monday, March 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Norwich, Warkworth, only. 7769

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 6th, 7 p.m. 7764

**BARNSELY DISTRICT.**—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cuns of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7768

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at Southill. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Killamash and St. Clement's. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th (no names no tea) to Alan S. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Patton Road, Biggleswade. Phone 3215. 7778

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Hesse, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 9th, to Mr. R. Sharpe, 6, Clarke's Gardens, Hesse. 7762

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual and Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, March 11th, at 6.15 p.m. Ringing at St. Alkmund's 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—G. A. Halls. 7794

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Saturday, March 11th, annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by 9th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Look up St. Clement's Bob Major and Lincolnshire Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7728

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting at Whittlesford, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 6 o'clock onwards.—E. W. Bullman. 7791

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street, Colchester. 7755

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), March 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7773

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m., at St. Nicholas' and Stoke, 2.30 to 4.15 at Holy Trinity, 7.15 to 9 St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.15 at Holy Trinity. Tea buffet and service 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, the 7th.—S. Russell, Hon. Sec., Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 7799

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridge-north District.—Quarterly meeting, Stockton (6), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday previous, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Shropshire. 7782

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 11th. Bishop's Stortford, 3 p.m. Special business: Formation of Bishop's Stortford District, and election of secretary. Names for tea to H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam. 7771

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District).**—Quarterly meeting, and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch)—Annual meeting at Staplehurst, on March 11th. Bells (8) 3 n.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7727

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Saturday, March 11th, annual District meeting, St. James', Bristol. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by March 9th, to B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. Tel.: 48933. 7763

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midlands District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 n.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, March 15th, to Mr. W. R. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton. 7789

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heversham, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 n.m. Tea 4.30 n.m. meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Miththorpe, Westmorland. 7789

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen, St. Helens, March 11th. Bells 3 n.m. Service 4.30 n.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, Lancs, by March 8th.—J. H. Wilton, Sec. 7785

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, March 11th. Refreshments provided.—J. Wilmsey. 7788

**LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANION SOCIETY AND SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Joint meeting, on March 11th. Ringing at Bristol (8) 2.30-5 n.m. and Thornhill (6), 7.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby (6), on March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 8th, to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester. 7780

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. All names for tea, please, by March 8th, to D. C. Birkinshaw, 114, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3. (Finchley 3288.) 7759

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 7781

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Coombe Bissett, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who send names by March 7th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury, St. Thomas'. Salisbury, 7-8 p.m.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at High Ercall (left-handed eight), on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 8th, to R. Austin, Cleveland Avenue, High Ercall, Wellington.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, March 11th. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 7776

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—East Central District.—Meeting at Debenham, March 11th, to elect secretary and committee. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than March 9th, to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal. 7758

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Practice meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Norman tower (10), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 7740

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 11th. Lyndhurst (8) 2.30 p.m. Brockenhurst (6) 6 p.m. Tea 5. The New Forest Cafe, Lyndhurst. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. Godfrey, 'Pinehurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 7779

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bredon's Norton (6), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Please notify for tea by March 8th, to C. B. Longmore, Sec., 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 7753

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Thanet, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and cakes only, cost 1s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, please, by March 13th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7719

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), March 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Kent. Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 15th.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7787

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those notifying C. Copp, North Muskham, Notts, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 7770

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Rothwell, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7790

**LADIES' GUILD.**—St. Margaret's, Ipswich. March 25th. Ringing, and meeting to discuss revival of Eastern District. Names, please, of those interested to Miss Alice Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market. 7775

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service in St. Peter's Church, at 12 noon. Names for lunch, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, Hon. Sec., 9, Kenmon Road, Wells, Somerset. 7796

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7777

## BEVERLEY SOCIETY'S RECORD YEAR

A record year for recruitment was reported at the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, held at Beverley on February 11th. During 1960, 30 new members joined, bringing the membership to 120, representing 28 towers in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. There were increased attendances at the monthly meetings, which had included the first visit of the Society to Wakington.

Forty-two ringers attended the meeting and the 10 bells at the Minster were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon, prior to a service in the Minster, when the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Bull, welcomed the Society. Tea was served in St. Mary's Church Rooms, and was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, took the chair.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster); vice-president, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington); Ringing Master, Mr. J. Johnson (Kirk Ella); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Kirk (Kirk Ella); assistant secretary, Mr. G. Pvbbs (Cottingham); committee, Miss J. Gray (Wakington), Mr. F. Dale (Hessle), Mr. J. Parker (Bridlington), Mr. C. Robinson (Sutton-on-Hull), and Mr. A. Taylor (St. Mary's, Beverley).

Thanks were accorded to Mr. J. M. Harrop (Howden) and Mr. I. N. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), who relinquished the positions of Ringing Master and assistant secretary, respectively, after two years in office. Further ringing at St. Mary's concluded an enjoyable meeting.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

Fifty ringers from 16 towers were represented at the Northern District's annual meeting at St. John's, Croydon, on January 28th. Ringing was supervised by Mr. F. E. Collins, the Vicar conducted the Association's form of service and Mr. H. N. Pitstow was organist.

Mrs. Collins and her helpers prepared an excellent tea, and Mr. Collins was in the chair for the business meeting. The secretary's report stated that the highlight of the year was the meeting of tower captains to inaugurate a scheme for helping bands struggling in the first stages of change ringing and the commencement of the first course of instruction at Walton-on-Thames.

Retiring District officers were re-elected, four new members elected, and the collection for the Bell Fund totalled 30s.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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## OBITUARY

### MR. S. SMITH AN APPRECIATION

I was sorry to learn of the passing of 'Gunboat' Smith, of Nettlebed, near Henley-on-Thames. He was, indeed, one of the characters of the village, and, although only a ringer in a modest way, he is never likely to be forgotten by those ringers who made his acquaintance.

He came to the village in 1912 from Chalgrove, where he learned to ring with his older brother, Jim, under the tuition of the late 'Freddie' Woodward. In 1914 Sid Smith went straight to the war, and Nettlebed did not see him again until 1922. He followed his vocation as a baker, but found time to interest himself in the belfry sufficiently to get the six bells rehung by White's, of Appleton, and to introduce change ringing to the tower, where previously nothing but call changes, rung from tablets on a stand in front of the ringers, had been the custom. By much perseverance, he succeeded in getting the old ringers to ring plain courses of Grand-sire Doubles for service.

By this time his brother, Jim (who died a few years ago), found employment in Nettlebed, and his experience and tremendous enthusiasm soon created a band of youngsters capable of ringing Stedman and several Minor methods. As Sid had now become steward of the village Working Men's Club his time available for ringing practice was severely restricted, and he got rather left behind, but his enthusiasm never waned, and he was always willing to do what he could for the belfry.

He was not only a ringer, but a keen sportsman, and the writer well remembers his still playing a good game of football for the village eleven when he must have been about 40 years of age. Although Sid Smith was an 'unknown' to the Exercise at large, it should be placed on record that he was instrumental, both in getting Nettlebed's bells rehung and in introducing change ringing to this remote Oxfordshire village, where it has continued ever since.

W. B.

### MR. THOMAS MALE

We regret to announce the death on February 4th at his residence, 21, The Butts, Warwick, of Mr. Thomas Male, in his 77th year. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, from 1902 until 1946, when he was forced to give up ringing for health reasons, but he maintained his interest in the art until the end. The funeral service was at this church on February 9th.

### MRS. BEATRICE STEWART

We regret to learn of the sudden death, on February 23rd, of Mrs. Beatrice Stewart, the beloved wife of Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset. She will be remembered as a charming hostess by very many ringers who visited Mr. Martin Stewart at the Nurseries. Much sympathy will be extended to him and the family.

### REV. A. L. MINNS

We regret to record the death, on February 27th, of the Rev. Arthur Leonard Minns, Rector of Holy Trinity, Chester, the news of whose passing reached us as we were going to press. He was a ringing member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. His church, a new building, situated on a housing estate, is of traditional design, and has a tower designed to accommodate six bells.

Mr. Minns was aged 52, and leaves a widow and four children.

**MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jill V. Morgan 1, M. Elson 2, Penelope Sedgwick (first of Surprise) 3, Ann Barr 4, Lucy Allen 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. Run by the Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band for Evensong.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Feb. 4th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Macfarlane 1, M. Frost (cond.) 2, D. Fellows (first quarter) 3, Christine Rimmer 4, K. Darvill (first on six bells) 5, G. Penney 6. A 63rd birthday compliment to Arthur Malyan, a St. Stephen's ringer.



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## 2,000 PEALS

**A**BOUT 9 p.m. on Monday, February 27th, a big event took place in English ringing—a man had rung for the first time in his 2,000th peal. This honour has fallen to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. Last December Mr. Morris surpassed the total of the previous record holder (1,969), Mr. William Pye, of Walthamstow. The ringing Exercise has been waiting for the news of the 2,000th peal, and it burst forth in the B.B.C. breakfast-time magazine 'Today,' on Tuesday last week. All ringers will join with us in offering our sincerest congratulations to this grand Leicester ringer of 71.

This month 'The Ringing World' celebrates its jubilee, but throughout that long period the name of Ernest Morris has been familiar to its readers. He appeared in No. 2 issue with one of his compositions. Not only has his name appeared more frequently in our peal columns than any other ringer but from his pen there has been a steady flow of articles dealing with history and the lore of bellringing. The former verger of St. Margaret's, Leicester, is known on both sides of the Atlantic—indeed you will find his portrait not only in the Mitchell Tower of Chicago University but in the Antipodes, in the belfry of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

The 2,000th peal of Ernest was carefully conceived. Brian G. Warwick, Leicester Guild's secretary and a leader of the Monday night bands at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, had a new composition of Surprise Royal for the occasion, which he appropriately named Morrison Surprise Royal. Thus a district near Swansea will be perpetuated all the time change-ringing holds its place of affection among English men and women.

And who were the men who helped Ernest to this glory? Names our readers are familiar with: G. Ronald Edwards treble, Brian G. Warwick (conductor) 2, Ralph Clifton 3, Ralph E. Kington 5, Joseph W. Cotton 6, A. James Poyner 7, John A. Acres 8, Russell S. Morris 9, John M. Jelley tenor. It was a good peal with good striking throughout, and the bells were brought round in 2 hours 25 minutes.

The event was anticipated by the Press. Photographers were in waiting, and Mr. Paul L. Taylor was called from his home to join in the congratulations. What a happy picture they took! Grey-haired Ernest holding his bell-rope and shaking hands with the reigning sire of England's famous foundry. This was followed by the celebration drinks in Mr. Paul Taylor's home—for Ernest a modest mug of cider—and then he was whisked away by car to Leicester to give a B.B.C. recording, one of many he had given, but never before in exactly the same spirit of triumph and of the fulfilment of a personal ambition.

## THE BELLS OF TODMORDEN

**TODMORDEN**, lying on the boundaries of Lancashire and Yorkshire (but nevertheless completely in Yorkshire), has within its boundaries four rings of eight bells. These are probably as diverse in character as any other town of 17,000 inhabitants. Entering the town from Lancashire, via Rochdale, the visitor first comes across St. Peter's, Walsden. With the exception of the tower this church was entirely destroyed by fire in 1948 and the frame was damaged. Mears and Stainbank were given the job of rehanging the eight bells, cast in 1872 by William Blews, of Birmingham, who operated from the 'Chandelier and Gas Fitting Works' from 1852 to 1886. The tenor here weighs 9 cwt. and was rung behind to the first four peals between 1872 and 1926. Seven years later it was turned in to Cambridge Surprise Major and then rested behind in the next peal in 1958, again Grandsire. Only nine peals have been rung on this light ring, hung in two layers.

Passing down the valley we next see the magnificent spire of the Unitarian Church. This building was erected in 1869 at the expense of the Fielden brothers, who were local mill-owners. The tenor here weighs 14 cwt., and the bells were cast by Robert Stainbank. Sixteen out of twenty-seven peals here have been Grandsire Triples, although there have been peals of Superlative (1930), Cambridge (1931) and Bristol (1960) rung here.

Christ Church, or the New Church, as it is known locally, contains 11 bells, all cast by Taylors of Loughborough, in 1897, at the expense of a benefactress, to mark the jubilee of Queen Victoria and in memory of her brothers and sisters. The tenor weighs 23½ cwt., and to get them all on one layer the wall had to be cut away to allow the tenor to swing whilst the flight of the sixth was removed to allow free movement. Twenty peals have been rung on this rather loud eight, ranging from Grandsire to Superlative, but only one has been rung in under 3 hours, which was Double Norwich, in 1927, with Edward Jenkins on the tenor. The other three bells are for chiming purposes only and on one occasion 'Money is the root of all evil' was heard issuing from this tower!

Cross Stone is on the hillside, down Halifax valley, and holds a ring, with tenor of 9½ cwt., cast by Charles Carr (bell and brass founder) in 1910. This firm operated from Smethwick (not, as some ringers suggest, Carlisle). The first peal was rung here the day after the bells were installed, as with the other towers in Todmorden, this was Grandsire, some four months before the bells were consecrated. All told 44 peals have been rung on this handy octave, in all the standard Plain, Treble Bob and Triples methods, and Cambridge, London, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise. Bristol will, no doubt, be rung to complete all the standard methods, but the writer is of the opinion that the bells have not the weight to do justice to the music of Bristol.

P. S.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Five-course block.	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 9
*JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 11
FREDERICK SHALCROSS .. 6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal on 12.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Treble	*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 6
*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 2	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 7
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 3	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 8
MARY H. HALL .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 9
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

\* First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 3	*ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 8
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 9
REGINALD T. JONES .. .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First of Kent Royal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Sanders, Rector of Overton, on being installed as an honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BARTON .. .. Treble	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) 2	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. .. 7
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 9
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First of Royal in the method away from the treble.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5000 FELTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

FELTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

30—30.4—12—30—14—30—36—145—78—9

2nds place lead. 4ths place bobs.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Treble	ROY COLLINS .. .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER J. W. WEBB .. 6
DENNIS G. BLOWS .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 7
*JAMES W. PRIEST .. .. 4	†JOHN MARTIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal. † First on eight bells.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. Treble	WILFRED G. WILSON .. .. 5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 2	JOHN EUSTON .. .. 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

In memoriam Frank V. H. Sinkins, whose last peal of Stedman was on February 14th, 1948, at this church; same composition, same conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
*ANN GRAINGER .. .. Treble	*WILLIAM BRADBURY .. .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN VERNON .. .. 7
ELIZABETH A. WILCOX .. 4	CURZON CLARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

\* First peal.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

DENNIS A. HEWITT .. .. Treble	*DAVID E. BELCHAM .. .. 5
ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	*MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 7
FRANK C. MAY .. .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

\* First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*JOSEPH WOOLEY .. .. Treble	CHARLES WALKLATE .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY .. .. 6
*PETER MARRIOT .. .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 7
JOHN MURFIN .. .. 4	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN MURFIN.

\* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

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## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F. sharp.
*JOHN RAITHEY .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 6
†ELISABETH A. TUTTY .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. .. 4	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDAND  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
*JOHN F. PEDLER .. .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 5
†DOREEN COX .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 3	*CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. .. 7
‡BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4	†ANTHONY E. COX .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.  
Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside' and 50th peal.

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Guild and the 80th birthday of Mr. Frederick G. Leaker, of Bristol.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.	
HARRY B. FULLER .. .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 5
ROBERT PLUMMER .. .. 2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. .. 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 7
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. FLATT.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RICHARD J. WARRILOU .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. 3	EDMUND A. MALIN .. .. 7
J. CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

## WAREHAM, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 6
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 4	MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.  
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.  
\* First peal in the method.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.	
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. 5
ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE .. 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.  
Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.  
\* First touch of Yorkshire.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 6
CECIL RADDOON .. .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

## SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3	*PETER KINDRED .. .. 7
*RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.  
Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
*ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble	*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
†CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	BASIL JONES .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
\* First peal on eight. † First of Major 'inside' and in the method.

## ASHTON, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.	
MARGARET RIPPON .. .. Treble	J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. .. 5
ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. 2	FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. 6
*CHRISTINE A. BOXALL .. 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 7
GERALDINE M. PIPER .. .. 4	JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Arranged by GEO. MARRINER.

Conducted by MARILYN GIBBS.  
\* First peal. First of Plain Bob Triples by all. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to June Patricia Symonds, daughter of the Ashted Ringing Master, on her wedding on February 18th at St. Margaret's, Nedland, Western Australia, to Joseph Clifford Kong. Also a birthday compliment to George Cook, for many years Ringing Master at Ashted.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A. BENJAMIN COOPER .. Treble	DENNIS COOPER .. .. 5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES .. .. 2	†KENNETH RUTLAND .. .. 6
*GEORGE HANCOCK .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band. Tenor 14½ cwt.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
*KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. Treble	*FRANK W. E. CARTER .. .. 5
†IAN C. BUCKLAND .. .. 2	DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.  
\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal at the Cathedral, and on eight bells, by an all-Cathedral band.

## CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.	
*GEOFFREY M. HARVEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	†ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 3	*ERIC O. DAVIES .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. 425th peal as conductor.

## CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.	
ALAN JACKSON .. .. Treble	C. MICHAEL ORME .. .. 5
*ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 6
*PETER J. COLES .. .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).  
Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.  
\* First peal in the method.



KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.  
**A PEAL OF 5120 HAREFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
CELIA F. WHITEFIELD .. .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
JACK S. DEAR .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal in the method. This method appears in Corrigan's Collection as Hillingdon (No. 160) and is now renamed as it is not related to Hillingdon Surprise Royal.

**HAREFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR**

38—34.6—56—38—12—5.14—34.5  
2nds place lead. 4ths place bobs.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Devizes Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
COLIN LOVELOCK .. .. Treble R. HUMPHRIES .. .. 4  
DAVID STILLMAN .. .. 2 P. GAISFORD .. .. 5  
R. J. PURNELL .. .. 3 G. HUMPHRIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. J. PURNELL.

Average age of the band 16 years. Believed to be the first 'teenage' peal for the Guild.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOAN COTTON .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 5
JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.  
FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 4  
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 2 HAROLD F. WHITE .. 5  
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3 PHILIP J. EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP J. EVANS.

First peal as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) London and Wells, (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	ROY R. TIFFIN .. .. 4
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 5
COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 22½ cwt.  
HAROLD WORRALL .. Treble MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. 4  
JOHN RYDER .. .. 2 CHRISTOPHER JONES .. .. 5  
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 3 HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.  
\*RALPH BARNES .. Treble †IAN SMITH .. .. 4  
JOAN V. GARNET .. 2 †WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5  
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3 ERIC A. FELLOWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC A. FELLOWS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.  
\*DONALD F. MURFET .. Treble ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4  
†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 2 ARTHUR YARROW .. .. 5  
GEORGE A. WALKER .. 3 \*†GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 31 extents of Plain Bob and 11 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*PETER J. BILL (12) .. Treble	JAMES E. PULLON (13) .. 4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (13) 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS (15) 5
†JEREMY A. TANDY (14) .. 3	PETER J. BROWN (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. FELLOWS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal on tower bells for the Association, the average age being 14 years 6 months.

A birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

In 35 methods, being one 1,440 and five extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Canterbury, Morpeth, Chester and Munden (1,440 in 11 Surprise by A. Rolfe); (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.  
MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4  
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2 ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5  
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

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**CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Feb. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,  
**A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES IN 26 METHODS**  
 Being one extent each of St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, Shares-hill, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton; two each of St. Simon's, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and four of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.  
 DORIS M. SMITH .. Treble | MICHAEL LARCHER .. 4  
 ROSEMARIE E. JONES .. 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5  
 TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 3 | \*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Tenor

\* 100th peal.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Feb. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.  
 CYNTHIA J. SHACKELL .. Treble | F. RICHARD VERRALL .. 4  
 D. JUDITH TIDEY .. 2 | EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 5  
 SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. 3 | CECIL R. LONGHURST .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. B. R. Hornung on their golden wedding day. Lt.-Col. Hornung is patron of the living.

**CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being 21 extents each of Grandsire (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.  
 \*SUSAN J. HUBBARD .. Treble | \*THOMAS J. BROCK .. 3  
 MICHAEL UTTON .. 2 | RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4

MICHAEL J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

\* First peal. First in two methods by all.

**EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
 BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble | HAROLD CLAYTON .. 4  
 JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2 | BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5  
 KEITH JORDAN .. 3 | DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the second. First as conductor.

**ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being one extent each of Wells, Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley, London, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
 H. GEORGE HART .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 4  
 GLADYS MANCHIP .. 2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5  
 ELSIE K. HART .. 3 | \*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* 75th peal of Surprise Minor; has now 'circled the tower.'

**KINGTON ST. MICHAEL, WILTSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being two extents each of Stedman and Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 20 of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

\*PATRICIA A. BURT .. Treble | CLIFF J. RICHARDS .. 4  
 †MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 2 | ALAN F. LEE .. 5  
 CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3 | TERENCE J. MILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in five methods. † First in five methods of Doubles. First peal on this anti-clockwise ring cast by A. Rudhall in 1726.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Little Aston, (3 and 4) Seighford, (5 to 9) Rushall, (10 to 12) All Saints', (13 to 18) Grandsire, (19 to 22) Plain Bob, (23 to 26) April Day, (27 to 30) Clifford's Pleasure, (31 to 34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (35 to 38) Southrepps Pleasure, (39 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.  
 \*MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble | ALEC GAMMON .. 4  
 JOHN S. WALKER .. 2 | EDWARD R. VENN .. 5  
 ROY H. JONES .. 3 | †HERBERT ADAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal for 25 years. Rung to mark the birth of Lynne Margaret, a sister to the ringer of the second. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

**MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being an extent each of Lightfoot, London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.  
 DENNIS E. PEPPER .. Treble | GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4  
 DONALD F. MURFET .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5  
 T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

**STISTED, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR**  
 Being seven extents in 80 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Campanula, Royston, Gladstone, Penistone, Hemsworth and York Minster Treble Bob, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Ros-therne, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Chepstow and Skipton Delight; (2) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden Bob; (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale Surprise; (5) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden Surprise; (6) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.  
 IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4  
 PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 2 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5  
 ALAN R. SYDER .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,*

AT 24, MANOR STREET,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor size 12 in F.  
 BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6  
 JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8  
 Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD**

AND

**THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.**

*On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,*

IN THE CHURCH HALL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.  
 \*SUSAN E. CROSS (12) .. 1—2 | ANTHONY R. MANN .. 3—4  
 IRENE A. CROSS (14) .. 5—6  
 Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.  
 \* First peal, first attempt. Youngest band to ring a handbell peal for the Suffolk Guild. First handbell peal for the College.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

AND

**THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

*On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4  
 \*DAVID F. MOORE .. 5—6  
 Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

Also

*On Mon., Feb. 20, 1961, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4  
 \*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6  
 Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

**NOTTINGHAM.**

**THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**

*On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,*

AT 645, NUTHALL ROAD, CINDERHILL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents.  
 MRS. S. PATRICIA M. NIX .. 1—2 | PETER NIX .. 3—4  
 FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 5—6  
 Conducted by PETER NIX.  
 Believed to be the first peal 'in hand' for the Society.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. A. Shackelford 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A compliment to Mr. M. W. Ford (tower captain) on the eve of his first wedding anniversary.

**ASHWICK, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. G. Beck 1, D. Targett 2, E. C. Wadman 3, V. Savage 4, E. J. Chivers 5, A. Munday 6. Rung half-muffled after the committal of Mr. W. Roberts, who, for over half a century, was a ringer at this church and for many years tower captain.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. C. Dale (rung one-handed with right arm in plaster) 1, Miss L. Doone 2, W. R. Chandler 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): Sharon North-east (first of Minor) 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Wroe (first of Minor) 3, V. Griggs 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. Oliver (cond.) 6, J. Burgess 7, C. Jeffries (first quarter) 8. For Matins. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Tanner (first of Triples) 1, T. H. Bird 2, Elizabeth Starmer (first of Triples) 3, D. Wroe (first of Triples 'inside') 4, K. Game 5, F. W. Bird 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Starmer (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, also as a compliment to Keith Johnson and Elizabeth Starmer, on their engagement.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain and Double Bob Minor: E. G. Mould 1, Dorothy M. Stafford 2, Jennifer M. Gambling 3, A. Kench 4, I. C. Maycock 5, D. R. M. Heighton (cond.) 6. For Evensong, by U.B.S.C.R. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane B. Tuffin 1, I. C. Maycock 2, C. T. Biscoe 3, Judith Atkinson (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Austin 5, J. C. Baldwin 6. Conducted in turn by 2, 3, 5, 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Scarrott (first quarter) 1, B. Heighton 2, Christine Collett 3, M. J. Austin 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, D. Evans 6. For Evensong.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Lanigan 1, R. Webb 2, M. Baughan 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. Hearns 5, G. Wickens 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Gray and Miss J. Morey.

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Driver 1, A. Lock 2, R. G. Eggers 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. Riddy 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6. First on bells. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Jose (cond.) 1, Helen Hobbins 2, A. Lock 3, Marion Driver 4, Mrs. Mossop 5, R. G. Eggers 6.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1, C. J. Brown 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Mrs. J. de Jong 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, F. Battin 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Pierce, for many years a member of the Corston tower.

**ELLAND, YORKS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, V. Nutton 3, P. Birkett 4, A. Rogers 5, F. Linfoot 6, J. R. Pargdin 7, D. Smith (first as cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent for 1 and 3. For Evensong, by Sunday service band.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On Feb. 14th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Beaumont 1, L. Edwards 2, W. Cox 3, W. Jones 4, J. Whiting 5, R. Hazell 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Pobjoy (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 81st birthday of Harry Newman. Also on Feb. 26th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Whiting (first of Stedman) 1, P. Allen 2, W. Cox 3, P. Clarkson 4, W. Jones 5, L. Edwards 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, J. Whiting 8. For Evensong.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Diana May (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. King 6. For Evensong.

**HOWDEN, YORKS.**—At the Minster, on Feb. 26th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Major: Susan M. Harrop 1, Elizabeth Harrop 2, A. H. Hawcroft 3, J. Kay 4, E. Philpot 5, E. A. Newham 6, B. Baxter 7, J. M. Harrop (cond.) 8.

**KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Gratton 1, Stella Allen 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Herbert Bown, a ringer for over 50 years, interred this day.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Feb. 26th, at St. Matthias', Burley, 1,296 Spliced Minor (576 Little Bob and Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob): M. G. Swift 1, Josie R. Hutchings 2, Frances Fairbank 3, R. Brown 4, F. K. Williamson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, L. Batley 2, F. Miles 3, R. Smith 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. Gant 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, C. Willington 8. For the institution and induction of the Rev. E. de Lande Jones as Vicar. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White (first away from covering tenor) 1, C. Hughes 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Eastwood (first 'inside') 4, R. Smith 5, C. Willington 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, F. Miles 8. For Evensong.

**MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Proudman 1, J. Lawrence 2, H. Wright 3, N. Statham 4, H. Hollis 5, K. Hudson 6, J. W. Rawson 7, G. Newton (cond.) 8. To celebrate the 90th birthday (February 25th) of Mr. William Henson, 62 years service ringer and 40 years sidesman at this church.

**PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Cook 1, D. Mitchell 2, H. W. Easey 3, J. H. Kindred 4, G. A. Kindred 5, M. Solley 6, J. W. G. Kindred 7, P. Kindred (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William J. Garnham, ringer and vergier at the church, interred earlier in the day.

**PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Old, Norfolk and Grandsire): P. B. Gates 1, Wendy A. Nichols 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, W. D. Watson (cond.) 4, R. L. Clark 5, J. Y. Seymour 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Viscount Dunrossil, Governor-General of Australia, buried this day in Canberra.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Feb. 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Y. C. Porter 1, F. E. Day 2, A. W. Myers 3, H. F. Myers 4, S. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. R. Bould 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Y. C. Porter.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Revers: Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. J. Slade 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, G. Cornick 4, Miss B. Marsh 5, G. H. Perry 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Canon W. J. Smith, M.A., and Mrs. Smith.

**PUNTEE, LONDON.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew 1, E. Negus 2, B. Bull (first of Minor 'inside') 3, L. Allen 4, A. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. Warrilow 6. For evening service.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn M. Cumberworth (first of Triples) 1, T. D. Wickins (first of Triples) 2, S. Rayfield 3, Margaret A. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, A. Dunk 6, T. A. Cross 7, K. Young (first of Triples) 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cheal.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, P. Avey 2, P. Perkins 3, R. Goodship 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): W. A. Howlett (first quarter) 1, Miss W. M. Hatchett 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, D. M. Hibbert 4, H. A. Bradbury (first as cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. J. Millyard to his first parish—Wormley, Herts.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela A. Hunter 1, Mary Davy 2, A. E. Hunter 3, P. C. Saunders 4, J. Horsman 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8. First quarter, first attempt 1 and 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to the Rev. W. R. Horth, R.D., on completion of ten years as Vicar of the parish.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hall 1, D. Holland (cond.) 2, W. Holland 3, L. E. Smith 4, S. J. Dunn 5, B. Holland 6, R. Birch 7, R. Hall 8. For the induction of Rev. W. R. Godding, B.Sc., on Feb. 4th.

**SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.**—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 College Bob IV Delight Minor: K. M. Richards 1, L. Willis 2, W. Rhodes 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5, G. H. Lane 6. First in method by all.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,344 Painwick Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, D. K. Walters 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Rung by the local band for the visit of Bishop of Buckingham.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Carol Normal (first quarter) 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (cond.) 5, N. May 6. For Evensong.

**STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, H. Miles 2, V. Clifton 3, A. Hicks 4, A. Cantwell (first as cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. Rung for the 11th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Trinder.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Feb. 19th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gregory 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Ray 4, R. Sanders 5, K. J. Cherrill 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Perrett 8. For morning service.

**STANWELL, MIDDY.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,500 Doubles, in 18 methods: Miss P. Harris 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, J. Boyd 6. First in 18 methods for all except conductor. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods), same band. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, 1,260 Bob Doubles: January 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pickett 1 and 6, Miss P. Harris 2, C. Fynes (cond.) 3 and 4, K. Young 5. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (Miss M. Gibson 4). Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Harris 1, C. Fynes 2 and 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, J. Pickett 6.

**STOCKLAND, DEVON.**—Correction.—On Jan. 13th, 720 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Webb (Honiton) 1, Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster) 2, C. J. Turner (Ottery St. Mary) 3, R. N. Pittman (Uplyme) 4, G. H. Cross (cond.) (Chardstock) 5, B. Pidgeon (Awliscombe) 6. Rung to celebrate Preb. E. V. Cox's 60th anniversary as a ringer.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. J. Markham 1, Miss M. A. Verity 2, Miss B. J. Fisher 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Feb. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. C. Hughes (first of Kent) 1, W. D. Watson 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, R. L. Clark (first of Kent) 4, J. F. Hammond (first of Kent) 5, J. H. Fryer (first of Kent as cond.) 6. A tribute to Viscount Dunrossil.

**TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Rossiter 1, A. R. Poyntz 2, Mary Russell 3, D. McCollough 4, Heather Hood 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. Mackenzie 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Short, vergier for many years.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Richens (first on treble) 1, Jacqueline A. Reason (first 'inside') 2, Pat A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, L. J. Cox (first 'inside') 5, P. R. Young 6. For Ash Wednesday servie.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDY.**—At All Hallows', on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian A. Neal Smith 1, Jill Barron 2, Ann Muir 3, Dr. A. J. Muir 4, D. Hill-Brown 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, Elizabeth Hill-Brown 8. First of Stedman by 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8, and on the bells.

**WARSPOT, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Double Court Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wingrove (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, T. Jennings 3, G. F. Roope 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Jacqueline Anne Wills to Charles William Swann.

**WEST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Rosemary Whitehouse 1, J. Woolley 2, W. L. Ratcliffe 3, J. B. Perkins 4, R. W. Winstanley (first as cond.) 5, A. T. Bailey (first quarter) 6. Rung by members of the local band in recognition of the completion by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, of 20 years as Rector.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, J. Y. Parker 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5, E. V. Ballam 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Guy Long, for 19 years as Rector.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge and Plain Bob: D. Murfet 1, G. Crisp 2, A. Payne 3, D. Mortlock 4, A. Yarrow 5, G. Thoday (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor: Mary Perkins 1, Meriel Boyce (first 'inside') 2, B. Gibbons 3, A. Bridges 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, D. Culham 6. Rung as an appreciation to the Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Keet, who are leaving for Eising, Norfolk.



**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: M. V. Chilcot 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, Jeanette M. Winchester 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. J. Cook 6, J. Schofield 7, F. D. Jennings 8, F. E. Darby (cond.) 9, S. F. Kimber 10. By the local band for Evensong.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Stone (first on eight) 1, C. W. T. Riddleston 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, B. North (first 'inside') 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, D. Snowwell 8. A farewell to the Rev. James Turnbull (curate), on acceptance of livings of Twineham and Sayers Common.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 St. Clement's): W. G. Saunders 1, F. C. Arnold 2, T. C. Browne 3, L. F. Bailey 4, F. Pearson 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Inman 1, P. J. Spice 2, D. J. R. Martin 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, A. M. Macve 5, Miss M. E. Kirby (first as cond.) 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, A. Richards 8. First of Bob Major 'inside' for 4, 5 and 6.

**COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, W. S. Crawford 2, J. Hanley 3, R. Evans 4, A. A. Elsmore 5, B. L. Jones 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung for Evensong, on the occasion of the annual ringers' festival.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 15th, at St. Peter's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, C. Bower 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Both for Evensong.

**DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Catchpole (first quarter) 1, C. R. Catchpole 2, H. B. Fuller 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. C. Arnold 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

**EALING, MIDDY.**—On Feb. 19th, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (first of Triples) 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Gathercole 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EYNSHAM, OXON.**—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): C. Hale (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, A. Hicks 3, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

**GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Ginns 1, B. Ward 2, R. Marriott 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. Webster (first as cond.) 5, J. Morkitt (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDY.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Grice 1, Miss W. Smith 2, C. Stevenson 3, T. Durne 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Durston (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for all except conductor. To commemorate the first birthday of Prince Andrew.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, C. L. Bell 2, A. J. Davey 3, P. E. Wells 4, G. Cheetham 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 19th, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob Minor: C. L. Bell 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, P. E. Wells (first in two methods) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HUNTON, KENT.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Buckingham 1, J. Mattingley (first 'inside') 2, N. Mattingley 3, R. Phippen 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, T. Longhurst 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Girling 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, H. C. Foster 4, P. J. Bergdahl (first 'inside') 5, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 21st birthdays of the 3rd and 5th ringers.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley (cond.) 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. For evening service.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Walsh (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Walsh (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, G. Milson 4, A. J. King 5, J. Ryman 6. Rung for members of the Sunday service band, for Evensong, as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Andrew, also to welcome Raymond Hayden after a spell in hospital.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 12th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, A. R. Ling 2, J. Beresford 3, G. A. Parsons 4, F. J. Matthews 5, T. H. Francis 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. First of Briqol for 2 and 4. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Feb. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rita Gasson (first of Major) 1, P. Cattermole 2, Gay Williams 3, N. J. Davies 4, M. P. Barton 5, D. J. R. Martin 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Rita Gasson.

**LOWDHAM, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Mills (cond.) 1, C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, R. Mills 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Blackshaw 1, D. Bradley 2, F. Bradley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, B. Mills 6. Conducted by D. Bradley and B. Mills. A welcome to the new Vicar.

**OXFORD.**—On Feb. 12th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. D. Edwards 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, A. J. Adams 3, Miss D. Elson 4, C. Holloway 5, C. Coles 6, E. R. Venn 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 19th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,200 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, rung alternately): Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung for Evensong, and Prince Andrew's first birthday.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Olliffe 1, E. Townsend 2, E. Hill 3, P. Pearce 4, P. Beedie 5, D. J. Smith 6, K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

**WOODSTOCK, OXON.**—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Franklin 1, W. Jones (cond.) 2, Dianne Holley 3, R. Franklin 4, A. W. Franklin 5, E. Boyce 6. For Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th anniversary.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. William Henson, a quarter peal was rung on Market Bosworth, Leics., bells on February 25th. At this church he had been a service ringer for 62 years and a sidesman for 40 years. In early life he drove the carrier's cart weekly to Leicester, and at the age of 83 decided to build himself a new bungalow! Mr. J. Walden is the new Master of Lincoln Cathedral band.

Ernest Morris, in reporting his 2,000th peal, wishes to associate the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Pat Halls, of Derby, who helped so much in new Surprise Royal methods and other peals. Thank you, Gordon and Pat.

The time taken in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at Dorchester Abbey for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (see page 90) was 2 hours and 59 minutes and not as printed.

Miss Ruth Blackshaw writes, in reply to Mr. W. S. Palm, of Faversham, that a pleasing presentation frequently employed at Holme Pierrepont is to mount an ordinary peal card printed by 'The Ringing World' in a 4s. 11d. frame. Recipients have been really pleased and proudly show it to their friends.

The seventh bell at Bramley, Hants, has been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to the great satisfaction of the local band. Ringing is back to normal—Sundays 10.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; practices, Tuesdays 7.45 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

There was a good turnout of members for the social evening held on February 24th, by the South Derbyshire and North Leics Association. The main item was a film show given by British Railways, to whom thanks are accorded and also Mr. L. Walmsley, of Shardlow.

Mr. C. E. J. Norris writes: 'The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal (page 122) rung at Rochester Cathedral on February 4th was first in the method on the bells. It was one of the finest peals on these bells since the late James E. Davis called Cambridge Royal here for the first in the method on the bells on December 26th, 1929. I heard both the peals.'

The bells of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, will be heard on the Scottish Home Service on Monday, March 13th, at 8.5 p.m. The programme is entitled 'The Bells of St. Magnus' and listeners will be able to hear the unusual story and tune of these bells and the voice of the Orcadians who are connected with them.

The quarter peal rung at Owslebury, Hants, on February 10th, was rung by the Warnford Sunday service band.

It is hoped to erect a peal board in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft in Ashton-under-Lyne belfry.

A.B.C. Television have presented the Bishop of Coventry with a cheque for £5,000 for Coventry Cathedral rebuilding to mark the fifth anniversary of the opening of their programmes in the Midlands.

The University of Bristol Society, in the light of its recent Central Council membership, has appointed Mr. Patrick J. Bird, of 3, Belmont Road, St. Andrew's, Bristol 6, to co-ordinate activities. It is hoped to organise more tours and reunions to bring members into closer contact.

Mr. Harold W. Dunsden points out that the footnote to the peal at Streteley (page 140) 'First peal on the bells since 1903' is incorrect. He writes, 'In our belfry in Blewbury, we have a peal board recording a peal of 5,040 Grand-sire Doubles, rung at Streteley by the Blewbury band on January 27th, 1906, some three years later.'

The band of twelve ringers at Claverley, Salop. Parish Church, includes eight members who are also choristers. On Sunday evening, February 26th, the band divided and officiated at two churches simultaneously for Evensong. Five members went to Ryton Parish Church, near Shifnal, and rang on the five bells there. Four of this number, with the assistance of three lady members of Claverley Church choir, then sang Evensong. The six ringers who remained at home rang on the back six at Claverley and four of that number then took their places in the choir to sing Evensong. The Claverley band includes the lay reader and church treasurer.

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Our jubilee issue on March 25th will consist of 24 pages of reading matter with a special cover.

In addition to our list of continuous readers over the past 50 years, for which we invite 10 lines of ringing biography, readers are requested to contribute to the following:—

- (a) The greatest ringing event during past 50 years. (No more than 20 lines.)
- (b) The finest ring of bells cast during that period and reasons. (Not more than 10 lines.)
- (c) The best contribution to the advancement of ringing during the period. (Not more than 20 lines.)
- (d) A sonnet on ringing.

Please write on one side of a sheet of paper and do not mix your contribution with other editorial matter.

We feel certain that our jubilee issue will make a wide appeal to ringers who are not regular readers. To enable the Editor to assess the print order, will secretaries of towers and ringing organisations notify their requirements as soon as possible.

### LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY CLAIMS WORLD RECORD

On Thursday, February 16th, 1961, four members of the Liverpool University Society set up what is thought to be a new world record for ringing handbells non-stop, by ringing for 12 hours and 1 minute, as part of the University's 'Panto' (Rag) week celebrations. This beats the previous record (set up last year by Manchester) by 32 minutes. Ringing consisted of rounds, call changes, courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles, touches of Bob Doubles, and attempts at Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Bob Minor and Original Major.

Ringing commenced at 9.20 a.m., outside the Adelphi Hotel, and went on till 9.26 p.m., the ringers moving around the city centre, accompanied by various people with collecting cans. The band were Michael Pilgrim (1-2), Geoffrey H. Pullin (3-4), Peter S. Bennett (5-6) and Frank Anderton (7-8).

Credit must be given to Mr. Pilgrim who, prior to the attempt, had never rung handbells before and could only ring rounds on tower-bells, but, in the course of the day, he managed to learn to hunt the trebles to Grandsire Triples and Original Major. It was originally intended that he should only come along and make up the eight, from time to time, to relieve the monotony of six (as in the last record) but, after the first hour, he needed no further pressing to continue all day.

An upshot to this was heard the next day by a friend of one of the ringers. Apparently he overheard a conversation between two workmen who thought that the ringing was for an open-air service, but on being enlightened commented that 'they worked very hard for it and they weren't doing anyone any harm.' It seems rather a pity that all Rag stunts are not as acceptable to the public.

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Marjorie Webster, of Walkasey, for the loan of the handbells.

### SPALDING RINGERS' DINNER

As in previous years, the ringers of SS. Mary and Nicholas', Spalding, were entertained to dinner at the Greyhound Hotel on February 9th, by the Parochial Church Council. A short business meeting preceded the meal when the Vicar thanked the ringers for their loyal support. The bells had been rung for 109 services, apart from special occasions, and the captain, Mr. J. G. Ames, had been present 107 times, for which he was duly congratulated. There were two changes of officers: Rev. R. S. Bennett (curate) being appointed chaplain, and Mr. E. T. Chapman elected secretary, in place of Mr. M. Bennett.

After an excellent meal games were organised by the Rev. R. S. Bennett, with assistance from one or two other members and the evening closed with some handbell ringing.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 10



MRS. ELSIE L. HAIRS,  
Sussex County Association

One of the most active lady ringers during the last 50 years is Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, of Groombridge, Sussex. It was quite a coincidence, and a good omen, that on the very day she was born at Guildford, Surrey, on October 22nd, 1892, the Surrey Association held a meeting there! She is the daughter of the late Frank Bennett, who rang over 1,500 peals, and was one of the cleverest conductors of all time.

Mrs. Hairs learnt to ring at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, London, S.E., and rang her first peal on handbells in August, 1911. She actually rang 75 handbell peals before ringing her first tower-bell peal, which was Stedman Caters at Hillingdon, Middlesex. In 1916 she married Frank L. Hairs, and rang a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford on her wedding day. They have rung a large number of peals together, and their daughter, Olive, is married to Edwin A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council.

Her present total of peals is 320, and has included a number of interesting and unique performances. She took part in the only peal of Stedman Caters rung by an all-ladies band at St. Clement Danes', Strand, on January 20th, 1926, and also the first all-ladies peal of Surprise—Cambridge Major at Crayford, Kent, on March 31st, 1928. Amongst her interesting peals on handbells have been Supernative Major, Carter's Odd Bob Stedman Triples, and 8,099 Grandsire Caters. On one occasion she rang three handbell peals in three methods, and had a 60 mile bicycle ride, all within 12 hours! She has also rung the four standard methods to a peal on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and also Cambridge Maximus. She rang in the first handbell peal rung by married couples, rung at Edmonton on December 7th, 1919, conducted by the late John Thomas, and also repeated this performance on tower-bells, both methods being Grandsire Triples. She also took part in a similar peal of Cambridge Royal on tower-bells.

In addition to an active peal ringing career, she has found time to do her full share of duties, and has held several offices. A keen member of the Ladies' Guild, she was the first secretary of the Central Division, and while she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association she wrote out all the peals rung by the Association up to the start of the last war—some 3,000 odd. This was done in case the original peal book got destroyed. She has been secretary of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association, and at present holds the office of secretary of the Northern Division, doing the job with her usual efficiency.

She is very proud of the fact that she is the only living lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and has rung several peals for the Society. Among her most treasured possessions are a letter from the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, congratulating her on her handbell ringing at the social after the Central Council meeting in 1912, and a letter from the late Canon Helmore, of Canterbury, and one from the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of her rescue of her husband from the river at Surfleet in 1923.

Mrs. Hairs has been one of the pioneers of lady ringers, and has set a splendid example to all her sex, both in practical ringing and of service to others. All her many friends will wish her, and her husband, Frank, good health and good luck for the remainder of their long married life together. **APACE.**

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District

A letter from Mr. C. W. Denyer, announcing his decision not to seek re-election as Master of the Guild was read at the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Leatherhead, on February 4th. The meeting, presided over by Mr. Frank Oakshott, thought that Mr. Denyer should continue the work for the Guild that he had begun, such as the Pulling Memorial Bell, the talks on amalgamation with the Surrey Association and 'The Ringing World' jubilee meeting.

The secretary was accordingly instructed to write and express these views to him and ask him to reconsider his decision. He was then duly nominated. (Mr. Denyer has since agreed to accept nomination.—Ed.)

The balance sheet and report for 1960 showed that the District was keeping its end up. All the District officers were re-elected, with one exception. Catherine Powell was now attached to Esher and Mr. C. Munday was elected assistant secretary. Mr. Parrott proposed that the District should vote some of its balance to the Pulling Memorial Bell Fund, and after discussion it was agreed that £20 be given, subject to the A.G.M.'s sanction.

Twenty-seven new members were elected and the election of five compounding members ratified. After the usual vote of thanks to the clergy for conducting the Guild's form of service and for the tea, a collection was taken for the Pulling Memorial, which realised £1 10s. 6d.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Elke Deaneries Branch took place at Spalding on February 11th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods until the service, conducted by the Rev. R. S. Bennett, the lessons being read by the Vicar of Bicker, and the organist was Mr. Colin Martin.

An excellent tea was served by the local ringers' wives in the Day School to 47 members. In the absence of the president, Rev. D. G. Jakeman, the chair for the business meeting was taken by Mr. R. C. Noon, assisted by Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, secretary and treasurer.

After the adoption of the secretary's report and statement of accounts the officers were all re-elected with the exception of Mr. S. E. Bennett, who wished to retire as Branch representative on the Guild Committee. Mr. J. E. Allen was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was agreed to fix a maximum price of of 2s. 6d. for teas for schoolchildren, any deficiencies to be met out of the general fund, with the hope that more would be encouraged to attend meetings. Also that grants be made to assist in purchasing new ropes in towers from the Belfry Repair Fund, such applications to be presented and considered at any Branch meeting. Seven new members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. J. G. Ames proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting, after which ringing was resumed till 9 p.m.



## AUSTRALIAN REVIEW - 1960

By G. W. PIPE

**E**VEN though most of our ringing brethren in the Exercise are at this time of the year experiencing the British winter perhaps a quick tour around 'Sunny Australia' (where as I now write temperatures are in the 100's) will at least warm the heart and bring forward next summer a week or two!

We'll start at Perth Cathedral in Western Australia, where very marked moves were made towards the end of the year to have these bells swinging again. According to one of their team (who chime at present) the reputed unsafe tower is nowhere near as bad as was feared. This weakness has always been labelled on Perth, even before the Great Adventure days, but apparently if the Cathedral architect has his way this almost brand new Warner eight will be ringing very soon. However, chiming has gone on through the year and in Melbourne we were able to teach (rather hurriedly) a St. George's boy to handle a bell correctly.

A journey of over 1,600 miles east across the Nullarbar Plains brings us to Adelaide. These ringers, who were just feeling their feet at the end of 1959, enjoyed great success during 1960. This has been a prime example of enthusiasm, good churchmanship and ambition achieved. No less than sixteen quarters were scored in Adelaide, fourteen at St. Peter's Cathedral and two at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, a northern suburb. These comprised Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 3, 2 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Minor and one each of Oxford, Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor, as well as three of Bob Minor. In every case one or more 'firsts' have been recorded, whilst four conductors have shared the honours.

At both towers membership is approximately 12 and it is particularly good to see such progress at the Cathedral, where, with a 41 cwt. tenor, the ringing of the eight to changes is certainly a specialist job. Enid Lloyd-Roberts is passing on her conducting knowledge to Bill Pitcher and Hervey Bagot and no doubt her immaculate handling to any learner that comes along. These three, with their band under Bill Pitcher, deserve our warmest congratulations for such marked progress.

The Adelaide ringers visited Melbourne in June and November and besides the methods rung in quarters have taken part in and practised in their own tower both Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples. Their hopes for 1961, apart from maintaining their Sunday service and striking record, are for Major and Stedman Triples and perhaps a peal on their glorious eight. Brian Cox, a gifted heavy-bell ringer is being coached along to turn in the tenor, having succeeded already in one or two courses of Bob Major. We wish Adelaide luck for 1961.

### THREE SPIRES

Five hundred miles south east is Melbourne, with not even a ringable four in between! In this city stands two fine examples of 19th century ecclesiastical architecture. Both St. Paul's (Anglican) and St. Patrick's (R.C.) have three spires and with both churches containing rings of bells this is probably the only instance in the world where this occurs.

Melbourne has had a varied and in some ways rewarding year. Practising members (sharing the ringing at both Cathedrals) number about 25 with a good sprinkling of learners, though some difficulty has been experienced in getting hold of some 'young blood.' It must be said that St. Patrick's bells are in very poor condition with unfor-

tunately little chance of their being overhauled, whilst St. Paul's are already overdue for a visit to the foundry. This has definitely retarded all stages of ringing and the St. Paul's Society has pledged itself to work hard for this renovation work anticipated for next year.

Methods practised have included Stedman Caters and Bob Royal and peals of Kent and Little Bob Major and Cambridge Minor have been scored. Quarters of Kent and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples have produced some good striking, notably the Stedman, which was almost faultless. Again we have enjoyed inter-State visits especially one to Adelaide in April, and visitors from England as well as from other States have been especially welcome.

Sydney lies about 600 miles N.E. of Melbourne, where it is said the surf is a little better but the beer definitely weaker! But the Sydneysiders have the edge on Melbourne for rings of bells so the intending migrant must take his pick! Three peals and thirty quarters were rung during 1960, mostly of Doubles and Minor, but with thirty-two ringers taking part with six conductors.

Randwick (a steel ring) practises regularly on the back six and the eights of Burwood and Darling Point and the sixes of Turramurra and Parramatta are faithfully rung Sunday by Sunday. The two sixes at Christ Church and St. Benedict's have no regular band so ringing here is restricted to saints' days.

The centre of Sydney's ringing may be said to be at the noble Basilica of St. Mary, where a fine octave is found. Ringing through the year has included Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples and it is most pleasing to note that Kent and Double Norwich Major are now being practised. Three of Sydney's leading young ringers, Messrs. Fryer, Watson and Clarke, have rung quarters of the latter in Melbourne and we wish them luck in their future ambitions.

Last year also saw the retiring of John Cummins from the Editorship of 'Ringing Towers' and we heartily thank him for doing such a splendid job for so long. Some very capable ringers and conductors may be found in Sydney and it is hoped that in 1961 these people will really get together and continue the high standard of progress attained in the early '50's.

Two more sixes, at Yass and Maitland, are found in N.S.W. and again last year with visits from the Sydney ringers encouragement has been given to these bands (100-200 miles out) to keep their bells ringing on Sundays.

About 800 miles north of Sydney lies our Queensland outpost—Maryborough, and to 'grab' this tower is really an achievement! (No 'after-supper job' this. A.P.C.!) Queensland has an area over seven times that of the British Isles and one ringing peal. However, this octave is sounded out week by week to call changes and the N.S.W. ringers hope to make the journey in 1961.

Before taking our leave we must call at Hobart, in Tasmania, some 1,300 miles south of our last tower. Managing the two octaves in Hobart has always been a struggle and congratulations must go to Mr. Sidney Smith (whose brother, Bert, rings at Kirby-de-Soken, Essex), for his endless patience in maintaining Sunday ringing. These are two interesting sights and it can be recalled how much the 1934 English ringers enjoyed themselves in this very lovely island. So that's the round for 1960 and who knows what 1961 will bring? The first peal of Double Norwich or a peal of Royal, perhaps, or some promising recruits? Maybe some further move towards arranging a second 'Great Adventure'—let's hope so!

## THE BELLS OF ST. GILES', ASHTEAD

In the early eighteenth century the tower contained three bells but in 1725 these were melted down and a new ring of six cast. They were the gift of Edward, Lord Dudley. This ring of six was again broken up in 1873 when the present ring of eight bells was installed. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. 8 lb. in the key of F. The original plain bearings of 1873 were replaced in 1932 by modern self-aligning ball bearings. The six largest bells are hung in the original timber frame of 1725, the two new trebles of 1873 being installed in a frame of flat steel.

Over the years the ring of eight bells in the combined timber and steel frame has given wonderful service and, in fact, in 1957 the local band scored the three hundredth peal on the eight bells. This was, incidentally, the first peal ever rung by the resident Sunday service band as distinct from a local resident band.

None of the bells has ever been quarter turned while the original wrought iron clapper staples remain in the crowns.

Some two years ago it became evident that the bells and frame needed expert attention and reports were obtained from the only two firms of bell foundries now in business. Both advised that an entirely new metal frame should be installed while in addition the bells should be quarter turned and supplied with all new fittings. The work would include the removal of the cast iron clapper staples and supplying new metal headstocks, wheels clappers, etc.

It was considered prudent to discontinue peal and quarter peal ringing although service ringing has continued uninterrupted. The cost of the work envisaged by the bell foundries was in the neighbourhood of £1,500, which at the time seemed a very formidable sum. But the local ringers were undeterred and set about raising what cash they could. The salvage of waste paper was organised on a whole parish basis, the local ringers went carol singing at Christmas, 1959 and 1960, a beetle drive and jumble sale were organised, appeals were made to local tradesmen. In fact, any effort considered of value was tried and the cash began rolling in.

At that time the Parochial Church Council of Ashted decided to organise a scheme of planned giving and one of the objects of the appeal was the restoration of the bells.

Now after fifteen months of intensive effort the ringers themselves have raised nearly £700. The Parochial Church Council have voted during the past two years partly out of the planned giving campaign the sum of £650, while an anonymous gift of £100 has just been received on behalf of the bells appeal. In fact, the amount required is in sight and the Church Council have decided to have the work put in hand forthwith.

One or two final peals and quarter peals on the bells are being rung, but when the bells are removed from the tower a silence of four to six months will begin. In the meantime, the local ringers intend to keep themselves in form by use of handbells and visits to neighbouring towns. The time will soon come for the bells to be returned to the tower when all ringers will again be welcome and visiting hands will be sure of a ring on these lovely bells which in the past have been so much sought after.

As the local ringers, consisting mainly of teenagers, have been so enthusiastic in their efforts to raise money it is considered only right that to them should go the honour of ringing the first peal on the restored bells.

J. T. S.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AMBITIONS AND THANKS

Dear Sir.—In almost every walk of life we see and admire people with ambition. Some set their aim very high, some even at the impossible, yet who would progress must of necessity have some goal to aspire to.

In ringing we have certain prominent men who, with earnestness and zeal, set out with certain aims. Some are merely ambitious to ring every bell in their own particular tower to a peal; others with wider interests try the same at neighbouring towers. Then there are others with 'pet' methods to ring the extent on all numbers—5 to 12 bells; while others have the desire to ring as many tenors as possible. In recent months we have noted some who aspire to ring methods (or should one call them variations?) of the 'so called' Surprise with a different initial to their names.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, not content with 1,000 peals, endeavoured to get a like number of Stedman Triples. The late 'Uncle Joe' Sykes had a similar ambition to ring every possible number of changes of 'Yorkshire Glory'—Kent Treble Bob Major—from 5,000 to 6,000 and all composed by his friend, Arthur Knights, as well as 'bagging' all tenors in this and other distant countries.

The late James George had the desire (and he is not the only one) to ring a peal on every date in the year. In like manner—now fulfilled—the present writer had the ambition to ring a full peal of 5,000 changes at all possible churches in his native Leicestershire with 5 bells and over. To accomplish this task it meant overcoming many difficulties, such as travel to outlying places, finding bells sadly neglected (especially the fives and sixes), sometimes entailing more than one journey to oil bearings, tighten up frames and fittings, mend wheels, splice ropes, etc., and in many cases only securing peals under great difficulties and punishment by way of blisters, aching limbs and wet shirts!

It is gratifying, however, to be able to record that in some instances, at least, these visits have resulted in interesting the locals to get things restored and bells augmented.

In attaining this ambition I have to record my deep appreciation in years gone by to my Billesdon friends who assisted me with transport to many distant places, both in Leicestershire and 'just over the border,' and in some instances by repairing wheels and fittings and supplying ropes, etc. Also to Ratby and Groby friends in like manner in many of the towers around their district.

Forty or fifty years ago I never had the ambition to ring a multitude of peals, but as time went on the enthusiasm of the late Harold Poole (who lived a few doors away from me) in fetching me out for handbells as well as tower-bells for practices and peals on all sorts of occasions, prompted my desire to ring 1,000 peals—he eventually conducted my 1,000th (Stedman Cinques) on handbells.

Of later years, the enthusiasm of Brian Warwick, with my friends of the 'Wednesday' and 'Monday' bands at Loughborough Bell Foundry and other places, increased my own ambitions to even greater efforts.

Through all this I have ever kept before me—and tried to carry out—my late father's advice and instructions, particularly that given to me in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, when a youth. He said, 'I want you to make the name of Morris one to be honoured here in this church, up in the belfry, and in "The Ringing World".' So I went on and on till now, in completing 2,000 peals, I feel I have not let my father down, nor the church, nor the ringing fraternity.

As will be seen, my peals range on all numbers in a great variety of methods, and

the lower numbers of bells have not suffered for the sake of the higher! I have truly enjoyed helping with humble peals of Doubles and Minor, with local lads, as much as I have with the experts in Cinques and Maximus, or in the 'Surprise' class.

Unlike most prolific peal ringers, I have never been on a peal ringing tour, my work as verger of a large city church not allowing me either the time or the money for such pleasures.

It is quite impossible for me to say 'thank you' to all friends—too numerous to mention by name—who have helped me to fulfil this great ambition; nevertheless, I do so now through the medium of these columns, and thank the Editor for his many helpful kindnesses.—Yours, etc.,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

### TWO CAPTAINS IN 73 YEARS

Dear Sir.—In 'Belfry Gossip,' in your issue of February 17th, Twyford claim to have had only four tower captains since 1913. Records show that change ringing started at Goring in 1888, since when there have been only two tower captains. The present captain, Mr. L. G. Haines, has held office since the former captain, Mr. John Bower, died in 1941. Mr. Bower was responsible for teaching the original band, who rang their first 120 of Grand sire Doubles in 1888, and there has been a regular change ringing band since that date. Is this a record?—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. IRVING.

Goring-on-Thames.

### CLEARING HOUSE FOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—Mr. R. F. B. Speed's letter (page 131) resurrects the perennial argument which occurs in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.' I am not suggesting that anyone should have the nerve to claim the peal of Shackerstone S.R. (page 10) as his own—the composition is too trivial to be termed such—but it is generally very difficult, especially for the younger composers, to ascertain whether a composition is original or not.

Few people have access to a comprehensive collection of the peals published during the last fifty years. In my own case, as a comparative newcomer to ringing, the only peals to which I have access are those published in the 'R.W.' during the last three years or so and the Central Council Collection of 1950. It is thus very likely that any original (to me) composition that I produce will have been published before. In all innocence (some might say, naively) the young composer will publish his peal as original, only to be subjected to bitter attacks in these columns from certain eminent members of the Exercise, alleging plagiarism. Yet I consider that the composition was just as much an achievement on his part as it was by the original composer.

Surely this is a matter for the conscience of the individual composer. If he has, to the best of his knowledge, never seen a composition similar to one that he has produced, then I consider that he is entitled to call it his own until such time as someone finds an earlier composer, and this information could be given with a little less righteous indignation than is often the case.

The only answer to the problem, as far as I can see, is for the Central Council to set up a clearing house for compositions (and methods too, perhaps), to which a composer could send his peals to ascertain their originality.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. FORDER.

Eastleigh, Hants.

### COMPOSITIONS FOR SHACKERSTONE AND RAVENSTONE

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Speed's letter on page 131 of 'The Ringing World' of February 24th, I should like to explain that the two compositions mentioned should be credited as 'Arranged by . . .'. Taking the Shackerstone first, it is true that the composition is one of Cambridge Maximus with 2 sets of 3 Homes added, but the credit is due to the arranger, surely, for knowing where to add them in order to avoid falseness. Shackerstone has 3 false course-ends (24365, 32564, 46253).

With regard to Ravenstone, which has no falseness, I do try, as far as possible, to ring alternative compositions. Very often in a peal of Surprise Royal with a clean-proof scale one finds the second in sixth for one course. In the composition rung to Ravenstone the sixth is in sixths for 7 courses (half the peal), the fourth for 4, the third for 2, and the fifth for one. I, personally, like the third in sixths better than the fourth and (of course) the second. The composition is W. Pye's Cambridge Royal, but a block of 3 Homes is added when the sixth is at Home and omitted elsewhere.

I hope this clears up Mr. Speed's first paragraph. In his second paragraph he asks two pertinent questions, (1) How do I select what composition to call? This is easy to answer. Mr. Burton has a large collection of Surprise Royal methods in card index form and on the back of the card for each method is attached a suitable composition. Both he and I try to get some variety. After all, we should not expect every peal of Yorkshire or Superlative Major to be composed by Pitstow, should we?

Mr. Speed's second question is certainly provocative. 'Has it ever struck him that even ill-named perversions of Yorkshire Royal would yield good music to reasonable compositions?' he asks. I suppose that there is a degree of sarcasm in the use of the word 'perversions.' Both Ravenstone and Shackerstone are pure Yorkshire above the treble, but below the treble they differ vastly from the parent method, with a considerable amount of difficult backward hunting. Surely we are not expected to ring Yorkshire Royal every week?

Does Mr. Speed really think these methods are ill-named? Both are names of Leicestershire villages, and Mr. Speed's criticism is certainly in very bad taste on this point.

Lastly, Mr. Speed implies that these two methods produce poor music. In the case of Shackerstone, I should be glad to hear from Mr. Speed of a more musical composition within the limits of the falseness. As for Ravenstone, I think I have already answered that one earlier by stating its musical qualities (2nd never in sixths, 3rd there for 2 courses—which I like as it gives the dominant dodging behind with the mediant) and again I should be glad if Mr. Speed would let the Exercise know of some compositions of clean Surprise Royal methods (without the 2nd in sixths) without reference to the old firm of Messrs. Sedgley, Sedgley & Sedgley, Ltd. When Mr. Speed replies I hope he will inform the Exercise why he thinks these compositions are not reasonable.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN G. WARWICK,  
Hon. General Secretary,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

### AT IVYCHURCH

Dear Sir.—In support of E. J. Rowe's letter, I rang at Ivychurch, Kent (5; 17 cwt.) on F. C. W. Knights' peal tour of the county, on August 10th, 1948. Mr. Rowe was also a member of the company.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## COMMENTS ON RECENT LETTERS

Dear Sir.—Recent call change correspondence suggests that while Queen's is the old thirds, Whittington has a few 'variations.' Some bands jump to it and some attain it by a slow half-pull movement nowadays.

Many years ago, 'Turn again Whittington, Lord Mayor of London' was rung thus: 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, and repeat, on the back five of a ring of six, followed by 'Turn again Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London': 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, and repeat. The tower was occasionally visited by one or other of the 'snobs' of the Exercise, i.e., one who doesn't remove his coat unless something more intricate than Cambridge is being offered, yet never did a 'snob,' who only entered the tower out of a Whittingtonian quality—curiosity—get away without admitting defeat. The local band were, incidentally, known to the younger set as 'The cat's whisker.'

Correspondence on page 28 reminds me of an incident recorded by a well known bishop. Passing a public house one afternoon, the door opened and a half drunken man staggered out with a not too gentle push—the door closed. Realising that he stood before a clergyman and maybe, hoping to recover lost dignity, he asked, 'Mishter, whish road do I take for heaven?' The answer, of necessity, was brief, 'Turn to the right, and keep straight on.' And that is just about as much as many learners get from their instructors when they ask for direction when they reach that most difficult time in between handling a bell and ringing changes in Plain methods. Instructors who refuse to teach which bells to follow must either have super intelligent learners, or must lose a lot who could become 'super snobs' or just useful standard method ringers. Teaching one or two with a good band can of course be a ropesight adventure.

Not that any advance in teaching methods is expected by anyone: I, myself, well remember being called by the late Dean Dwelly to answer why certain ringing was being done in a certain way—and, begging leave, quoted the late Lord Holden:

'Who seeks to please all men each way  
And not himself offend,  
He may begin his work today.  
But heaven knows when he'll end.'

Mr. Percy Cave's letter recalls a time just after the war when the tower he mentioned was without a Sunday service band, and visitors, to the great joy of the Rector and the parish, kept the bells ringing by arranging Sunday afternoon peal attempts. One of the ringers on (I believe) this occasion went 'jumping mad,' the good Rector fearing an apoplexy or worse in the good man, left them: he told me afterwards: 'I only wanted to welcome them.' You really should have locked the door, Mr. Cave, and spared a man from being vituperated from his own belfry.—Yours faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—The committee of the Ely Diocesan Association wish to withdraw the peal rung at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on December 27th, 1958, on page 88 (1959) of 'The Ringing World,' as this did not conform with rules of the Central Council.—Yours, etc.,

H. S. PEACOCK.  
(Gen. Sec.)

Huntingdon.

## Suitable Nomenclature?

When Ogden, Smith and Fielden.  
Peal out the bells of earth,  
Their own names methods christen,  
Inviting wrath or mirth.

Should Ogden and his fellows,  
E'er peal the bells of heaven,  
Saint Smith, St. Ogden Doubles  
As names could be forgiven!

D. P. J.

## THE GARFATH TABLET

Dear Sir.—With reference to the account of the Consistory Court held in Guildford on February 14th, the tablet bears the name of a member of my family, a man well loved and remembered by his family and his memory greatly respected by his many ringing friends in the Farnham and Hereford Districts.

I was greatly distressed when visiting the church to find the tablet gone, but was somewhat relieved to find it placed in the ringing chamber above.

I remember when I became a ringer at St. Andrew's, Farnham, being told by the older ringers that it was at first suggested that it be put in the ringing chamber, but on the suggestion of the then Rector it was placed in the church; he wished, in addition to it being a memorial to Mr. Garfath and recording events of national and local interest, to pay tribute to the ringers who, at that time, were being regarded more as church workers than had been the case for many years.

It seems two wrongs have been committed (both no doubt with good intent) which no right can efface, but it would be a great gesture if those in authority caused the wind of change to blow again, returning the tablet with the blessing of all to the place from which it was removed for no apparent reason.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. ELKINS.

Woodlands Park, Altrincham.

[Copy also to 'Farnham Herald'.]

## A MERE VARIATION

Dear Sir.—The latest letter by Mr. P. Amos appears to be a mere variation of his former ones, except that he has written it with a 6th place bob on this occasion. If somebody doesn't call 'That's all' soon we may discover that we've only had the first three courses of the 27 course block.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

## LEICESTER'S GREETING

Dear Sir.—Driving through Leicester on a recent Tuesday morning, I was waved at enthusiastically by an elderly (hatless) gentleman on the pavement, who had evidently spotted the bellringer's badge on the front of my car.

Owing to the traffic and the fact that it was some seconds before I realised why anyone should wave to a complete stranger, I'm afraid I did not stop, but would like to thank whoever it was for his greeting, which brightened up an otherwise tedious journey of six and a half hours.—Yours faithfully,

N. I. WRIGHT.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

## SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A meeting of the Sherwood Youths Society was held on February 25th at West Bridgford in the afternoon and Lenton in the evening. About 20 members and visitors from as far as Balderton, Greasley, Derby and Keyworth took part in ringing methods, including Yorkshire, Double Norwich, Siedman and Cambridge at Lenton. We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Buswell, from Keyworth.

A. H.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

## Southern Branch

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Southern Branch held at Bunwell on February 4th. The service, which was conducted by Rev. D. H. Mee, had many references to bells and their ringers.

Following tea in the school, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided at the meeting, supported by Mrs. Nolan Golden (president) and Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer of the Association).

The officers for 1961 were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Philippo; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Saunders; Standing Committee, Mr. F. C. Arnold and Mr. H. B. Fuller; Branch Committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. C. R. Catchpole, W. J. Flatt, L. J. Minns and F. C. Roper.

Next meeting, Redenhall, April 29th. It was decided to hold an evening meeting each month, the first of which will be at Pulham Market on March 4th.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Northern District

The annual District meeting was held on a dull, windy, rain-spattered afternoon, so perhaps it was not surprising that few came to Hitchin if they were only just recovering from influenza or just about to succumb to it. The bells were raised and rung until the arrival of a photographer from one of the local papers, shortly followed by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh, who conducted the service, with Mr. P. Wells at the organ. In the prayers the Vicar particularly mentioned those who were unable to be at the meeting because of sickness.

An excellent tea had been provided by Mrs. C. A. Agg and her helpers, members of the local tower, at Church House. At the business meeting which followed Mr. A. R. Agg was chairman, and Miss J. Sanderson deputised for the District secretary, Mr. Buck, a victim of the flu.

The District report was encouraging. The quarterly meetings were a success, particularly in August at Wallington, and membership had been maintained. Sunday service ringing had slightly improved, despite Norton's silence (due to new places and times of services). Coltered bells were to be recast and rehung, the first major restoration since Norton in 1947. Later in the meeting a grant of £10 was made from the fund. The combined bands of Sandon, Rushden and Wallington were making steady progress. Mr. W. Lawrence, of Stevenage, had completed sixty years of service to that tower; Mr. and Mrs. W. Barrett, of Barley, celebrated their golden wedding on December 12th.

Only 37 quarters were rung, compared with 49 the previous year. Peals were the same as before, 21, including the first peals of Kelshall and Codicote Surprise Major.

District officers for 1961: Secretary, Mr. E. G. Buck; 'R.W.' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; General Committee, Mr. L. B. Scoot and Mrs. C. A. Agg; District Committee, Messrs. G. W. Critchley, B. L. Marks, C. M. Orme, D. Taplin and Miss J. Sanderson. Mr. C. A. S. Harwood is District Ringing Master.

New members: the Misses E. Jackson (St. Ippolyts), B. Learner (Hitchin), P. Langley (Stevenage), and the Rev. D. C. Ritchie (Norton). Non-resident life members: Mr. M. Stanforth (Stotfold), Mr. B. Woodruffe (Fairfield, Derbys), Miss P. Bourne (Accrington), and Miss H. K. Snowden.

Ringing continued until 8.30 when the octave was lowered in peal.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Biggleswade District

The meeting of the Biggleswade District at Clifton on February 18th was well attended by ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. In all 19 towers were represented.

After 1½ hours of ringing the Rector, Rev. E. Hall, conducted Evensong, with Mr. M. Lockley at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, during which the business meeting was held, with the Rector in the chair. Southill was chosen for the next meeting, on March 11th.

Mr. G. Mayes was Ringing Master and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Bristol and Spiced Surprise. The special methods were Rutland Surprise and Double Oxford Major. The successful meeting was brought to a close at 8.30 p.m. when the bells were rung down in peal.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 6th, 1931.—

A hundred and thirty years ago a peal of 7.001 '5.040 Double Bob Royal 10-in' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts. There were two men on the ninth and two on the tenor.

On March 8th, 1737, only a little more than twenty years after the first recorded peal, the Norwich men rang a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft in 8 hours 15 minutes.

A hundred and thirty years ago a peal of 7.001 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames.

'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by E. Morris, is published.



# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on January 21st at the Ayrton Hall of Imperial College. A full day's ringing had been arranged at three well known London towers, and a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine was very ably given by Mr. Douglas Hughes to a privileged gathering at the Science Museum.

The dinner itself was an excellent four-course meal, and had a record attendance of 74 members and friends. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. Philip Gray, whose lively sense of humour and witty interjections did much to make the dinner an enjoyable and memorable one.

He extended the Society's welcome to visitors from Reading and Southampton University Societies, and remarked that it was the first time the dinner had been held at Imperial College, thought by some to be the premier college, although he himself was aware of a claim for that title by the Royal College of Needlework!

Dr. D. N. Layton, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he, too, was of the opinion that Imperial College was an excellent and appropriate venue for the dinner, since the first meeting of the Society, in 1945, was held there, five members being in attendance. Also Imperial College is closely connected with the Imperial Institute, with a ring of bells in the 'pile of architecture,' and he hoped the authorities would not condemn the tower as unsafe without the buttressing of the adjacent buildings.

He then exhorted everyone to be grateful to the Church as the guardian of our faith, and pointed out that although the Church provides us materially with bells for ringing it is a service to the Church, as well as a hobby, so that the toast to the Church can be very properly drunk.

In reply, the Rev. Maurice Dean, Rector of St. Olave's, drew attention to the recent international change ringing in the upper circles of the Church, involving the transference of the Archbishop of York to Canterbury, and the Bishop of Bradford to York, and reminded everyone that moves in the upper hierarchy influence the lives of both Church and Community. He noted especially that all Archbishops make a great contribution to international confidence, and that Dr. Fisher, with his unique capacity for turning the flanks of difficulties, illustrated this in his recent visit to Rome, which he hoped would bring closer mutual understanding.

The Rector hoped that one day a Commonwealth of Churches would be formed, and said he thought the Prime Minister had shown remarkable statesmanship in his choice. In conclusion he thanked the Society for its goodwill, and especially its contribution to St. Olave's, which he hoped would be returned in some small part.

Mr. Nicholas Martin, Master of the Oxford University Society, in proposing the toast of 'The Society,' gave a witty address, which included a clever analysis of the Society. He looked upon 'London' as the capital, having an essential criterion of more 10- and 12-bell towers per square yard than elsewhere. By 'society' he conjured up a picture of keen, efficient young ringers, categorised into a Master, secretary, 'friendly' treasurer, and the 'plebs.' The Master he considered to be a glorious, impregnable individual, who issues orders, but who becomes easily harassed when hunting round to find members to ring peals. This, he pointed out, led to the creation of a Society of liberal-minded, individual individuals.

Mr. Michael Rose, the Society's treasurer, in his carefully prepared reply, took the theme of the difficulty in gauging to what extent a visiting ringer could be regarded as 'competent,' without hurting anyone's feelings. He illustrated this with a reference to a peal in the West Country, at the end of which one of the less expert ringers apologised to the conductor for missing his sally halfway through; the conductor, however, remarked that this was his only well-struck blow in the whole peal.

## BIG ARRAY OF GUESTS

Mr. Geoff Pratt, proposing 'The Guests,' expressed the Society's thanks to Mr. Albert Hughes for his kind interest in the Society, and for offering another tower where the bells are to be soon reopened, and to Mr. D. Hughes for ably demonstrating the Carter ringing machine.

He thanked Mr. Michael Morton, Master of the College Youths, for his renewed interest in the Society, and Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Cumberland Youths, to whom he extended the Society's wishes for another year of improved ringing. On behalf of the Society he welcomed A. Tumber and P. Wilkinson, Masters of the Southampton and Reading University Societies, as it was the first time that representatives from these Societies had been invited. He apologised to Mr. John Baldwin, Master of the Bristol University Society, for a clash in the two University dinners, that was luckily prevented. He congratulated Mr. Nicholas Martin, of Oxford, on his excellent speech, and pointed out that he could not travel around London much to find ringers, since the distances involved were too great (up to 10 miles). He welcomed Mr. James Taylor, Master of the Cambridge University Society, adding that his own home town was Cambridge, and that they were old friends.

Mr. John Baldwin, in replying for the visitors, thought the London Society was probably one of the most flourishing Societies connected to a University, and expressed his privileged feelings to extend the guests' thanks. He considered this a compliment to his own Society.

Mr. Philip Gray, in his concluding speech, spoke of the uncertainty of the summer tour, which had now been provisionally decided and was to take place in Cheshire and North Wales.

The majority of the company then adjourned to a local ale-house, where stories were told, and both old and new acquaintances made. Thus ended a memorable and enjoyable day in the Society's history.

N. J. D.

## NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The first annual dinner of the Nottingham University Society was held on February 18th. During the afternoon eight towers, in and around the city, were open and attracted good crowds of visitors. Undoubtedly the largest numbers of the day were at All Saints', where the bells have recently been reopened by the Society, and the ringing was followed by Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. D. Perkins. The dinner, attended by 60 ringers representing a large number of Societies and Guilds, was held in the Portland Building of the University. After the meal the chairman, Mr. Bruce Grainger, proposed the loyal toast and introduced the speakers. The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Cambridge, secretary of the Universities Association, who welcomed N.U.S. into the 'big nine'—a select body of those Universities holding a beltring dinner. Mr. David Friend replied on behalf of the Society and spoke of some of the Society's activities during the year.

The president, Mr. Paul Taylor, proposed the health of the guests, and welcomed especially the Rev. and Mrs. J. N. D. Perkins and the Rev. N. Cribb, curate of All Saints'. Mr. Dermot Roaf, Mr. A. York-Bramble and representatives from the Universities of Sheffield, Cambridge, Southampton and Bristol, as well as representatives of the Society of Sherwood Youths and city ringers. Mr. Perkins replied, and in a witty speech spoke of the gratitude which his church owed to the Society for their efforts. He hoped that the happy association of the University with his parish would long continue.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked everyone for their support and especially the secretary, Mr. Martin Bishop, for all the arrangements he had made. He hoped that next year's dinner would be as great a success.

## OBITUARY

### MR. WALTER J. PREBBLE

In his 94th year, and several months after an operation, Mr. Walter J. Prebble, of Hythe, died in hospital on February 16th.

Although not a peal ringer, he was of great value as a regular and dependable service ringer. He started beltring at Stowling Church on four bells at the age of 14, and spent most of his life in Hythe, taking an active part in ringing as late as October, 1957.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, in July, 1957, thirty ringers and friends from neighbouring towers attended the celebration, and were entertained at the vicarage. In the evening a quarter peal was rung in his honour. Always good humoured and young in heart, Mr. Prebble's chief joy in life was beltring. He was a guest on the annual outing of the Hythe ringers last July.

The funeral service at St. Leonard's Church, where he had rung for so many years, was attended by eleven of the local band. Half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the service.

### MR. J. W. TOYNE

On February 12th, Jack Toyne, of Messingham, died in the War Memorial Hospital, at Scunthorpe. Born at Grayingham, Lincs, in 1906, he went to live at Messingham more than 30 years ago. He became a member of the church choir and did many practical jobs in and around the church and church hall.

It was only after the 1939-45 war that Jack learned to ring, but his enthusiasm was such that Messingham bells were soon made into six and there was a young band being taught to ring them. Jack became their leader and his example of regular attendance at meetings, practices and ringing for service impressed itself upon the rest of the band. In all he rang only about half a dozen peals before in his mid-forties he became a victim of arthritis. This, together with other illnesses, caused him to give up ringing—but he was quite often to be seen at meetings talking to his many friends. Many ringers in North Lincolnshire owe much to Jack Toyne for his kindness, his enthusiasm and his constant courage.

On the day of his funeral a half-muffled 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Messingham, with the following taking part: Stanley Whiting 1, Jill Allison 2, Rev. Michael Freeman 3, Michael Whiting 4, Jack Bray 5, George Moody 6.

## UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

On February 17th and 18th the U.W.S.C.R. held a short tour of mid-Wales, based at Aberystwyth.

Friday morning—fair weather, fine scenery, five-to-a-car, full speed for Barmouth. After adding five ropes to the three already there, we rang a peal of Plain Bob Major. We 'lunched' on tea and biscuits, and hurried back to ring at Llanbadarn. An abortive peal attempt was followed by general ringing, including a miscalled touch of Oxford Bob Triples which, surprisingly, came round by itself.

On Saturday, a much enlarged party set off for Machynlleth, the only eight in the day's programme. The next stop was in Newton—an excellent light six. After lunch we went southwards to Llandinam, a somewhat rough but quite ringable six, which, incidentally, is not listed in Dove. Here we attended evening service, and then went on a couple of miles to Llanidloes, where we found a good ring of six awaiting us.

At this tower, we held a business meeting. Mr. Colin Lewis was elected secretary for next session and Mr. Trevor Lewis re-elected as Ringing Master. We also acquired four new members.

After the meeting, we went on to the last tower, Nantmel, where a brief ring sufficed us before parting to go our various ways.

B. J. C.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Webb 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Orledge 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall 7, O. Cripps 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5.



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## BIRTH

SAMSON.—On March 3rd, 1961, to Audrie (née Read), wife of Major E. F. M. Samson, a son, brother for Veronica, Christopher and Jeremy. At the Park Hospital, Wellingborough. 7810

## PERSONAL

THOUGHT for the week.—Labour not for the meat which perisheth... (John vi. 27.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

ANYONE interested in tour of Hereford and district with Sussex tourist party, from July 16th to 22nd, write Miss Wyman, 73, New Farthingdale, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey. 7837

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner. Ringing arrangements: St. Bene't's, 2-3 p.m.; St. Andrew the Great, 3-4. Service 4. Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady and the English Martyrs), 5.15-6.15; St. Mary the Great, 6.30-7.30. Dinner in Selwyn College 7.45 (Tower Room). 7830

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—Practice night changing back to Tuesdays, on Tuesday, March 21st. No practices before that date. 7835

WANTED.—Driver-ringer for Scottish tour. Dep. Huddersfield noon, April 1st, return by noon April 5th. Must be 21 and capable of rounds, at least. One year's driving essential.—Armitage, 22, The Grove, Hipperholme, Halifax. 7834

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—Please note, there will be no ringing at the above church between Whit Sunday and Sunday, July 2nd next. Applications by visiting bands should be made now for other dates.—F. Hansford, Hon. Sec., 'World' Station Road, Winterbourne Down, Bristol. Tel. 3205. 7822

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE.—Summer tour, September 2nd to 9th, in leisurely fashion, of some towers in Cornwall. H.Q. Truro.—Write to F. D. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth, Devon, if you would like further details. 7840

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead (10 bells). Saturday, March 11th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 7831

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, March 11th, annual meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business. Names to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex. Look up St. Clement's Bob Major and Lincolnshire Surprise.—C. A. Bassett. 7228

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting at Whittlesford, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 6 o'clock onwards.—E. W. Bullman. 7791

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, New Park Street, Colchester. 7755

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place at Guildford, on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m., at St. Nicolas' and Stoke. 2.30 to 4.15 at Holy Trinity, 7.15 to 9 St. Mary's and Shalford. Service 4.15 at Holy Trinity. Tea buffet and service 5.15 p.m., at St. Saviour's Hall, off Woodbridge Road. Please notify for tea.—S. Russell, Hon. Sec., Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot. 7799

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting March 11th, Northchurch (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 7750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 11th. Bishop's Stortford, 3 p.m. Special business: Formation of Bishop's Stortford District, and election of secretary. Names for tea to H. Bird, The Nest, London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam. 7771

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District).—Quarterly meeting, and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Annual meeting at Staplehurst, on March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 7727

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. R. Beebe, 80, Wheat Street, Nuneaton. 7795

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, on March 11th. Ringing at Birstall (8), 2.30-5 p.m. and Thornhill (6), 7.30-9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. All names for tea, please, to D. C. Birkinshaw, 114, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3. (Finchley 3288.) 7759

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 7827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District.—Meeting at Debenham, March 11th, to elect secretary and committee. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal. 7758

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7307

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington St. Mary's Saturday, March 18th, usual arrangements. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, March 14th.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 7827

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) in Bell Hotel at 5 p.m., but for those who send names only, to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, by 16th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7812

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary's, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free, for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7832

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Ormesby, on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7824

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 7826

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bledington, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 7829

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—March 18th. Windrush, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Sherbourne 6.30 p.m. Names essential for tea by March 14th.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 7807

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—March 18th, Elmore (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please note, March 18th not 25th, as originally. Teas to 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester, by 15th. 7817

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheatthamstead, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7809

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Thanet, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and cakes only, cost 1s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, please, by March 13th.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7719

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Rochdale Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Riddle and Hudson, Secs. 7828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Rossendale Branches.—Radcliffe (old church), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. Business follows tea. Ancient church, stocky 13th century tower, ex. 8.—Thornley and Porter, Hon. Secs. 7833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Millom, Saturday, March 18th. Names to Rev. N. Darrell, St. George's Vicarage, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 7821

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shephed, March 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 14th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed.—C. W. Hall. 7802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Narborough (6), on Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Cosby bells also available during afternoon. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, March 16th, to Mr. L. E. Rivers, Tennyson Street, Narborough.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7805

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Eaton, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Village Institute, at 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 15th, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, near Grantham, Lincs. 7839

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Hallaton, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7841



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), March 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Methods: Kent, Double Court and Ipswich Surprise. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, March 15th.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 7787

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, on March 18th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringing at All Hallows' 6 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7813

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Quainton (5), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury. 7804

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Chacombe, on Saturday, March 18th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7825

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8), March 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne, Wiltshire. 7819

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottingham Kingdon, March 18th. Names for tea essential, to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wiltshire. 7818

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (mod. charge). Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, on or before March 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7801

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those notifying C. Copp, North Muskham, Notts, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 7770

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western and Northern Divisions.—Joint practice meeting at Pulborough, on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Red Lion'. Names by Wednesday, March 15th, at the latest, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 7823

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea in Andover, followed by meeting, Andover (8) 6 till 9 p.m. 7814

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, March 18th. Bells 2.30-3, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton, by March 15th, please. North Stoneham available after tea. 7815

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Rothwell, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7790

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, March 25th, combined with the wedding of Harry M. Windsor and Miss Joyce M. Elliman, who extend a very cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. Ringing 2-2.20 p.m. Service 2.30, followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be available for everyone, but please send names before March 23rd, to Miss J. M. Elliman, The Gables, Shrewley, Warwick.—H. M. W. 7793

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8), on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m., to be followed by ringing at Rickling (5)—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7811

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst, not Marden as previously arranged, on March 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 21st.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7793

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, on March 25th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 7803

**SOCIETY OF RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting at Gnosall, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. G. Key, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, by Wednesday, March 22nd. Astins bus leaves Odeon, Stafford, 2, returns 6.10 and 7.25. Towers also available: Haughton (5) 2.30-3.30. Church Eaton (6) 7-8 p.m. Please adhere strictly to times. 7820

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—W.C. District.—Meeting at Wickham Skeith (6), Saturday, March 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 23rd, please, to H. Milson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 7808

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Names for lunch (6s.) essential with stamped, addressed envelope. Ringing details later.—G. Salmon, Hon. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7836

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 7777

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Reading, April 29th. Will members and friends interested in transport from London being arranged for this meeting please notify Mrs. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Mawneys, Romford, Essex, not later than March 31st. 7838

## APPLETON RECORD STILL REMAINS

The attempt to beat the Appleton record of 21,363 Grandshire Caters in 1922 at Grundisburgh last Saturday was called off. According to the national Press, 5,759 changes were rung.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

The first quarterly meeting for 1961 was held at St. John the Baptist's, Harrietsham, on January 14th. Ringing commenced sharp at 3 o'clock, nearly 20 members having been welcomed on time by the local captain, Mr. J. Betts. By service time the ringing chamber was crowded, some 40 odd ringers having arrived.

A very pleasant service followed, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Finch. During this a course of Grandshire Triples was rung in place of an address. Mr. J. Betts then invited the company to his home and entertained them with a most sumptuous tea in the running buffet style.

Dr. John Hatcher, general secretary, presided at the meeting and expressed his pleasure at the large number present.

Mr. A. Waddington, District representative, presented his report on the recent committee meeting held in Maidstone.

Twelve new members were elected; also Miss Barbara Manship was elected a non-resident life member.

Closing the meeting, Mr. A. Waddington thanked the Vicar for his welcome. Mr. and Mrs. J. Betts for their most generous hospitality and Mr. W. Mattingley, of Linton, for playing the organ for service.

**HARSTON, CAMBS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; M. Turner 1, I. G. Stracey 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, C. J. Bird 4, J. G. Gipson 5, M. E. Stracey 6 For Sunne Eucharist

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Monica Blagrove 1, F. T. Blagrove 2-3, A. J. Glass 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A. J. Glass 3, G. Jenkins 4, K. Buckingham 5, B. Taylor 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Brooks 8.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

### Mansfield District Annual Meeting

Fifty-five ringers representing 13 towers attended the meeting held at Mansfield on January 21st. The very foggy weather kept the attendance lower than usual. A short Evening-song was conducted in church by the Rev. H. Pettegill, and an excellent tea served in Grove House by the local ladies.

Mr. S. W. Fossey, District chairman, presided at the business meeting. The following five ringing members were elected: A. L. Rawson, F. G. Rawson (Selston), M. Kirk (Kirkby), and Miss A. C. Rooke and Miss I. Cooke (Warsop). Rev. A. M. P. Wilson, of Mansfield, was elected an honorary vice-president.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1960 were read and approved. Officers were re-elected en bloc, viz: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; honorary secretary, D. H. Rooke; committee, A. J. Brown and D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke.

Next meeting at Kirkby, March 25th; District cup contest, Selston, May 27th. It was decided to invite J. H. Pailing and W. L. Exton to act as judges.

The meeting agreed to Mr. H. T. Rooke's proposal to hold a joint meeting at Warsop, on either July 1st or 8th and to invite neighbouring Societies to participate. Towers open: Creswell and Cuckney in afternoon, Warsop afternoon and evening, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse evening. Provisional fixtures for the District for one year in advance are to be printed in the Guild report. As far as possible meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month. The Bell Fund collection amounted to £1 1s. 3d.

Ringling was resumed after the votes of thanks in a wide variety of methods up to Yorkshire Surprise.

D. H. R.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the Bedford District was held at Elstow on February 4th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in a variety of methods, ranging from rounds and Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise and York Surprise.

The Rev. Peter Hartley took a short service, which was followed by tea and the business meeting. K. A. R.

## A WILTS AND GLOUCESTER OUTING

From Lechlade, Glos. we have received a report of an outing on February 4th, which started from Cricklade (a difficult five), on to Ashton Keynes and crossed into Gloucestershire, to ring at South Cerney (6) and Siddington (6). After lunch at Preston, there was sunbathing by some on the roof at Amprey Crucis, before tackling the hard-working five. Hatherop's were regarded as the best bells of the day. The party were too tired to bring forth the splendour of the heavy eight at Fairford and the heavy six at Kempsford. Thanks are accorded to tower captains and incumbents for permission to ring.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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**MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. K. Lewis 1, B. G. Brown (first 'inside') 2, Myra T. Wilkins 3, W. Richings 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, E. Cooksley 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. F. Wilkins, of Warmley.

**NECTON, NORFOLK.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. H. Bennett 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, W. G. Heyhoe 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. W. Woodcock (cond.) 5, A. R. Wife 6.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. May 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. C. Law (first 'inside') 3, M. G. Wood 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. May 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, D. W. Stenson (first 'inside' in two methods) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. C. Law 6. First in two methods for 1 and 6. For Dedication Festival Evensong.

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## THE NIGHT BEFORE

**T**HERE is not a man or woman who has not during life experienced that feeling of pent-up excitement on the eve or just before an unusual event. We remember such occasions, particularly during our school days—the concern before an examination, a great sporting event, or before a first peal. Later in life came to us those dramatic minutes to zero, for within our ranks there are many who saw active service in one of the world wars, when eternity seemed so much nearer. But there are occasions far happier—the night before marriage, when both parties are expecting so much from life and hoping and praying that they will not let their partner down.

It is with such feelings of almost quivering excitement that we approach our Jubilee issue. There seems so much to be done still, like the bride putting the final touches to her trousseau. Will the missing articles arrive, or those two special advertisements? Having done special numbers before, the Editor is familiar with many of these difficulties, but each one brings its own particular problems. One thing is rigid—the time of going to press. It is no use anyone ever ringing up after 12 noon on a Tuesday with news, correction or advertisement: it can't be done. Rarely a week goes by without the Editor or his assistant having to say: 'Next week.'

We are endeavouring to make this 50th anniversary issue something special. Something never provided previously for 'The Ringing World' will be an outside cover to the 24-page issue, with the name in gold, and instead of the usual leader a facsimile of the front page of No. 1 will be reproduced. A number of special articles have been written. Naturally, much of the issue will centre on the founder and first editor, Mr. John Sparkes Goldsmith, his life and Southover Church, where he learnt to ring, being the subjects of two special articles.

Another article deals with the life of the second editor, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. And what a loyal and faithful lieutenant he was to Jack Goldsmith! There are articles from his pen in the earliest numbers—indeed throughout that first and long editorship of over 30 years he was constantly writing, and during the second war period largely wrote the paper. The affection of the dying editor to Jim Trollope is conveyed in a note written just before his last operation: 'A thousand thanks, Jim, for all your kindness and for your friendship.' The story of J. A. T. has been written by one of his pupils, a man on whom 'the mantle of Elijah' has fallen and an esteemed and fluent writer on ringing topics. There has also been a digging into the life of the present editor.

The success of a newspaper depends very largely on 'its faithful readers.' There are more than 50 of that original band of No. 1 readers not only still with us but still able to enjoy the paper week by week. While we have only been able to devote a few lines to each of these ringers—perhaps a telling phrase—there is sufficient to recall them to their friends. Some of these are great men of the Exercise; others are quiet, humble men—there is only one woman—whose service to the Exercise has been confined to their own tower, District and Guild. To the present editor they are equally as precious as those who make headlines, and such an issue gives one an opportunity of giving them somewhat belated recognition.

There are other articles to make this issue memorable—a survey of the ringing press, the improvements in ringing in the past 50 years, some well-written sonnets and other features, together with the peals, quarter peals and news of the week. We feel certain that there will be a big demand for this anniversary number. It is an issue that will appeal to a much wider circle than our ordinary readers, and we ask tower secretaries and others to place their orders at once if they are not to be disappointed.

We cannot conclude this last Editorial of the first 50 years without an expression of the spirit of thankfulness. An unseen guiding hand has enabled difficulties to be surmounted. The outbreak of the first World War was a big setback to the financial stability of the journal, and few men have faced life with greater courage than the founder. It was not merely these difficulties of production; his wife was for many years an invalid, and it was with loving care he watched over her. The wisdom of those four leaders—Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, G. W. Fletcher and R. Richardson—who acquired 'The Ringing World' for the Central Council and met the substantial accumulated debt to the printers must be acknowledged with gratitude. The chances of survival of the journal are sounder with the resources of the Central Council behind it. We can see no reason if the Exercise continues to extend its goodwill, and there is a readiness to support the journal indirectly, why it should not enter into the second half of its century with courage and optimism. 'The Ringing World' has one great mission—the knitting together into one family ringers the world over. And let it not be forgotten that their pleasures should constitute a dedicated art to His service. Such thoughts imbued some of our brethren 50 years ago, and the torch they lit is being carried fearlessly into the great unknown by men and women of this generation. Yet, it is a great privilege for us to serve our Church in our art and our own special family through the pages of 'The Ringing World.'



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.*  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.  
**A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**  
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. Treble	†COLIN CONWAY .. .. 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†ALAN F. S. BUSWELL .. 8
*KATHLEEN FLETCHER .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 9
†ALEX W. FRY .. .. 4	*LEWIS COBB .. .. 10
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 5	*JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 11
*JAMES DANIELS .. .. 6	JACK MUSSELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

A congratulatory peal to Derek and Mary Perry (née Davis), of Southport, who are now the proud parents of twin daughters—Frances and Elizabeth, sisters to Simon.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.*  
AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

*EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 6
MARY HALL .. .. 2	LISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 7
JOHN A. BALDWIN .. .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 8
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 9
PERCY CAVE .. .. 5	DONALD E. COBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. J. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.  
\* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Frederick G. Leaker, member of St. Mary Redcliffe Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 8
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	JOHN E. COOK .. .. 9
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.  
First peal of Royal for the Society.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.  
**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*ROSEMARY MANDER .. Treble	†DAVID J. WILKES .. .. 6
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 2	KEITH WILLIAMS .. .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 9
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5	DAVID JORDAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.  
\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Walter R. Hughes and the 21st birthday of Miss Stella Hughes.

LEICESTER.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.*  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
MRS. J. HUNTING .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 8
*HAROLD G. JENNEY .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 9
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	JOHN E. COOK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.  
**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JOHN DREWITT .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 7
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 9
WALTER F. JUDDGE .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLFIELD. Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.  
Rung for the 143rd anniversary of the bells and the centenary of the augmentation to ten.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.  
**A PEAL OF 5759 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 8
PETER J. EVES .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAMBERT.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 8
PETER J. EVES .. .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. 9
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DEBENHAM. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 KNAPTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

KNAPTOFT SURPRISE ROYAL  
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18.34 x 14.30.78.14 x 90  
L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E. 26543

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.  
*On Fri., Feb. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 22 cwt.

GILLIAN GRANEY (Aber.) Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS (Aber.) .. 5
MOLLIE TILBURY (Swan.) .. 2	DAVID W. BEARD (Aber.) .. 6
PETER F. T. SMITH (Aber.) 3	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY (Card.) 7
BARRY J. COUZENS (Swan.) 4	TREVOR T. LEWIS (Card.) Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.*  
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY.  
**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 103 lb. in F.

*IRIS THOMSON .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 5
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6
†JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	†GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7). Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 4	DAVID HOARE .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. Treble	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 5
KENNETH R. GOODALL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 7
JOHN W. SYKES .. .. 4	LEONARD GOODALL .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.  
Fastest peal on the bells.



**NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*JOHN W. COLEMAN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	PETER BERESFORD	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek Wilkinson, of the local band, and Miss Barbara Harris.

**OVER, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

**A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob; 95 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt.	
CECIL RADDON	Treble
*CHRISTOPHER JONES	2
HAROLD WORRALL	3
*DENIS MADDOCK	4
VICTOR NEAL	5
*JOHN RYDER	6
*MICHAEL THOMSON	7
HARRY W. HOWARD	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

Rung as birthday compliments to Harry W. Howard and Kenneth Parker.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*RAYMOND CRAWFORD	Treble	ANDREW J. THOMSON	5
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	2	PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY	6
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT	3	JOHN G. PUSEY	7
*BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS J. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major in the method for all except the ringer of the second.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.	
CHARLES SANGWIN	Treble	HARRY STACEY	5
BEATRICE M. BOYCE	2	CHARLES TAYLOR	6
*DAVID GARVIE	3	FREDERICK SANGWIN	7
*EDGAR NUNN	4	*JEFFERY HALFORD	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SANGWIN.

\* First peal. First as conductor on eight bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

COLIN A. TESTER	Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
*†THOMAS E. SONE	2	†DORIS E. COLGATE	6
OLIVE D. TESTER	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
†MARGARET A. LADD	4	*ERNEST J. LADD	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* 100th peal together. † 100th peal together. ‡ First in the method.

75th peal on the bells.

**WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	Treble	W. DAVID WARD	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	J. KEITH WARD	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	4	WILLIAM S. DEASON	Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* 200th tower for a peal.

**REVELSTOKE, DEVON.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

On Wed., March 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-Part.		Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	Treble	D. ROY BOULD	5
*YVONNE C. PORTER	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS	6
THOMAS G. MYERS	3	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY	7
*FREDERICK E. DAY	4	WALTER H. MARKS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick E. Day.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).		Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.	
ANN TYLER	Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON	5
PHILIP J. EVANS	2	HAROLD ROBERTS	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	HAROLD F. WHITE	7
E. MARION KEY	4	WILLIAM G. TALBOT	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A 17th birthday compliment to Tony White, son of the seventh ringer.

**GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. PATTERSON	Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	*FREDERICK ROSS	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

**WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*DENNIS T. C. SMITH	Treble	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

**ERITH, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Fri., March 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*MARIA E. KIRBY	Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†PAUL J. DYE	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(St. Mary's, Beddington, Society.)  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER	Treble	R. JAMES COOK	5
JEAN L. LAVENDER	2	ROBERT W. HINDE	6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
JOHN SCHOFIELD	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

First Surprise peal rung by the St. Mary's Society.

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CHATHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
*EVELYN CUMBERWORTH	Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
CYRIL J. GOULD	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
†JOHN W. COLEMAN	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	DEREK NORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Guthrie, of Rainham, Kent.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
MURIEL R. PAGE	Treble	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	*LESLIE G. BRETT	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* 101st peal together.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Ruffles, mother of Frank and Walter; also birthday greetings to W. W. Miller and Alan Page.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's transposition.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	Treble	†ROBERT A. REEVES	5
*BARRY J. DAVIES	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON	6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN	4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX	Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN GENNA.

\* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.			
ARTHUR NEWTON	Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5
*ROSEMARY FLEMING	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
*SHEILA WALLACE	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Roland Biggs.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.			
*BARBARA MATTHEWS	Treble	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
†RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
ALAN R. BRIDGES	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
GEORGE N. ORMAN	4	JAMES B. MORLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.			
BARRY BROWN	Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON	5
ANN BARR	2	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
J. EDWARD CAWSE	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb.			
RAYMOND PECK	Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
C. JACK GIBSON	4	PETER S. BEDFORD	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

In memoriam Mr. J. B. Parling, churchwarden and ringer at Halesworth, who died the previous day.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*ELIZABETH WILLS	Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4
†CAROLINE WILLS	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
†JUNE I. DEAR	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER SHERRATT	Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR	4
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	*HENRY WINDSOR	5
K. PETER JONES	3	ROY WORRALL	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

\* First peal in seven methods.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED LOCKWOOD	Treble	LESLIE G. FOSTER	4
ARTHUR E. COOK	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
HUBERT A. MITSON	3	JOHN L. GIRT	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

A farewell peal to Rev. A. S. Derbyshire, Rector of Cotton and Wickham Skeith, who is leaving for Horsington, Somerset.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(Tewkesbury Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of two extents of Northrepps and eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*ALAN HAWKES (15)	Treble	†ARTHUR HALLING	4
MARTYN HAWKES	2	ERNEST W. PENN	5
†ANNE M. BROXTON	3	*ROGER LIDDELL	Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Tenor 8 cwt.

RATTLEDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford T.B.; two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER	Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
MRS. H. IVINGS	2	*HENRY IVINGS	5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	3	JOHN E. IVINGS	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

A farewell peal to Rev. T. H. T. Evans, Rector, who is retiring to Cheshire.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Single Court, four of Plain Bob and one of Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob Spliced.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT	Treble	FREDERICK DERRY	4
EDGAR A. COLE	2	J. EDWARD BROWN	5
WILLIAM R. MARSH	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Desmond.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and one Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARGARET A. LADD	Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
MONTY W. GILBERT	2	*ERNEST J. LADD	5
MARTIN L. HOWE	3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* 350th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Monty W. Gilbert, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to his wife.



EMNETH, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being three extents Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob, 13 St. Simon's and 11 St. Martin's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*A. KEITH PHILLIPS .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 3
*FREDA P. GREAVES .. 2	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 4

\*GRAHAM J. MANN .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

\* First peal of Doubles in four methods. First in four methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Phillips on the birth on February 2nd of a son (Nigel Keith), a brother for Susan and Helen.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Single Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*SUSAN E. WATERFIELD .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. 4
*GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. 2	C. WILLIAM HALL .. 5
HORACE O. OVER .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal.

A farewell compliment to the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, Vicar of this church for the past 4½ years and chairman of the Loughborough District for the past two years.

ALDERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four extents and one 240 (Morris) of Grandsire, eight extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*DAVID J. BARNETT .. Treble	*†MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3
ALAN F. LEE .. 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 4

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in four methods. † First on five bells. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie R. G. Taylor.

CHARTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

PAUL CATTERMORE .. Treble	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4
PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
*VIOLET I. E. RELF .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* 25th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT .. Treble	HAROLD NORRALL .. 4
F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. 5
JOHN RYDER .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALBERT G. DRIVER .. Treble	ARTHUR E. COOK .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	JOHN L. GIRT .. 5
JAMES BAILEY .. 3	ROBERT E. LESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, R. Canterbury, April Day and Old Doubles, one extent Spliced Candlesby and Plain, and 27 Plain.

Tenor size 9½ in A sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

75th peal as conductor.

Also

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 7½ in C sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6	

Conducted by ALAN H. BRIDGES.

First peal as conductor. First in the variation by all the band, and for the Association.

Also

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6	

Conducted by GEOFFREY BRIDGES.

First peal as conductor.

Also

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITCHURCH BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in the variation, which is Plain Bob with Antelope Singles for bobs.

Also

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5520 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 46 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4
*HAROLD BRIDGES .. 5—6	

Conducted by ALAN H. BRIDGES.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 300th peal together.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. C. Dale 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss E. Pryke 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

**BECKLEY, OXON.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Elizabeth Miller 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5. Rung as a token of respect to the Hon Wilfred Holland-Hibbert.

**BERRINGTON, SALOP.**—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: A. Bywater 1, S. Roberts 2, Janet Lloyd 3, M. Challioner 4, M. H. Lloyd 5, P. Purslow 6. A compliment to the Rector (Rev. R. H. Hill), who is leaving after 15 years as rector.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Ward 1, Miss B. M. Foster 2, Miss P. A. Turk 3, Miss J. R. Cox 4, K. Medhurst 5, Miss M. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BLOXWICH, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. W. Knowles 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie (first of Surprise Major) 2, A. D. Collins (first of Yorkshire) 3, A. Elsmore 4, J. D. Holden 5, E. Speake 6, H. Griffiths 7, R. J. Lees (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8.

**BROSELEY, SALOP.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Garbett 1, Dorothy E. Garbett 2, Joyce B. White 3, W. J. Garbett 4, A. J. Garbett (cond.) 5, W. Harishorne 6. For Evensong.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Roberts 1, H. White 2, H. Roberts 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, A. H. Lawton 5, W. G. Talbot 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, J. Talbot 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. White 1, Mrs. H. Roberts 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, A. H. Lawton 5, H. Roberts 6, W. G. Talbot 7, J. Talbot 8.

**BURMARSH, KENT.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratton (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. First of Single Oxford for all the band except the conductor. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Watts, father of the 3rd ringer, and grandfather of the 6th.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Minor (Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob): D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, W. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods for 1, 2 and 4.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Sheppard 1, W. Smith (cond.) 2, R. Law 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, O. Lamb 6. First quarter in the method in Africa, and for all the band. For Evensong.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge): K. Ward 1, F. Scott 2, D. Hilling 3, Kathleen Higgins 4, D. Cornwall 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Smith 1, Hilary Martin 2, Pauline Fennell 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

**CHENIES, BUCKS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Garwood (first quarter) 1, W. J. Atkins (first in the method) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, B. Cracknell 4, D. R. Bartholomew (first as cond.) 5, A. Grover 6. For morning service.

**CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.**—On March 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilda Kingcott 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Mary Hall 3, D. G. Yeo 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. Brain 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, C. E. Lewington 8. A compliment by West Country Roving Ringers to Michael and Monica Horseman, on the birth of their son, Mark David.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, F. Perry 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Cook.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. V. Young 1, Mrs. D. Belamy 2, T. Toze 3, E. Quick 4, H. Purchase 5, I. Hall 6.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Cuthbert's, on Feb. 26th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Cooke (cond.) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, P. Newing 5, E. Pannell 6, T. Cox 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

**DEENE, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chambers (first quarter) 1, B. Ward 2, D. Urquhart 3, R. Spencer 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, J. Murkitt 6. Rung for the christening, by the Bishop of Peterborough, of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brodenell.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bridges 1, A. H. Bridges 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, D. Parkin 4, C. T. Hughes 5, D. G. Astridge 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

**DRONFIELD, DERBYS.**—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Hillary Jackson 1, K. R. Goodall 2, Catherine Bradley 3, Angela Scutt 4, L. Goodall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, J. W. Sykes 7, G. N. Goodall 8. Rung in memory of Thomas Barker (for 60 years a bellringer at this church), who passed away March 2nd, 1958.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Smith (first of Minor) 1, P. Codrington (first of Minor 'inside') 2, P. Burton (first of Minor) 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. For Evensong, to celebrate the Feast of St. Chad (dedication of church).

**DYMOCK, GLOS.**—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith 1, W. E. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, R. C. Chew (cond.) 4, F. Turner 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Tasker, of Dymock.

**GAYTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Turland (first quarter) 1, Judy Frost 2, D. M. Trueman (first as cond.) 3, G. C. Paul 4, G. T. Dickens (first quarter) 5, C. C. L. Lamberton (first quarter) 6. All of the band under 16 years and members of Northampton Grammar School.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on March 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: 1. Whiting 1, W. Jones 2, P. Clarkson 3, G. Green 4, W. Cox 5, M. J. Pryor 6, T. Boreham 7, L. Edwards 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, J. Whiting 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney Romans, former member of Cathedral band.

**KIRKHEATON, YORKS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Whitfield (first quarter) 1, W. Sykes 2, Miss C. Dearnley 3, Miss M. Smith (first 'inside') 4, R. B. Mitchell 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**KIRTLINGTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. Saunders 3, C. E. Truman 4, W. A. Yates 5, J. Linnell 6, E. J. Smith 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Smith 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, B. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—On March 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,372 Plain Bob Major: Penelope Sedgwick 1, Marlene E. Jones (first 'inside') 2, Jill V. Morgan 3, Ann Barr 4, J. B. Webb 5, B. J. Townsend 6, C. M. Smith 7, M. Elson (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6, J. Fowler 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant 10. For Matins. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gasson (first of Triples) 1, Miss M. March (first 'inside') 2, G. Pratt 3, M. P. Barton 4, N. Davies 5, P. Catermole 6, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 7, C. Pain 8. For Matins.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Julia Chandler 1, A. Gammon 2, Helen Williams 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5. In memory of Albert Wesley Priestley, vicar's warden for 20 years.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, P. G. Smart 4, B. A. Todd (first as cond.) 5, K. R. A. Glue 6. For Evensong.

**NORWICH.**—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, on Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: C. Sayer (first on 12) 1, S. Boar 2, F. N. Golden (cond.) 3, G. Sayer 4, C. Curson 5, A. G. Bason 6, D. Cubitt 7, C. Bird 8, S. Gall 9, W. Love 10, W. Barrett 11, B. Gogle 12. For Evensong, on the eve of the 73rd birthday of ringer of 2. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Bird 1, F. N. Golden (cond.) 2, A. G. Bason 3, S. Gall 4, D. Cubitt 5, G. Sayer 6, W. Love 7, F. C. Goodman 8, B. Gogle 9, H. W. Barrett 10. For Evensong.

**OLD WOKING, SURREY.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury (50th quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, A. D. Leach 3, J. Martin (50th quarter) 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. For afternoon service, and as a birthday compliment to J. A. Martin.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. A. Lister 1, D. M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. S. Hart 4, R. G. Morris 5, J. K. Foot 6, V. H. Nash 7, R. E. Tallia (jun., cond.) 8. For Matins.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. C. W. Mayes (first quarter) 1, J. F. Carter 2, F. J. Sae 3, S. C. Walters 4, N. R. Waite (first as cond.) 5, A. D. W. Logan (first quarter) 6.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Tomlin 1, P. Coward 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hatch 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Holroyd 1, Miss N. Chadcock 2, S. Armeson 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, R. Woodward 6, J. N. D. Chadcock 7, N. C. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 3. Rung prior to Morning Eucharist.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whitworth 1, Ann Chettle 2, S. Hodgkins 3, J. M. Clifton 4, H. Richardson 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, W. Dickens 7, G. Smith 8. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Chettle 1, Christine Wood 2, B. Whitworth 3, S. Hodgkins 4, J. M. Clifton 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, J. M. Clarke 7, A. Gibbs 8. Both rung for Sunday services.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,360 Minor (Spliced St. Clement's and Plain, Spliced Plain and Little): C. Webb 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, O. Cripps 3, W. Simpson 4, J. Harvey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 5.

**SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jill V. Morgan 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, Ann Barr 3, J. B. Webb (cond., extents 1-5) 4, C. M. Smith (cond., 6-10) 5. Rung by the Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band, for Evensong.

**SOMERTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,360 Doubles (April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Margaret J. Cozier 1, A. Gammon 2, J. S. Walker (first as cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5, S. D. Edwards 6.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—On March 7th, at the University of Southampton, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. N. Evans 1-2, Mrs. M. E. Chapman (cond.) 3-4, A. J. Tumber 5-6, J. R. Goodenough 7-8. First of Major 'in hand' for 1-2 and 7-8.

**STAFFORD.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Harvey (first quarter) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, D. Murcott (first in method) 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, R. Barlow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, J. C. Evans 8. Rung for Commissioning of Assize.

**STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.**—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Seighford, Kennington, All Saints', Clifford's Pleasure): Margaret Cozier 1, J. S. Walker 2, N. D. Deam 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5, R. H. Jones 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Noel D. Deam.

**STEPNEY.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Thomas 1, H. Weedon 2, J. Sheldrick (first as cond.) 3, L. Fox 4, P. Tarling 5, J. Scooter 6. For Evensong.

**STRENSHAM, WORCS.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Halling 3, F. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Hawkes 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Penney (first quarter) 1, R. S. Drewett 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, Miss M. Wright 6. First of Grandsire Doubles on working bell for 2 and 3. Rung on the eve of Michael Penney's 12th birthday.

**TOTTERNOE, BEDS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Smith 1, G. Cloughton 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, F. J. Cook 5, W. F. Gladman 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

**WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.**—On March 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. Ducker 1, C. R. Robinson 2, J. G. Hobson 3, T. W. Thirkill 4, J. A. Singleton (first in method) 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. L. Reynolds, M.A.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Axion 1, W. Paul 2, B. Hullah 3, D. Laud (cond.) 4, D. Bell 5, R. Smith 6, R. Bell 7, G. Seaman 8. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving Watford to take up nursing.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey M. Short 1, Jean Gay (first 'inside' in the method) 2, R. Davis (first 'inside') 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 3rd, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bentley (first quarter) 1, Christine Froggatt 2, B. Mills (cond.) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, R. W. Winstanley 5, A. H. Longhurst (first quarter) 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. E. Truman 1, L. Smith 2, D. Burbidge (first on eight) 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, T. E. Roberts 6, J. Linnell 7, J. Foddy 8. For Evensong.



## HEADS OR TAILS

By JOHN SEGAR

Ringers couple together two words of opposite meanings. The extent of Plain Bob Minor can be rung with calls at Wrong and Right. Stedman has Quick and Slow bells. In and Out are used for various reasons. Handstroke and Backstroke is the first pair of opposites to be explained to a learner. No instructor would use these words the wrong way round, but among those who conduct or compose Surprise Major, there are many who persist in using the wrong word of a pair. In 1960 'The Ringing World' printed forty-six place notations. These were the subject of an article by Mr. Wilson. At the end of thirteen notations there was information about the falseness of the methods. I am sorry Mr. Wilson did not deal with this also as it was confusing. We were told that 12436578 is a Course-head and also that it is a Course-end. Somebody must be wrong.

1	123456		
	X		
	153624		X
2	156342	B	153624
	X		156342
	146253		

Over fifty years ago I prepared some small cards for composing Minor. Between the head and the end of card No. 1 there is an X for the ten changes missing from a lead of twelve. Alternatively the X is for twenty-two changes between the head and end of a treble bob lead. The method need not be named as the card is correct for forty-five methods. If it represents a plain method there is a choice of five cards, any of which is legitimate if placed second.

My selected No. 2 has 156342 at its head. When a conductor calls a bob much too late one of the protests will be from the ringer who says he had made seconds before the call. This is exactly the fault with card B. Seconds had been made before the line was

drawn and it is too late for a call. Those who say 156342 is the first lead-end based upon the drawing of the line as in diagrams and card B should admit that a call is impossible and anything longer than a plain course is also impossible. Those who prepare cards, as Nos. 1 and 2, can play with sixty of them and obtain extents in many methods, separately or spliced. Mr. A. R. Pink and one other, not identified, are correct in stating 12436578 is the head of a course. The remainder say it is the end. They are in the majority but they are wrong.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Ranmoor on March 4th, when the melodious ring of 10 bells was put to good use in methods up to Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, and London and Bristol Surprise Major. Reports of the secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master revealed a satisfactory year's working. One major change in the rules, which was carried unanimously, was the election of a new president each year, thus providing an opportunity for suitable members to serve the Society in this office.

Mr. Fred Cardwell, of Handsworth, was elected president, and Mr. Frank Brunt, of Thrybergh, president-elect to serve as president the following year.

Next meeting, Ecclesfield, April 8th.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Susan Sheath (first quarter) 1, Sheila Bradder 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, G. Francis 4, G. C. Rix (cond.) 5, R. A. Banner (first quarter) 6. For St. David's Day.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Algate 1, P. J. Bird 2, I. C. Buckland 3, P. E. Parry 4, F. W. E. Carter 5, D. C. Exell (cond.) 6, D. J. Hunt 7, C. J. Richards 8.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE BELLRINGER

REMEMBER Wednesday evenings to keep them wholly for the practice.

THOU SHALT NOT tarry without the gates.

THOU SHALT hearken to the sound of thy striking and keep thy bell within her place.

THOU SHALT NOT bump the stay of thy bell lest it break and thou be carried up to the heavens.

THOU SHALT NOT follow one rope too long, for the eyes are the windows of the mind and if they be glued to one rope how shall the mind be lighted.

THOU SHALT NOT rely completely upon thy helper, but cultivate thine own understanding, for he that listeneth for his helper from place to place shall stumble and perish, but he than counteth his own places can in no wise strike in the wrong place.

THOU SHALT learn thy methods well.

THOU SHALT NOT contemplate thy homework nor thy housework nor thy boy friend nor any characteristic of thy fellow ringers, lest when the bob is called thou be taken unawares and be utterly confounded.

THOU SHALT NOT break any covenant with the band to follow after thy wife nor thy best girl nor thy second-best girl nor thy friend nor thy enemy, for the band will not hold him worthy that turneth his 'yea' to 'nay.'

HONOUR thy band and thy Ringing Master and forget not that regular attendance is also expected of thee on Sundays.

P. F.

**BRECON.**—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M. Dinning 1, G. P. Davies 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. M. Peterson 4, M. T. Johns (first as cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. Rung for the birthdays of ringers 5 and 6. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): J. A. Ellis (first attempt) 1, Miss S. Roderick 2, M. T. Johns 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, E. P. J. Pollard 6.

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At the conclusion of the peal at Leicester Cathedral on February 27th. Harold G. Jenney was heartily congratulated on ringing a peal again after a lapse of two years. Harold, now in his 80th year, has rung many peals of Maximus in different methods, but this was his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. He has been a member of the Cathedral Society for nearly 50 years, and now very rarely misses practice and Sunday service ringing. He is a true 'Servant of the Exercise.'

A good friend of the ringing fraternity has been Mr. F. L. Cobb, publicity officer to the B.B.C. We wish him many happy years of retirement. His successor is Mr. Brian Mulliner.

Northampton Grammar School has now entered the list of ringing schools. A band of their pupils, all under 16, rang a quarter peal at Gayton.

Mr. W. F. Gladman, who learnt to handle a bells 40 years ago at Studham, Beds (four bells), has just rung his first quarter at Totternhoe. He was reintroduced to ringing by his son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sinfield).

The current issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the N.S.W. Association, contains an appreciation of the work of Mr. John Cummins, who has resigned, after six years in office, the post of editor. Since his resignation there has been a delay of five months in publication. The acting editor is Mr. W. D. Watson, 17, Norton Street, Randwick, Sydney, N.S.W.

The name of Mr. Ronald Marlow, of Fordingbridge, should be associated with the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Christchurch Priory, on February 25th, as he organised both this and the previous attempt, made on October 29th last year. Unfortunately, Mr. Marlow was prevented from ringing in the successful attempt owing to illness. Mr. Alan Buswell, of Portsmouth, now staying in Bournemouth, completed the band at short notice and had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal on 12 bells at the first attempt.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

An alarming and unfortunate experience occurred at St. James' Church, West Teignmouth, on Sunday, March 5th. A tremendous thud was heard while ringing was in progress. An inspection revealed that the gudgeons of the tenor had broken and the bells was found lying in the pit. It will be some time before ringing can take place in this tower. Birmingham ringers, who were due here on April 11th, will, in consequence, be unable to ring.

The peal rung at Holbeach on February 13th (see page 154), was Biddenden Surprise Major and not as printed.

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries at Spalding (see page 161), the number of new members elected was 17 and not seven as printed.

Appealing for ringers, the Rev. D. V. Clatworthy, Vicar of Pensford with Publow, said that with watches, clocks and radio there was only one reason left for ringing church bells today, the best of all—to sound forth the glory of God. You, who read this, will you learn to be a ringer for the love of God, or are you already thinking of an excuse?

Sympathy was expressed at 'The Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner on Saturday week, to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ainsworth, Mr. J. E. Anderson and Miss I. Thompson. They were motoring down from Newcastle to attend the function when, after travelling 50 miles, the big end of the motor car failed. In consequence hopes of Birmingham had to be abandoned.

There was a court sequel on March 7th to an incident that followed the practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland (6), on January 11th. Mr. William Mallinson (70), retired bank official, who pleaded guilty to having an offensive weapon with him, was bound over to keep the peace. The allegation was that as Mr. Thomas Lambert (80), the tower captain, was leaving the church Mr. Mallinson rushed at him and prodded him in the thigh with a sword. In court Mr. Mallinson said the sword was never out of the sheath, except to show it to the bus driver.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

### Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 24th Council (64th Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1961, in the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**Committee Reports** (Rule 12 (i)).—Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1961.

**Notices of Motion** (Rule 14).—Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by Tuesday, April 11th, 1961.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,  
Crayford, Kent.

### RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible and not later than May 6th, 1961, to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

**WHIT SUNDAY, May 21st.**—Leave headquarters 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Broughton (8), Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Uttoxeter (8). Arrive back at headquarters 9 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of high tea and gratuities, 16s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Alton (8), Bake-well (8), Buxton (8), Cheadle R.C. (8), Leek (10), Youtgreave (8). Arrive back at headquarters 8.30 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch, high tea and gratuities, 24s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Clive (6), Hodnet (8), Market Drayton (8), Whitchurch (8). Arrive back at headquarters 5 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch and gratuities, 17s. 6d.

### INDUSTRIAL VISIT—WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

Arrangements have been made for a party to tour the factory of Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., on the morning of Wednesday, May 24th. As numbers are strictly limited applications for inclusion in the party should be sent as soon as possible to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

### MR. FREDERICK LEAKER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

In recognition of over 60 years' ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, two presentations were made to Mr. Frederick Leaker in the belfry on February 19th. Both gifts were of premium bonds and were made by the Vicar. One was on behalf of the churchwardens and the other from his ringing friends. In making the presentations the Vicar referred to Mr. Leaker's 80th birthday and his record of ringing in Bristol, of which he could be truly proud. Returning his thanks, Mr. Leaker said he hoped to be spared to serve his church for years to come.

His birthday was on the previous day, a happy day for Fred socially and in the tower. Alas, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on his favourite bells, the old Temple eight, now installed in Bristol Cathedral, came to an untimely end after 1½ hours, and an attempt at a quarter was thwarted by the arrival of the B.B.C., two courses from home.

Peals of Cambridge Royal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's and Bristol at Kingham were scored as a tribute to him.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Ringing was of a high standard at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on March 4th, and ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Major. About 30 ringers attended.

Canon Harry Williams, in his address at the service, told a graphic story of Bishop Gwynne's 50 years in the Sudan. Mrs. Whitworth and her lady assistants were thanked for a very nice tea, which was followed by a short business meeting.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 11



MR. JACK L. MILLHOUSE,  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

One of the most prolific peal ringers in the country since the war has been Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, of Lincoln. He has taken part in some really remarkable performances, and yet, at the same time, he has not forgotten to help any member of his Guild who wishes to ring a peal in some simple method. His own tower of St. Giles', Lincoln, has always been a strong tower for teaching beginners, and continually providing good ringers for Lincoln Cathedral, and other towers in the District. The constant progress made in this tower gives him as much pleasure and enjoyment as does calling a peal of Spliced Surprise with a more seasoned band.

Jack, who was born on April 17th, 1916, first learnt to ring at Lincoln Cathedral in 1934, when they decided to teach a new band for the Church of St. Giles. This was the old St. Peter-at-Arches, in the centre of the city, and was removed to a new housing estate. He was made a member of the Cathedral Company in 1936, then under the brilliant leadership of the late John Freeman,

who was a first class conductor. He joined the St. Giles' tower, when the bells were installed in 1938, and he has always rung for four Sunday services ever since.

His first peal was on the treble at Navenby, Lincs, on February 23rd, 1935, and his first peal as conductor was at Elston, Notts, on September 19th, 1936, this being seven Minor methods. He scored his first Major as conductor by calling Double Norwich at East Markham, Notts, on October 23rd, 1937. His present total of peals, to the end of January, is 836, of which he has conducted 440.

Among the interesting performances he has taken part in are peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 16, 22 and 32 methods, which were records at the time, and he has conducted quite a number of four or more methods. In 1948 he took part in the present record length of 14,144 London Surprise Major, rung at Heydour, Lincs, and he has been a very keen exponent of Spliced Minor ringing, having taken part in peals of 70, 100, 104 and 125 methods, the last three being then records.

Since the war, in which Jack served in the Royal Navy, he has turned his attention to handbell ringing, and his rung a lot of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and more recently has rung peals of Spliced Plain Major in hand, in 27, 36, 42 and 50 methods, conducted by George Feirn, though some of these have unfortunately turned out to be false. He called the first peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey Royal and Maximus for the Lincoln Guild, and has also called the first peal for the Guild of nearly 50 different Surprise Major methods.

Jack is employed in the furnishing business, and is a member of St. Giles' P.C.C., as well as Ringing Master of his church, and holds the same office for the Central Branch of the Guild. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1960.

He is a keen supporter of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and has rung quite a number of peals for this Society in his own area. He particularly enjoyed the Cumberland peals of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, and Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He has rung peals on all the rings of eight in Lincolnshire, except four, and has rung peals on a large number of the 12-bell towers in the country.

Jack, being of a jolly and friendly nature, is very popular with all his many friends. He sets an example to all keen peal ringers of what their duties should be. He teaches beginners, holds various offices, and calls peals in any method to suit the band and occasion. Everyone will wish him good luck for his 1,000 peals, which are now not far distant.

APACE.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### Ashford District

Some 40 ringers and friends enjoyed ringing on the fine six (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Smarden on February 25th, on the occasion of the Ashford District meeting.

Miss V. Relf reported on the praiseworthy efforts being made by the Tenterden ringers, backed by the borough civic authorities, in promoting a Local Industries Exhibition, in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. She also reported that arrangements for the Association dinner, to be held at Tenterden on September 30th, were well in hand.

Mr. A. Waddington showed members the long-awaited certificate of membership, now available at 1s. each. He had also made available programmes of meetings and events in the District for 1961, artistically produced by the Printers' Guild of Ashford North Modern Boys' School, at the instigation and expense of Mr. J. Batchelor.

Mr. Batchelor voiced the thanks of the gathering to the Rev. J. Watts, Vicar, for conducting the service; to Mr. F. G. Deveries, the organist, and his choir for lending their services; to Mr. P. Reeves, for making the local arrangements; and to mine host and hostess of 'The Chequers,' for providing such an excellent tea.

C. T. H.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Whitechurch Canoniconum on February 25th. Ringing included the usual Triples and up to Surprise Major, under the leadership of Mr. D. Bishop, Branch Ringing Master.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. V. Syer, and the lesson and address given by Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox. The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. A warm welcome was expressed to Preb. E. V. Cox and to a large number of visitors. Grateful thanks were voiced to the local ringers and their wives for giving a wonderful tea.

Nine ringing members were elected from Thorncombe. The honorary secretary stated that Thorncombe had nearly half the money for a sixth bell, and it was decided to give the day's collection (£1 10s.) to this tower. A brief report of the general committee meeting was given and it was decided to run a coach to the Guild Festival at Calne, on May 13th. Next meeting, Powerstock, April 15th.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Bernice Frodsham (first quarter) 1, T. G. Pickering 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, C. Underwood 4, A. G. Evelyn (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6, Rung for Confirmation.



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SHENSTONE

THE small village of Shenstone, Staffordshire, lies to the south-west of where two main roads cross, the A38 and the A5 being about three miles from the city of Lichfield. The two towers in one churchyard are well known landmarks for some miles; one, together with an attached 13th century doorway, is all that remains of a Norman church built on the hilltop, and demolished in 1852. The following year a new church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, built in red brick faced in stone and capable of seating 600 people, was consecrated a few yards to the south of its predecessor.

Of change ringing history, Shenstone can boast nothing, as the bells have always been manned by call change ringers. Peals have occasionally been rung on them by visiting bands, however, but the writer has only been able to trace three as yet and additional information, if any, would be welcomed.

In August, 1909, the Rev. E. V. Cox conducted Holt's Original from the 3rd, in 3 hours 3 minutes with a band drawn from Lichfield. It only took 2 hours 49 minutes to ring Thurstans' Four-Part with a mixed band of whom the conductor was Thomas Bloore, ringing the 6th, in June, 1914. The last peal on the bells appears to be Parker's Twelve-Part rung on March 20th, 1937, in 2 hours 48 minutes, by the following ringers: P. George Golder (first peal) 1, Harold Smith 2, George E. Oliver 3, Howard Howell (50th peal) 4, Barnabas G. Key 5, Aubrey M. Pickering 6, Harry Boswell (conductor) 7, and Albert J. Hubble 8. Since the last war at least two attempts have been made by ringers from Lichfield, both lost through the shocking state of the bells.

It would appear that in 1813 the younger Thomas Mears supplied a ring of six, with a tenor weighing approximately 9 cwt. These bells, of course, were hung in the old tower. In 1864, John Taylor and Co. recast the tenor, and in all probability rehung the six for the use of the newer building. Interest in bells is evident by the fact that only the following year, J. Warner and Sons added a treble and tenor, at the same time recasting the 4th, the resulting eight being hung in a new wooden frame. The fifth bell must have been unsatisfactory as in 1898 James Barwell, of Birmingham, was recasting it, together with the 6th, and rehanging the whole ring on the Warner frame. Therefore we have four foundries, of different periods, represented in only eight bells, and one can imagine that except to the tone-deaf the resultant noise must have been most unsatisfactory.

The writer had the good fortune to ring on this collection of eight bells in April, 1951, but being only his 7th tower 'away' his bell tone knowledge was nil. It was soon observed, however, that the bells were very rough going and that their fittings and the ringing room were in a sad state of neglect. In 1953, the eight bells, being unringable, were removed to

the Loughborough foundry. In view of the mixed and really bad composition of the bells, an agreement was reached for a new 'Minor' ring of three bells to be supplied in exchange for the old bell metal. (Apparently, since found to be so bad that not all could be re-used by the foundry.) The 'Minor' three bells were supplied together with new fittings throughout and hung on ball bearings. The Warner frame was retained, being in good condition but was strengthened where necessary. These bells have since been little used except as '5 minute bells.'



About three years ago a new incumbent arrived who was soon determined to see more bells in the church tower, and an order has now been placed with the Loughborough foundry to supply two new trebles to make up a 'Minor five,' these to cost about £500; this amount has already been found from within the parish. There is now an enthusiastic move afoot to raise the £380 necessary to pay for the addition of a new tenor, which will have to be about 9½ cwt. in A, to provide what should be an excellent example of a modern ring of six.

If present arrangements go according to plan, these bells will not hang silent through lack of ringers. The writer has volunteered to train the seven people, together with the Vicar, who have come forward to learn, and a weekly lashed clapper practice has commenced on the three bells in readiness for the imminent arrival of the new ones this year. During the past few weeks, these recruits have spent several evenings a week cleaning out about 10 years' accumulation of dirt, and in completely redecorating and refurbishing the ringing room, and are an example to all who regularly ring in dirty bellfries.

It will be obvious that any donations, however small, will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, Rev. J. Ormston, The Vicarage, Shenstone, near Lichfield, Staffs, towards the above efforts. The dedication and future ringing arrangements will be announced in due course in this paper.

C. M. S.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

A programme of ringing from 2.30 until nearly 9 p.m. was arranged for the meeting of the Western District held at Winklaton on February 9th. There were two breaks—for the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. J. G. Fox), and the excellent tea, provided by local ringers' wives and the young girl ringers. All were appropriately thanked—Mr. W. Tyson, the Rector and Miss M. E. Marriott and the ladies.

The large attendance enjoyed the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor, Beverley proving to be most popular.

### ST. PETER MANCROFT

The officers of St. Peter Mancroft Ringing Guild, Norwich, were re-elected at the annual meeting on February 13th. These are: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. F. N. Golden, Deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Christopher Sayer was elected a member, and the accounts showed a balance of £42 2s. 8d. Weekly practices are on Mondays, 7.45-9 p.m. Thanking the members for their loyal support to the church, the president (the Rev. F. Jarvis) said he would like to see more members of the church take up bellringing.

### STANDARD NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR RECORD PEAL

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the attempt for 23,111 Grandsire Caters at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on March 4th, was called off by the conductor (Mr. Frank B. Lufkin).

In his report on the attempt, Mr. Lufkin writes:—

The attempt started at 8.10 a.m., and in the fifth course I called a bob a lead late so 'stand' had to be called. A fresh start was made and the difficult courses were rung satisfactorily, but near the end of the first part a trip occurred, which had to be corrected, and I considered this was not good enough for a record peal, so the bells were brought round and a peal of only 5,759 changes rung.

The band, during the afternoon, rang a peal at Stonham Aspal.

Thanks are due to:—

(1) The ladies who supplied the hot drinks at the conclusion of the peal.

(2) The lady who supplied breakfast to four members, who arrived early.

(3) Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, for the lunches for the complete company, afterwards.

(4) Jim Pipe and Ron Steward, who acted as engineers and general organisation at Grundisburgh.

(5) The Rector of Grundisburgh for the privilege of the use of the bells, his welcome and his invitation to come again and finish the job.

(6) Mrs. Button for her part before the afternoon peal.

(7) Billy Button, for his welcome after the peal.

(8) To all folk of Grundisburgh and Stonham Aspal for their general welcome.

Failure there was yet successful in making new friends and renewing old friendships, so a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you, Grundisburgh and Suffolk.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

#### East Berks & South Bucks Branch

About 70 ringers attended the monthly meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Chalfont St. Peter on February 25th, when the Guild service was conducted by Canon McKenzie, who in his address spoke on the history of Chalfont Church and its bells. Mr. W. Birmingham read the lesson and remembered in prayers were Jesse Harrison (79), H. Buckingham (91), W. E. Yates (88), F. Sinkins (96) and G. G. Gilbert (73). A collection for the Guild Restoration Fund realised £1 4s. 4d.

Ringing was under the direction of Messrs. W. Cornwall and E. G. Swift and the Branch gave a welcome to Mr. G. Harris and three young ladies from Denham. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Swift and her helpers for an excellent tea.

E. G. S.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### St. Albans District

A pleasant afternoon and a delightful 15th century church attracted a good number of District members to the meeting on February 18th, at Monken Hadley. During the afternoon and evening, ringing ranged from rounds and standard methods to more complicated methods, including Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Erin Triples.

The service, including an excellent address, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wood. The business meeting was held in the tower with Mr. G. Dodds as chairman, minus a chair. Wheathampstead was decided on for the next meeting and Hull Surprise Minor was chosen as the special method.

C. M. R.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BROADCAST PROBLEMS IN VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—We have been reading with interest the difficulties arising from the plans made to broadcast Christmas ringing in the British Isles. We, too, here in Canada, have had our problems.

During the four years our Society has been in existence we have tried to continue the good habit the early band at this tower established, of having these bells broadcast at New Year's Eve. The first two years C.J.O.R. radio station carried the broadcast quite successfully. Since then our broadcasts have not been as we would have wished.

This past New Year we were heard from coast to coast on C.B.C., but the commentator, I think in an honest attempt to use all the information he had acquired from us, talked all the way through the ringing!—which to this point had consisted only of the 12 strokes of midnight and a few call changes. At about four minutes after 12, just as our conductor called us into Grandsire Triples, the broadcast was switched to an 'on the street' report and dance music. That was the end of the bells! We were glad to note the several letters of protest which resulted. I am sure there are many English people in Canada who would have enjoyed hearing 15-20 minutes of change ringing.

Ours is also a problem of educating the public, as change ringing is a comparatively new art in Canada. I think next year we will decide what we want to do in a broadcast and then see if any of the local radio stations are willing to co-operate.

Another point: we have found that in a live broadcast—perhaps because we are keyed up by excitement—our ringing has far surpassed any we have ever done before!

We hope to improve these broadcasts and to this end we find the Christmas broadcast comments in 'The Ringing World' most helpful.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) J. FRANCES BODIE,  
Chairman.

The Vancouver Society of  
Change Ringers

### DOES IT JUSTIFY A NEW NAME?

Dear Sir.—Plenty has been said concerning methods and variations in Doubles ringing in your columns recently, and I do not wish to add to the confusion, but I would like to point out that the only difference I can see between Lubbesthorpe and Zouche Surprise Royal is the substitution of 8064975231 for 8064972531 in the 17th change of the plain lead and a similar alteration at the 23rd. The plain course of each method is identical except for these two changes.

Surely this very slight alteration of the position of two bells for one blow does not justify a new name for the method, considering the large number of combinations available with 10 bells.

Even the variation from Plain Bob to Reverse Canterbury P.B. Doubles is a bigger step than that.

Perhaps Mr. Warwick would let us know whether he used the same composition for both peals and whether he regards the phrase 'Rung without previous practice' really justifiable, under the circumstances.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BROWN.

Portbury.

### EMNETH BELLS

Dear Sir.—I noticed on page 96 it is recorded that the bells of Emneth, Norfolk, were cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, nearly 200 years ago. Emneth Church records, however, show that the frame dates back to 1619, in which hung three bells. Other bells were probably added as the timbers in the oldest part of the frame show room for more than three. Also large pieces of stone have been cut out of the tower wall in the shape of bell swinging arcs.

Another record shows that William Dobson, of Downham Market, in 1807, melted down some bells, then cast and hung the existing ring of five, the tenor of which measures 3 feet 5 inches and weights about 12½ cwt., in between the keys of G and G sharp.

It is not known what happened to the remaining bell metal, but it is believed that it was sold and the money used to replace the church roof, which had, at that time, been destroyed and the tower badly split. The tower is now held together by a chain at ringing chamber height (about 50 feet). The bell frame is the original one apart from various top additions. The tenor bell hangs in roller bearings, fitted by Bowell, and the top four in ball bearings, fitted by Mears and Stainbank about ten years ago. Until last year the 'go' of these four was bad, the third having a lop sided bearing and catching the frame at one side.

Thanks to the local tower master, Mr. A. K. Phillips, who has replaced clapper fittings, straightened the third bearing and added various iron fittings, the bells are now in good ringing condition and have been a delight to ring to two peals so far.—Yours, etc.,

GRAHAM J. MANN.

Elm, Wisbech.

### BELLRINGER'S BADGE FOR GIRL GUIDES

Dear Sir.—With regard to Gerald Pidgeon's letter in 'R.W.' page 146, I do not agree with his suggestion that 'method ringing' should be abandoned from the syllabus, if the 'home' tower of the prospective candidate is a 'call change' tower.

Whilst I agree that call changes and the method of rising and lowering he mentions does much to better good striking and handling, it does little for ropesight and half pull changes.

In most areas in this country there are associations who hold ringing meetings, and in many places practice meetings, where a Guide would be made welcome to complete her proficiency test. Surely it is a test of her keenness to put herself out to learn method ringing, especially if it is not practised in her own tower.

None of the proficiency test badges are won without some effort. I had to 'travel' myself to complete my Rangers' Bellringer's Test (Community Service Bar) as my 'home' tower was a 'call change' tower. (Rangers are the senior branch of the Girl Guide movement, and the test is similar but more advanced.)

I would suggest to Mr. Pidgeon that the syllabus is set out by H.Q. to cover the majority, and to create incentive as well as further the art of bellringing, and that he leaves rules as they are, as his other two suggestions are rules for the Rangers already.—Yours sincerely,

EDNA G. PANNELL.

Beaminster St. Mary's.

P.S.—Incidentally, Mr. Pidgeon's 'home' tower.—E. G. P.

### MODERN CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir.—The Rev. A. S. O. Graham is despondent at the present day tendency to design and build churches without towers or any provision for the installation of bells.

In Bournemouth I know of at least four churches which boast fine towers, built with intention of housing a ring of bells; such bells have yet to be hung therein, although three of the churches were built over 70 years ago. Three of the four towers possess bell frames and in two of them a fine tenor bell is hung for ringing, but I doubt if the remaining bells will ever be installed unless a kind benefactor comes along with the necessary money.

This is a great pity, for one church, the newest of them, stands in a fine position and the bell music from the tower would be heard over a wide area of newly developed North Bournemouth. In addition to the above mentioned churches, there are at least two others which have bell towers planned and, indeed, the foundations for the same already built.

Mr. Graham also finds difficulty in opposing electric bells while accepting an electric organ. The answer to this one seems to me to be that the church organ has been accepted for many decades—ever since the 'box of whistles' operated by one person supplanted the musicians of the church orchestra.

We ringers are justified in resisting such a substitution in our belfries, but only as long as we do our best to ensure that the bells we do possess are rung regularly Sunday by Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

### THE 'RINGER'S GUIDE'

Dear Sir.—I am now preparing the third edition of 'Dove' and would be glad to have any genuine corrections as soon as possible. This applies, particularly, to practice nights, many of which have changed or been discontinued. I am anxious to show the practice night, where this is regular and unlikely to be changed.

The majority of my weights have been verified by the bell founders and I am aware that many of them differ from local legend, which is almost invariably wrong, so please do not write to tell me that 'Dove' is wrong because 'the locals say their tenor weighs a ton' or such-like.

Neither is it necessary to tell me of augmentations which have been reported in 'The Ringing World,' yet it is surprising how many ringers do so.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue,  
Leeds 8.

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## THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

A LIMITATION of the number of diners to 60 resulted in a smaller gathering than usual at the 73rd annual 'Henry Johnson' commemoration dinner, held at the White Horse Hotel, Birmingham, on March 4th. The numbers were augmented after the meal. The chairman this year was Mr. F. W. Perrens, who is president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Everything possible was done for the visitors' comfort by Mr. G. E. Fearn, the Guild's honorary secretary, with a full programme of ringing. The highlight of the evening was the satirical verse written by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, at the expense of prominent members of the St. Martin's Guild.

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted formally by the chairman, who said there was one incident he would like to relate, which took place at the first of these gatherings, following the death of Henry Johnson. The chairman was Mr. A. P. Heywood, afterwards Sir Arthur, who after extolling the virtues of Henry Johnson and his great achievements in connection with ringing, finished by asking everyone present to stand and repeat, 'that his memory may be ever preserved with us.'

After the toast had been honoured the chairman asked those who had been attending these dinners for 40 years to stand. Those who rose were Messrs. Albert Walker, A. Paddon Smith, J. Frank Smallwood, Edgar C. Shepherd, Bernard Ashford and Albert Jones.

The toast of 'Continue prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was submitted by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who, to the delight of the company, read some verses entitled 'The great debunker of Birmingham or Summoned by peals.' In a more serious vein he said there was no Guild held in greater affection than St. Martin's or one better able to teach them about good ringing and good company. He had learnt and was still learning more from the Guild than any other body, and he owed the Guild a debt he could not repay.

### \*AN ACHING VOID\*

The Master of the Guild (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) replied and said wandering around the city recently he made his way round the back streets and came across a great vacancy where Bishop Ryder's Church once stood. There was an aching void and it came as a great shock to him to find that the church had gone. It was an historic church—a church where Frank Smallwood started his ringing and 40 years ago it was where their old friend, James George, was Ringing Master. He understood that the bells were still in the city and would eventually appear in another tower.

The Guild had had a reasonable amount of ringing success in the past year. A great deal of that was due to their secretary, and they to hand it to him for his enthusiasm and indomitable pluck in collecting ringing bands. He would like to associate with him their Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, and it was a privilege to see the way he managed visitors and members on practice nights.

Mentioning that they had some very promising young people in the Guild, Mr. Shepherd said he saw a youngster of 13 on practice night first ring the third to Bob Minor. Then he rang the third to Stedman Caters and later Cambridge Royal. There was a new band at his own tower, Solihull, and a prosperous band at Aston. The lady ringers at King's Norton handled their bells well and were ringing Surprise methods. A great deal of credit was due to Miss Alice Greaves and Mr. Rodney Pipe.

The prosperity of a Guild did not rest on ringing performances, but other things. Punctuality was one—in not letting down seven, nine or eleven other people; in courtesy to those seven, nine or eleven people with whom one had the privilege of ringing. He was very proud of the young people they had in their Guild, and felt that wherever they went they would be good ambassadors of the Guild.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNEST MORRIS

They had had the privilege, in the past year, of entertaining other Guilds—the Railwaymen's Guild and the Universities' Association. He would like to send greetings from that assembly to Mr. Ernest Morris, who had completed his stupendous feat of 2,000 peals. It would not be long before someone else reached 2,000 peals and then they would have closer congratulations to give.

The toast 'The Visitors' was given by Miss Muriel Reay, who recalled that it was at a dinner in honour of the 80th birthday of Henry Johnson that the Central Council owed its formation. Sir Arthur Heywood had gathered together the leaders of the Exercise and after they had dined very well he put forward his idea of a Central Council, and as the company were largely his guests they could not refuse. They were unfortunate that some of their ringers from the north could not be with them as their car had



MR. FRANK W. PERRENS  
This year's chairman of the dinner.

broken down. From London, they had a number of ringers, including Mr. Wilfrid Williams and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, from the west Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, and from the east Mr. Jack Millhouse and his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Walden. On behalf of the company she congratulated Mr. Walden on being appointed Master of the Lincoln Cathedral company.

Mr. Jack Millhouse, who replied, said he remembered, in his earliest days of ringing, visiting Birmingham for a week-end. He was told by his tutor to go to St. Martin's and tell Mr. Walker that his tutor had sent him. He was invited to ring the seventh to Stedman Cinques and was feeling very nervous when Mr. Walker, from the eighth, gave him great encouragement. Since then he had enjoyed St. Martin's hospitality on a great many occasions. For instance, there was nothing like a couple of peals in a day and a couple of hours of ploughing at Hall Green afterwards.

### LOOKING BACK TO No. 1.

In submitting the toast of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John McDonald appropriately referred to the forthcoming jubilee and that No. 1 of the paper was published on March 24th, 1911, price 1d. In the editorial of page 1, the editor set out to give the aims of 'The Ringing World.' These were 'to use its columns for the information, instruction and elevation of all those who take an interest in the art of change ringing, and in the business and social side of the organisations which promote the art.' The editor stressed that

there were two things which would also contribute to the success of the paper. One was that the paper should be received promptly each week by ringers, and the other that there should always be up-to-date news.

The peals in the first number included one of Treble Bob Maximus on the Kent variation rung at Sheffield. Included in the band were Clement Glenn, William Morris (conducting) and William Binger on the tenor. Another peal was Stedman Caters at Winchester, with Sepimus Radford on the eighth and Alfred Pulling conducting off the tenor; Grandsire Triples at Enderington, Kent Major at Dublin, and Bob Major at Smethwick. In the same issue there were 10 peals, including one on handbells.

There were two big differences between the peals reported in that issue and peals rung today. One was that every peal of Minor was rung in at least seven methods. The other—and this was rather sinister—there were only three women ringers in peals compared with 40 in this week's issue—and that is excluding quarter and half peals.

An amusing item was a report of a touch of 1,008 Bob Major rung on handbells at Shifnal. The ringers stood—if that was the word—as follows: Smith (in the parlour) 1-2, Brown in the bakehouse) 3-4, Jones (down the cellar) 5-6, Samuel (in bed, and calling it) 7-8. Apparently, the names had been changed to protect the innocent, but the facts remained.

The issue contained a competition to get more subscribers for which the prize was a set of handbells. The post-free quarterly subscription was then only 1s. 8d., so it might be possible to buy sufficient copies and still show a profit. All of them should do their utmost to promote sales of the journal, not merely for the anniversary but to pay the debt they all owed to 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, stated that a really attractive issue was being planned for the jubilee that would appeal to people not normally among the ranks of readers. He asked all tower and District secretaries to push this issue and send their orders forthwith. While they all naturally wanted to see a bigger circulation—it was now double the circulation ever enjoyed during the time of the first editor and 2,000 more than during Mr. Trollope's editorship.

It was with a sense of thankfulness, added Mr. White, that they looked back on the past 50 years, and he felt that it had been a great privilege to be editor. As a result he had gained a very large number of friends—not only in this country, but in all parts of the world. Only that morning he had received a letter from Sydney and another from Canada and during that week from Cape Town and the United States. These were not merely 'letters to the Editor,' but from friend to friend that created a bond of affection the world over.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and acknowledged by the chairman.

### THE COMPANY

Supporting the president and Mrs. Perrens were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Lt.-Col. D. and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bowden (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

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## THE GREAT DEBUNKER or SUMMONED BY PEALS

By RODNEY MEADOWS

(Presented by him at the Henry Johnson dinner on March 4th.)

In a tower in the Midlands of England  
An outspoken debunker holds sway.  
He has no time for past reputations  
Or for styles that don't follow his way.

I approached him one day on this topic,  
'Surely Birmingham ringers are grand.'  
He replied, and with scarcely a twinkle,  
'There's not one that I'd have in a band.'

'Now take Border, a terrible mauler,  
Arthur Pearson, he just calls the bobs.  
And, as for those two lads from Handsworth,  
Well, they're only a couple of yobs.'

'Did I say there were two lads from Hands-  
worth?

As a matter of fact there are three.  
John Anderson's not a bad youngster,  
'Till he starts scoring peals without me.

'Roddy Pipe's getting far too ambitious.  
Spliced is fine, and I'm not one to nag.  
But what's wrong with a good peal of York-  
shire?

They all count one more in the bag.

'Albert Walker is no good on 12 bells.  
Edgar Shepherd's all right—with his pen.  
As for Haynes, he just comes when he wants to.  
What on earth good is twenty past ten?

'In our Saturday peals in the winter.  
When the ringing is not up to scratch.  
I keep thinking, up there at the Hawthorns  
There's a London band, watching the match.

'In Ralph Edwards we've quite a good striker  
And his ringing shows no lack of guts.  
I'll agree he's just fair on a tenor.  
Any other bell, can't ring for nuts.

'On 12 bells our ringing's appalling  
And most of it's far, far, too slow.  
I have been in some peals with young Hampton,  
Where he hasn't struck one decent blow.

'... The Ringing World " may be essential,  
But there's nothing much in it for me.  
All those outing accounts, utter twaddle.  
Who wants to know where they had tea!

I said, 'Surely you've good Sunday ringers?'  
'Sunday ringers? I'd give them the sack.  
Take Bill Froggatt, far too quick at handstroke,  
Or Muriel, too slow at back.

'Percy Richards afloat on the treble  
Is not an encouraging sight.  
Lloyd and Chaplin get awfully muddled  
And Pinfold's a left over right.

'If it weren't for the peals I keep fixing,  
The whole thing would come to a stop.  
John McDonald gets more and more casual.  
While Sid Holloway just lives in his shop.

'The ringers of old, at St. Martin's,  
Were not the experts that one thinks.  
It may be their performance was faultless.  
If they rang nothing but Stedman Cinques.'

So, I turned round on our great debunker.  
I said, 'George, I just don't understand.  
Out of all this collection of ringers  
There's not one you would have in a band?

'Can no one come up to your standards.  
Is there no one who does, or once did?'  
He pondered, and said, 'Percy Laffin,  
Maybe Laffin, and me, and Our Kid.'

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 13th, 1931.—  
First peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was  
6.006 Grandsire Cinques, rung by the London  
Scholars on March 14th, 1927, and on the  
following day, 6.314 in the same method was  
rung by the College Youths.

Sixty years ago 10.176 Oxford Treble Bob  
Major was rung at Kenninghall, and forty  
years ago the first peal of Duffield Maximus  
was rung at Birmingham.

## RESTORATION AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL

ST. Michael's, Cornhill, London, is a church  
which has always held an honoured position  
in ringing circles. The present church  
was the last work of Sir Christopher Wren,  
and the stately pinnacled tower, said to have  
been inspired by Magdalen College, Oxford,  
was completed in 1721, when Wren was 90.  
It was here that the then record length of  
Stedman Cinques (8.580) was rung in 1861,  
to be followed in 1913 by a non-conducted peal  
of Stedman Cinques; here, too, that the first  
peal of Cambridge Maximus in London was  
rung in 1911.

But no major work has been carried out on  
the bells since the beginning of the century;  
some of them were known to be cracked and  
their 'go' was far from satisfactory. It was  
therefore decided when the gudgeon of the  
11th broke, one Sunday morning in July, 1958,  
that this would be a good time to approach  
the church authorities with the suggestion that  
a complete restoration should be carried out.

It was felt that it would be a great pity  
if the unique tone and character of the bells  
were lost by having them all recast, and it  
was eventually agreed that only those bells  
which were actually cracked should be recast.

London ringers are very happy about the  
way in which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank  
have managed to preserve the character of  
these bells. The 6th, 9th, 10th and tenor  
(now 42 cwt.) were recast so as to blend in  
with the remaining eight, which were cleaned  
by sandblasting, and the result is a ring of  
twelve, with an individuality and grandeur  
of its own. The bells were rehung in an  
entirely new metal frame, which replaces the  
old wooden one. The louvers were blocked  
up at the same time, thereby eliminating one  
of the defects of the old bells, which was that  
some of the small bells, which were hung  
above the rest, used to 'shout out' above the  
others, which spoiled them for the person  
listening outside.

The work of rehangng was completed in  
October of last year, and since that time they  
have been rung every Sunday morning. The  
rehangng of the bells was only part of a  
great task of restoration, carried out by the  
church, which included the redecoration of the  
interior, major repairs to the organ, and clean-  
ing of the exterior stonework. The redeco-  
ration included the ringing chamber, which, with  
its white walls, light blue woodwork and  
modern lighting, is now one of the smartest  
in London.

The church was crowded in the evening of  
February 14th, when the rededication of all  
these works was carried out by the Bishop of  
Stepney. Touches of Stedman Cinques were  
rung, before and after the service, by mem-  
bers of the Ancient Society of College Youths,  
and a quarter peal was rung the following  
Sunday morning to mark the event.

W. T. C.

## OBITUARY

MR. SIDNEY ROMANS

With regret we announce the death of Mr.  
Sidney Romans, of Gloucester, at the age of  
92 years. Until a few years ago, when he  
was troubled with failing eyesight, he rang at  
Gloucester Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt.  
He was the last founder member of St.  
Michael's Juniors, with whom he rang some  
of their first peals. In all he rang about 150  
peals, conducting two.

He joined the Customs and Excise as a  
young man and his work took him to Wales,  
London and abroad. While in London he  
joined the Ancient Society of College Youths.  
On his retirement, in 1931, he returned to  
Gloucester and continued his earlier ringing  
activities. He was elected Master of the  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,  
1934-1938, having joined the Association 1887.  
He leaves a widow and two daughters.

The funeral took place at St. Catherine's  
Church, Gloucester, on March 1st and was at-  
tended by his widow and family friends. The  
Gloucester and Bristol Association was repre-  
sented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman (Master),  
W. B. Kynaston and A. L. Barry (past  
Masters), C. W. Martin and T. Borham (vice-  
presidents), C. Rouse (general secretary), H.  
Newman, W. T. Cox, Mrs. W. Jones (repre-  
senting Mr. W. C. Jones) and Mr. A. E. Waite.

MR. H. R. STEVENS


A well known Surrey ringer, Mr. Herbert  
Richard Stevens (known to his friends as  
'Pop'), of 79, Station Road, Chertsey, died on  
March 4th, aged 91.

Born in April, 1869, and celebrating his  
diamond wedding seven years ago, Mr. Stevens  
did not commence ringing until 1906, when he  
was 37. For 10 years he was captain of the  
ringers of Chertsey Parish Church, and later  
became verger. At one time his family  
frequently provided five out of eight ringers  
at the church, the others being Miss N.  
Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Crocker and Miss J.  
Crocker. He rang his last quarter on his 80th  
birthday and then blindness set in, which  
caused him to retire from ringing.

The funeral service was at All Saints'  
Church, Chertsey, on March 8th, and was  
followed by interment in Chertsey Cemetery.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDXX.**—At the Church of All  
Hallows, on Dec. 24th, 1.344 Plain Bob Major: Ann  
Muir 1, Margaret Westcott (first of Bob Major  
'inside') 2, Jill Baron 3, R. Goodman 4, Gillian  
Neal Smith 5, Dr. A. J. Muir 6, Dr. D. J. Neal  
Smith 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. Rung for the Feast  
of Christmas.

**WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1.260  
Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Tanner (first quarter) 1,  
J. A. Howard (cond.) 2, D. Martindale 3, J. Leppard  
4, D. Slater (first 'inside') 5, A. Dawes (first quarter)  
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## IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—Treasured memories of George Harry, who departed this life March 14th, 1960. A loving husband, dad and grandad. Sadly missed by all. 7806

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—No practice at St. John's on Monday, March 20th. Latest bulletin: Michael Palmer out of hospital and John Hill progressing favourably.—F. W. Goodfellow, tower captain. 7867

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## CANCELLATION

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Regret there will be no meeting on March 25th, 1961.—T. M. Haines. 7868

## MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Ives, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by Business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7809

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, on March 18th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Hallows' 6 p.m.—F. T. Blagrove. 7813

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Meeting, North Muskham, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those notifying C. Copp, North Muskham, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 7770

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Joint practice meeting at Pulborough, on Saturday, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 'The Red Lion'. Names to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 7823

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 7846

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watchet, on Saturday, March 25th. Numbers for tea by the 21st, most essential.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7875

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 7851

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 25th, at Etwall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7871

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, March 25th, combined with the wedding of Harry M. Windsor and Miss Joyce M. Ellman, who extend a very cordial invitation to all ringers and friends. Ringing 2-2.20 p.m. Service 2.30, followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be available for everyone, but please send names before March 23rd, to Miss J. M. Ellman, The Gables, Shrewley, Warwick.—H. M. W. 7793

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8), on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m., to be followed by ringing at Rickling (5)—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7811

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Werburgh's (6), March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Consecration of church extension at Filton (6), March 25th. Open date for bells to be arranged later.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 7855

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), March 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by March 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7859

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Ash (6), Saturday, March 25th. 6-9 p.m. 7856

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst, not Marden as previously arranged, on March 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 21st.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7793

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Saturday, March 25th. Nomination meeting at St. Matthias' Church, Burley (8). Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at moderate charge. 7845

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chesham, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompius Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7876

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, on March 25th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannernlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 7803

ST. MARY'S, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.—Service of rededication of the recently recast eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) on Saturday, March 25th, at 4 p.m. To be conducted by Rev. G. C. Taylor, president, Middlesex County Association and L.D.G. 7842

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Great Ness (6), on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7766

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 25th, at Kirkby. Bells (5) available 3.45 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. No tea arrangements.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 7850

SOCIETY OF RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Gnosall, Stafford, March 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. G. Key, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, by Wednesday, March 22nd. Astins bus leaves Odeon, Stafford, 2, returns 6.10 and 7.25. Towers also available: Haughton (5) 2.30-3.30, Church Eaton (6) 7-8 p.m. Please adhere strictly to times. 7820

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Meeting at Wickham Skeith (6), Saturday, March 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 23rd, please, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 7808

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey (afternoon) and Westham (evening), on March 25th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea, to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 7860

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Evercreech, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch (6s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) at Bell Hotel. Names for lunch essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope. Ringing details later.—G. Salmon, 9, Keonion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7862

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Ringing at Flitwick 9-10 a.m., Westoning 9.30-10.30, Eversholt 10-10.45, Toddington 10-11, Houghton Regis 11-12, Dunstable 11-12. Leighton Buzzard 11.30-12.45. (Note, no other towers available during morning.) Lunch, Cross Keys Hotel, 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Names for lunch (8s.) with cash and stamped, addressed envelope, to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard, by Wednesday, March 29th. 7865

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Arlecdon, Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Names for tea to Mr. F. Richardson, 2, Lindow Street, Frizington, Cumberland, not later than March 29th. No other means of refreshments available.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7852

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Trumpington. Ringing arrangements: Great Gransden (6) 10-12 noon, Gamlingay (6) 10-12, Bourne (8) 11-1 p.m., Orwell (5) 12-2, Melbourn (6) 12-2, Meldreth (6) 1-3, Haslingfield (5) 2-3.30, Harston (6) 2-3.30, Trumpington (8) 3.15-4.15. Service Trumpington Church 4.15. Tickets for tea 3s. each, with S.A.E., by March 29th, from General Secretary. General business meeting



after tea. Towers available after tea: Trumpington 6.15-7.15. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge (12) 7-8.30. St. Bene's (6) 7-8.30. Histon (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7866

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth, on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. P. Davis, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, by March 29th, please.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 7864

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—New certificate of membership now ready; members, new and old, who would like to receive their certificate on Easter Monday, please send names and year of election to their District secretary. Towers open for ringing on Easter Monday: Barming. Bearsted. Harrietsham. Leeds. Lenham. Linton. Maidstone (All Saints). Maidstone (St. Michael's). West Malling. Wrotham. Times: 10-11.30 a.m., 4.30-8 p.m.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m.. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, St. John's, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. James' Hall, Newport Road.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7861

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15, and tea arranged at 5, for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m. All Saints' (10) 10-10.55 a.m. and 7.30-9 p.m.. Claines (10) 3-4.30. St. John's (8). St. Withun's (6) and Powick (6.) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7848

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at West Malling, April 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. P. Carter, Ringers, Newtown, West Malling.—P. J. Osborne, Sec. 7877

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Full details will be published shortly. Will those requiring lunch (10s.) please forward their names to Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th latest. Please remit cash with application.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7872

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Advance notice: Quarterly meeting, on April 15th. St. John's, Waterloo Road. 2.30-4; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30-8 p.m.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—Preliminary notice. Annual general meeting at Liverpool, April 29th. 1960. 7849

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice. Annual Dinner October 28th, 1961. Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford. Committee members, please, note change of date owing to Cathedral Festival.—F. V. G. 7843

## LATE NOTICE

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Arksey, Saturday, March 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 7878

Mr. Philip J. Evans has rung peals of Grandsire, from Doubles to Cinques. The family was completed on March 2nd, with Triples at Broughton, Staffs.

## THE BELLS OF ALDERTON, WILTS

It was Easter Saturday, 1959, that two ringers from Twerton, Bath, called at the little Church of St. Giles, Alderton, and inquired, from the people decorating the church, whether their bells could be rung. No one seemed to know, except to say that the bells had not been rung very much since the last world war, but we were sent to find the tower captain and only ringer left in the village, Mr. B. Watts. Having secured the key we ascended the tower but the bells would not move or swing because of twigs and rubbish, but Mr. Watts promised to clear the bell chamber if we would care to come back in a week or two. This we did and brought along enough ringers to ring all five bells.

The captain met us and explained that he had cleared the bell chamber of all the rubbish and no less than 47 jackdaws' nests and had now barred the birds' way with strong wire netting. The bells were rung up singly and then to a few rounds, all going well, except the rope on the fourth broke and the ringer fell in a heap on the floor.

Since then the bells have been rung a few times and one or two quarter peals were successful. On February 18th of this year, a full peal was attempted, but was brought round after 23 extents, owing to the second running dry, but the attempt on March 4th was successful and a good peal resulted.

It is interesting to note that the back three bells were rehung on ball bearings about 1930, but the front two still retain their plain bearings. The frame is good and strong, but some of the timber in the bell chamber floor has had to be renewed (after the writer fell through it and showered those in the ringing chamber with rubbish).

Now the bells in this beautiful village ring out once more, they are a tuneful ring outside, but a little loud inside. But thanks are due to all of those people who have helped to put these bells back into something like ringing order, especially Mr. Watts for his hard work, and Mrs. Watts for having the ringers in to tea everytime we have been to ring.

A. F. L.

## UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING

Saturday, February 25th, was the occasion of the second joint meeting of Northern University Ringing Societies this session, when past and present members from Liverpool, Leeds, London, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield Universities descended on Sheffield.

During the afternoon there was ringing at Rannmoor (10) and Dore (8), and surprises included a broken rope and Spliced Major. The way in which about 40 people were transported from one tower to the next in five small vehicles was also rather remarkable. After tea there was two hours' ringing on the 12 bells at the Cathedral, where the excellent ringing chamber is ideal for meetings. Much of the ringing here was of a surprisingly high standard, and ranged from plain hunting to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal.

Although the meeting officially ended at 8.30 p.m., handbells were still being rung at 1 a.m. in one of the local halls of residence—so ended a very successful event.

Our thanks to the local companies for the warm welcome we received in each belfry.

J. S. R.

## SATURDAY PEAL

The bells hang silent now but soon shall sound.  
For on this day eight ringers gladly meet.  
To make the bells to rise in merry round  
And ring a peal both well struck and complete.  
All stand ready now, salutes one by one  
Fly up to meet the bells and then descend;  
The hours go by until the setting sun  
The peal completed sees, and day to end.  
Well satisfied the men go on their ways,  
Tomorrow they again display their art.  
To tell the people that the day of days  
Has come again another week to start.  
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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Record Attendance At Wirral Branch A.G.M.

Over 100 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Wirral Branch held at St. Saviour's, Oxton, on February 18th. Members were present from 14 Wirral towers, and there were visitors from Liverpool, Nantwich and Macclesfield. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung and the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers) ensured that all present had an opportunity to enjoy a ring.

The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. J. Pasterfield), who also preached. The local ringers kindly provided tea in the Parish Hall.

At the ensuing business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. M. Lloyd, Vicar of Eastham; president-elect, Rev. S. G. Barton, Rector of West Kirby; chairman, Mr. W. R. Stanley (West Kirby); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Martin (Oxton); Ringing Master, Mr. T. Rogers (Wallasey); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. B. Pemberton (Bidston); auditor, Mr. V. T. O. Boase (Wallasey).

The honorary secretary's report revealed continued interest in the art and a fairly steady influx of recruits. Eleven monthly meetings had been held and there was an average attendance of 63. A full social programme (dinner dance, two outings and a social) had been arranged during the year and thoroughly enjoyed.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Fifty-five ringers attended the Llandaff Branch annual meeting, held at Cowbridge on February 11th. Ringing was supervised by the Branch Master, Mr. Alfred Hannington.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. T. Lewis, using the Association's form of service, and Mr. Alfred Morgan was at the organ.

Local ringers' wives prepared the excellent tea, which followed. At the business meeting, Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as Branch secretary, and Mr. Alfred Hannington was made the official nominee for the office of General Ringing Master at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch, was chosen for the next Branch meeting.

R. E. C.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Western Branch

Forty members, representing 18 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Western Branch held at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on February 25th. Among those present were the president (Mr. Nolan Golden), general secretary (Mr. W. Love) and Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett).

Ringing was under the supervision of Branch Ringing Master Mr. G. Cooke, and the service was conducted by Canon A. Aitken, who, prior to his address, extended a very cordial welcome to all present. The president read the lesson. Tea was prepared and served in the Priory Hall by relatives of the local band.

The chairman, in opening the business meeting, welcomed back the president and Branch secretary after their stays in hospital. He thanked the officers and members for their efforts during the past year. Eight new members were enrolled. The following officers were re-elected: Rev. R. G. Dodson, chairman; Mr. G. A. Cooke, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Tovell, secretary.

An interim meeting will be held at Great Ryburgh on April 8th, and the next quarterly meeting at Swaffham on May 27th. Dates for other meetings are August 26th, November 25th and February 24th. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 26th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furhank 1, Miss S. A. Hayward 2, J. H. Stith 3, R. G. Jones 4, J. L. Fennell 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. First of Stedman by 2, 4 and 5. For Sung Eucharist.



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If little explanation be necessary, still less is there need for apology. We do not hesitate to say that the legion of bell-ringers throughout the country have long been awaiting a journal which shall be in the truest sense a "newspaper," which shall reflect their opinions, which shall keep them in touch, week by week, with the doings of their colleagues throughout the country, and which shall cater for all grades of the Exercise—for those who are struggling with the early difficulties of Grandsire Doubles as well as for those who have reached the goal of ambition in the achievement of London Surprise or Cambridge Maximus; for those who are only upon the threshold of those intricate mathematical problems in Composition as well as for those who are steeped in the science, and whose delight it is to revel in a maze of figures complicated enough to turn the brain of the uninitiated.

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By FREDERICK SHARPE  
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**I**N very few walks of life is there so much friendliness as in the Art of Ringing. It is one of the outstanding features which impress newcomers to the Exercise, and is a constant source of amazement to the laity. At any gathering of ringers this is at once apparent, and onlookers often express surprise at the interest we take in each other and of the knowledge we have of one another's activities. This is chiefly due to the influence of 'The Ringing World,' for our ringing journal has probably done more than anything else to knit together ringers into one big family. It is the one means by which we are able to keep in close touch with each other.

Today we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, and we do this in a spirit of great thankfulness, not only for the survival of our journal after passing through many crises and vicissitudes, but also in gratitude that it has progressively improved during the past half a century despite severe handicaps.

On March 24th, 1911, Mr. James Sparkes Goldsmith published the first number, and with very few exceptions publication has been continuous. Mr. Goldsmith owned and edited the paper until his death in 1942, when its ownership was acquired by the Central Council. Its affairs are now managed by a committee of the Council, under the able leadership of Mr. J. F. Smallwood. The influence of 'The Ringing World' on ringing cannot be over-estimated. Reports of peals and of other ringers' progress create a stimulus to greater efforts by many more. They arouse the initiative to compete and excel.

Of the many arts practised in the Middle Ages, few have survived, and notably among them is the Art of Ringing. For generations it was passed on like a true folk art from father to son, with no text books or standardised form of instruction. Yet, in its simple form, it spread throughout the length and breadth of the land. The 17th century saw the birth and growth of change-ringing, and this received its first great impetus through the excellent pioneer work of the early ringing societies, and through the writings and publications of men like Richard Duckworth and Fabian Stedman.

The 19th century saw the founding of diocesan and other territorial associations of ringers, the birth of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and a further great expansion of our art. The need for a ringers' journal became apparent. Several publications appeared, and did much good work, but none of them survived. It needed a man with courage, foresight and personality to produce such a journal. Fifty years ago James Sparkes Goldsmith rose to the occasion, and the influence of the paper he founded was never greater than it is today.

The value of our journal in keeping ringers in touch with one another was probably never more vital than at the time of Mr. Goldsmith's death, occurring as it did during the grim years of the second World War, and during the wartime ban on ringing. At this time of crisis the journal was saved for the Exercise by the prompt action of those who with outstanding courage and determination undertook the responsibility for its continued publication, and few realise the magnitude of their task. The Exercise owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes and the late R. Richardson, who acted so wisely immediately after Mr. Goldsmith's funeral.

'The Ringing World' is a specialist paper, catering exclusively for the relatively small section of the public interested in bells and ringing. This creates problems not encountered in the ordinary course of journalism. Its readers, too, have many and varied interests in the different branches of our art. They also range from the raw recruit to the most advanced ringer. One of the most difficult things is to keep a true balance to suit the majority and yet to meet the needs of all in the limited space of 16 pages, and within the available financial resources. Our Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee have these problems constantly before them, and to them also we owe a great debt of gratitude. The finances of the paper, too, create a constant need for vigilance, and have often been a great source of anxiety. We are not likely to receive an attractive take-over bid from a national newspaper. 'The Ringing World' belongs to the Exercise, and is run by ringers for ringers. Its existence is of vital importance to us all: without it we should lose contact with each other. We need greater support. We need the support of all ringers. A much greater circulation would make possible the publication of more technical articles and reports, and our journal would have a much wider appeal in consequence. We look forward to a new decade with confidence, desiring even closer ties with the Church it is our privilege to serve, and in gratitude for all past blessings.



## HOMAGE TO THE FOUNDER AND EDITOR FOR 31 YEARS

AT the comparatively early age of 64 the ringing Exercise lost a man who was both a good ringer and at the same time a good journalist, two qualities which are come by only once in a generation.

Born on January 13th, 1878, at Southover, Lewes, Sussex, John Sparkes Goldsmith was the fourth generation to become a ringer. His father, who was parish clerk at Southover, died when John was quite a boy, and his mother took over the duties of parish clerk and started John on the right road by allowing him to toll the bell for deaths and funerals. As soon as Jack was old enough (in her mind) she almost insisted that he took up ringing. An apt pupil, Jack was soon to ring his first peal at the age of 15, when he rang the treble to Grandsire Triples on April 8th, 1893, to be followed by three more peals the same year. 1898-99 were Jack's most prolific years for peal ringing, for by the end of 1899 he had rung 132. At the time of his death his total had reached 463.

In 1901 he took part in a tour of Ireland, and called the first peal of Surprise rung out of England. This band consisted of John Buffery, William Short, George R. Pye, Isaac G. Shade, William H. Barber, John S. Goldsmith, Ernest Pye and William Pye.

With several ringing papers becoming defunct and the gradual decline in quality of 'The Bell News', John Goldsmith decided to start a new ringing paper, but no one would venture on such a task unless he was not only sure of himself but was also capable of handling the not inconsiderable problems that arise in the publication of a paper. After months of hard work the first issue of 'The Ringing World' was published on March 24th, 1911. Four days later the founder of 'The Bell News' (Hervey Reeves) died, having been editor for 30 years.

The background for this enterprise came from his previous journalistic training. He served his apprenticeship in Sussex and from an Eastbourne paper went to Woking in 1903, and was eventually in charge of 'The Woking News and Mail'. It was not long before a column for bellringers made its appearance in the paper. 'The Woking News and Mail' belonged to the Woodbridge Press, Ltd., and he persuaded them to be the printers of 'The Ringing World'. Throughout the 50 years they have been the only printers of the journal.

### RINGERS' DAY

Four months after the first issue Jack Goldsmith proved that he was not only a ringer and a journalist but also an organiser of some degree. With the Festival of Empire in full swing at the Crystal Palace, London, Jack organised a 'Ringers' Day', which proved an outstanding success, ringers attending from all over the country.

Although the Central Council at their meeting at Whitsun, 1911, refused to recognise 'The Ringing World', he was by no means dismayed, and it is true to say that he gave the Exercise by far the best report of any Central Council meeting up to that time.

When World War I broke out, Jack had a very anxious time, as 'The Ringing World' was only just beginning to establish itself, and therefore had to find other work. After giving typing and shorthand lessons, he was appointed to be in charge of the Woking Food Office, and was later with the Inland Revenue Commissioners.

With the creation of the Guildford Diocese in 1927, Mr. Goldsmith was one of the leading lights in the formation of the Guildford



JOHN SPARKES GOLDSMITH  
1878-1942

Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, out of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, in the following year. He was the founder secretary, with the late Major John Hesse, as Master. In 1936, upon his resignation as secretary, he was appointed a vice-president of the Guild. Under his guidance the Guild was very firmly established. He was elected an honorary member of the Central Council in 1927 and remained a member until his death.

The tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman occurred in 1951 and Mr. Goldsmith promoted, through 'The Ringing World', a memorial, which took the form of the restoration of the bells at St. Bene's, Cambridge, at a cost of over £500. The money was collected through 'The Ringing World'.

### A GREAT ADVENTURE

The main break he had from the cares of editorship occurred in 1934, with the visit of English ringers to Australia. The party included W. H. Fussell and Rupert Richardson. The story of this tour he wrote, mail by mail, for 'The Ringing World', and it was afterwards published in book form under the title 'A Great Adventure'. Thirteen peals were rung, six being on handbells at sea.

Jack always regarded as an outstanding performance in his ringing career the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. He was still weak from a bad attack of influenza when he was called upon to conduct the peal, the band being composed of six tourists and six of the local band.

He had other sea trips later, his last being in 1938, when he went to Egypt. He was at sea at the time of the Munich crisis—a

wireless message was received, ordering the ship home at full speed, with all lights out.

On the outbreak of World War II John was placed in charge of Woking Food Office. Although that was a full time job he still found time to write his leading articles and supervise the 'make up' of 'The Ringing World'.

Early in 1941 he entered hospital for a serious operation, which was a success. In November of that year he attended the annual dinner of the College Youths, at which he proposed the principal toast, but complained afterwards of not feeling well. Returning home he took to his bed for some days, later resuming work at the Food Office.

### HIS LAST RINGING

The last ringing J. S. G. did was on Sunday, December 14th, 1941, at Horsell, Surrey. The occasion was the 200th anniversary of the dedication of Horsell church bells. The war-time ban prevented the church bells being rung, but members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were invited to take part in the service and ring handbells during it and after its close. Tea was served in the Vicarage, and before leaving the ringers rang another touch for the benefit of Mrs. Woodward (the wife of the Vicar), who had missed the ringing in church. The ringers were A. C. Hazelden 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, J. S. Goldsmith 5-6, Mrs. Hazelden 7-8.

In February he was taken seriously ill and shortly afterwards resigned from the Food Office. A large number of Woking people subscribed and presented him with savings certificates. The ringers of England showed their affection and esteem by subscribing over £500. Before his final operation he left a note to Mr. J. A. Trollope thanking him for his services to the 'R.W.', particularly since the war and especially during his illness. 'I can now tell you that the paper has never really been a financial success... Once more, old man, a thousand thanks for all your kindness and for your friendship.'

His death took place on June 1st, 1942, and it was at Pyrford, where his wife is buried, that his funeral took place. Homage to his memory will be paid there, on June 17th next, by the ringers of England. There will also be a service in Guildford Cathedral, where the sanctus bell to the crypt chapel is a memorial to him from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which he served so well.

He married in September, 1903, Miss Louise Baker, and her sister married the noted Sussex ringer, Mr. Keith Hart. For many years of their married life she was an invalid and his loving devotion and tender care towards her was admired by his friends. His sacrifices on her behalf were many. She died in 1938, leaving a son and a daughter.

One of the last letters he wrote expressed the hope that he would be able to attend the wedding of the present honorary secretary of the Central Council, but he unfortunately died 12 days before.

F. I. H.

### BEST CONTRIBUTION

Mr. C. Wallater, Willenhall, writes: 'The best contribution to ringing during the past 50 years is the continued publication of "The Ringing World".' He regards the greatest ringing event during the period the ringing of the Bristol Surprise Major record at Over.

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# THE TOWER OF JACK GOLDSMITH'S EARLY RINGING AND HIS COMPANIONS

By GEORGE P. ELPHICK

SOUTHOVER can justly be proud of two things: its bells, which are the finest ring of ten in Sussex, and having produced one of the most outstanding ringers of this century—the man to whom the whole Exercise owes a debt that cannot be measured—John Sparkes Goldsmith. The church and tower, as many members of the Exercise know, were very near to the heart of the late John S. Goldsmith, and are situated on the southern edge of Lewes, the county town of Sussex.

Southover is outside the old town wall and by the grounds of the ruined St. Pancras' Priory. The original church seems to have been dedicated to St. Pancras, being no doubt a timber structure of Saxon workmanship, and is considered by some authorities to have stood where the infirmary chapel of the Priory was later built. The stone altar of this chapel still remains among the overturned walls of the ruins. The Priory when completed must have been one of the most magnificent in England, as it was 420 feet long and had a vaulted ceiling above the high altar, 93 feet high. In 1537, when it was razed to the ground by order of Thomas, Lord Cromwell, it possessed five great bells.

## OLD TOWER FELL DOWN

The parish church of St. John the Baptist, Southover, lies a few yards to the west of the Great Gate of the Priory and retains a 12th century arcade between the nave and south aisle. The first record of a tower is in 1620 where an old map shows one at the south-east corner of the church. As to bells hung in the old tower there is a record that the treble was the gift of Richard Colbrond soon after 1510. The churchwardens' accounts of 1560 confirm the presence of three bells and in the following year a ring of four. By 1697 the bells were in a bad way as was the tower, and the following year, on Sunday morning, February 6th, the old tower fell.

It is assumed that the bells were unharmed for we find that it took two men a day to lower them. In 1714 the foundations of the present western tower were laid and the building was carried up to the first loft at a cost of £240. The tower, now 58 feet high, is as steady as a rock, being built of chalk faced with brick and having two stone buttresses. The work appears to have been carried out by W. Stephens, a mason, who cut his name and the date, 1714, on a stone at the top of the north buttress.

It was not until 1738 that the parish decided to finish building the tower and at the same time to recast the four old bells and add two new ones. The four old bells weighed 31 cwt., and when recast with the new bells provided a ring of six, with a tenor of 15 cwt. 19 qr. 21 lb.

## CAST AT WHITECHAPEL

These bells were cast by Samuel Knight at the celebrated Whitechapel foundry in 1738, the year before his death. Samuel, who was the last of his line, learned his trade at his father's foundry at Reading and commenced founding on his own in 1689. Between 1708 and 1710 he moved to London and took over the Whitechapel foundry. The frame and fittings were made by Robert Catlin, a carpenter and bellhanger by trade, who succeeded to Samuel Knight's business at his death. If his bells are a clue to Robert's character, he was a thorough, neat and tidy workman, as well as being an excellent ringer, for his name is mentioned several times in the peal book of the College Youths.

By 1778 two more bells must have been added, for it is recorded that on July 15th that year the first recorded peal on the bells was rung by seven ringers from Horsham and James Wilson from Cuckfield. The method was Grandsire Triples and was conducted by Thomas Lintott, the leader of the Horsham band.

Benjamin Burfield has the honour of being the earliest local ringer to be known by name, having learned to ring in 1820 when he was 19 years old. A cobbler by trade, he lived at



THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER.

51, Priory Street, quite near the church. He lived to see a great change, for in 1839 the bells were recast by Thomas Mears. A fine ring of eight, with a tenor of 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E. was provided and the 3rd and seventh were maiden bells.

## OPENING OF BELLS

The bells were opened on Monday, October 28th, 1839, at 11 a.m. by the local ringers. In the afternoon a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band from Brighton, conducted by a Mr. Tester, and this was followed by touches rung by bands from Uckfield, Waldron and Chailey.

It was to the Swan Inn that the ringers returned for dinner at 5 p.m. This may seem at first sight rather strange to all who have rung at Southover as the King's Head is regarded as the bell-ringers' inn. The King's Head is to us, even to this day, 'Jack's' home, the home of the first editor, John Sparkes Goldsmith.

Among the company of seventy or eighty were both churchwardens as chairman and vice-chairman. Mr. Eagles and Mr. John Verrall, who gave the fifth bell, the Lord of the Manor. Mr. William Verrall, who gave the seventh and tenor, and the founder, Thomas Mears. We have a portrait of Thomas Mears in the ringing chamber and by the twinkle in his eyes it appears that he knew how to enjoy himself. His presentation of eight handbells to the Guild was the surprise of the evening. These bells were soon put to good use, changes being rung on them.

## THOMAS GOLDSMITH

Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, the newly-elected parish clerk, was one of the company. He possessed a copy of Shipway's Treatise on Ringing, which is now in the library of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He was a wheelwright by trade, having his workshop opposite the church where now is a jobbing builder's small yard. His son, John Goldsmith, followed his father's trade and was the first licensee of the King's Head.

The next record of local ringers' names is on the earliest peal board remaining in the tower. Under the date December 6th, 1869, it records a peal of Grandsire Triples (Hok's Original) by the Lewes Society of Change Ringers. The names on the board are: T. Goldsmith 1, J. Brooks 2, C. Warner 3, J. Priory 4, J. Goldsmith 5, J. Box 6, J. Acton 7, C. Wren 8. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th were Brighton men and J. Brooks came from Chailey. This infers that the others were Southover men.

Thomas Goldsmith was then 65 years old and this is the only record we have of his having rung a peal. Three years later, Ann, his wife, died at the age of 70 years. Thomas

also died when he had reached his three score years and ten, on April 12th, 1875, and was buried alongside the tower of his beloved church, leaving his son, John, who rang the fifth in the 1869 peal, to carry on.

## JOHN SPARKES

On January 13th, 1878, John was presented with a son by Emma, his second wife, who was a Devon woman. He was christened John Sparkes, his second Christian name being his mother's maiden name. Little did his parents dream of the vital part he would be called upon to play in the Exercise. Of him it may be truly said that he had ringing in his blood.

Between 1883 and 1885 Southover was caught on the whirlpool of restoration so prevalent at that time. The church was enlarged by means of a new chancel, the old gallery at the west end was removed and the church reseated with oak pews. About this time the young ringers could not see eye to eye with the old. The old were content with call changes and the memory of the old Grandsire band, for ringing was on the ebb, whilst the younger generation were ambitious to learn change ringing. The ringing fraternity throughout the land was in a state of turmoil, and out of it came reform; from a secular sport it came into its rightful place as a part of the work of the Church. In 1884 the tide reached Sussex and the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers was formed early in 1885.

## THREE RINGERS

There were three ringers mainly responsible for the revival of change ringing at Southover—Robert James Dawe, Alfred John Turner and John Sparkes Goldsmith.

Alfred John Turner was born on October 12th, 1872, at Halland, and came to Lewes in 1880. He rang his first peal on June 27th, 1891, covering with the tenor to Stedman. It was about this time he taught Jack Goldsmith to handle a bell, a thing of which he was very proud. He joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in November, 1894, and rang in all 387 peals in 52 towers. He was captain of the Southover Guild of Ringers for 21 years and died in his 72nd year on January 30th, 1944.

The first reference to young Jack Goldsmith with regard to ringing is in 1887, when he was nine years old, special permission being given for his release from Southover Day School for a quarter of an hour on saints' days to chime a bell for the 11 o'clock service. His mother had taken over the office of parish clerk when Jack's father died three years previously and it was she who insisted or inspired him to become a ringer. In time he learnt to chime three bells; a rope in each hand and one round a foot.

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## Jack Goldsmith's Tower—Cont.

### CALLER FIRST PEAL AT 16

Jack rang his first peal on April 8th, 1893, when he took the treble to Holt's 10-part of Grandsire Triples. In the same year he rang the treble to two peals of Plain Bob Major and another of Grandsire Triples. It was early in the next year that he rang his first peal 'inside' and soon after he rang his first peal of Stedman. By November 27th he called his first peal when he was but 16 years old.

In 1895 he rang in peals of Grandsire Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. In the next year he rang in peals of Union Triples and Superlative and in the following year added Stedman Caters. Kent Treble Bob Major. Cambridge and London Surprise Major. He had the distinction of calling, for the first time, a peal of Superlative on his 21st birthday at Southover, and a few months after of ringing his 100th peal at Arundel.

While as a peal ringer he was outstanding, yet more outstanding was the quality of methods rung. All this time he was working hard at his profession, for on leaving school he was apprenticed to his uncle, who owned 'The East Sussex News.' He developed into an excellent reporter and an expert shorthand writer and typist. He married Louise Baker at Southover, on September 12th, 1903, and, of course, a peal was rung—Bob Major.

### AT WOKING

Towards the close of 1903 he was appointed in charge of 'The Woking News and Mail' and soon afterwards became the manager. His opportunities for peal ringing became more and more curtailed as the demands of his profession increased. During this time he was weighing up the pros and cons of publishing an improved ringing paper. He knew the risk for he had seen two ringing papers fail. Finally, on March 24th he first published 'The Ringing World.' He aimed at giving up-to-the-minute news and punctuality in publishing and coupled with his flair for writing up material 'The Ringing World' was firmly established.

The First World War hit 'The Ringing World' rather hard, but Jack carried on by giving typing and shorthand lessons as well as later working in the local Food Office. To help over another difficult patch he worked for the Inland Revenue Commission. He still kept in touch with his home tower, invariably visiting it when in Lewes. His mother had a very warm spot in Jack's heart and usually a peal was rung at the parish church in honour of her birthday. On September 1st, 1923, he conducted the longest peal on Southover bells—5,929 Stedman Caters, which he also composed, being 77 times 77 changes and was rung in honour of his mother's 77th birthday. For her 80th birthday a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. In March, 1931, he had the sad duty of laying his mother to rest, near his father, under the shadow of their much loved tower.

### TO AUSTRALIA

In 1934, Jack's great ambition was realised when the Australian tour took place. This was the first break that occurred in the leading articles of 'The Ringing World.' There is no doubt that the voyage did him good, for he loved the sea and liked to have trips when he could, his last one being to Egypt in 1938.

The Second World War came and he went back to Woking Food Office to earn sufficient to keep his beloved paper going, which is a memorial to the greatest ringer Southover has produced, whose last ringing was on handbells at Horsell Vicarage on Sunday, December 14th, 1941. He died at the age of 64 and was buried alongside his wife at Pyrford church, leaving behind a son and a daughter, as well as his memory.

### ROBERT JAMES DAWE

Robert James Dawe, or 'Bob' as we knew him, was born at Bishopstone, a small hamlet between Newhaven and Seaford, in 1870. He began his ringing career at Southover in 1889 and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. As a youngster he used to tramp each week to Ringmer, about three miles away, to learn his change ringing from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the curate. On May 9th, 1891, he rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples, Davies' 10-part—and about six weeks later his first of Stedman Triples.

In 1892 Bob Dawe moved to Eastbourne and two years later to Brighton, where he lived for the next 12 years and began his great friendship with Frank Bennett. He was Southover's contribution to the St. Peter's Surprise ringing band at Brighton and with them he rang in the first peals of Westminster, Norfolk, Bristol and Oxford Surprise Major ever rung.

He rang in all 483 peals, over 160 of them being rung at Southover and conducted 23. But far more important than his peal ringing was his service ringing. He was punctual and regular to the last degree; he also did good work for the Sussex County Association, being secretary of the Southern District for seven years and a representative on the Central Council from 1909-1911. He was captain of the Southover band when he died on January 4th, 1937.

The Southover Church Bellringers' Guild was formed on September 9th, 1898, and this followed a meat supper provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Richardson. The Guild's first minute book records the following ringers being present: J. S. Goldsmith, M. Glascoe, T. Moppett, A. J. Turner, H. Mockett, W. Pelling, S. W. Shoemith, J. F. Stedman, W. Baker, G. Richardson, R. J. Dawe, C. Parker, J. Hillman and A. Stedman. The Rector was elected president, Jack Goldsmith secretary and Alfred J. Turner captain.

Jack remained secretary until he left the town on December 1st, 1902. His services were recognised on February 21st, 1903, when he was presented with a testimonial and a marble clock in appreciation of all he had done to place the Guild on a sound footing.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 14th, 1.260 Doubles (Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Brinson 1, H. Spencer 2, B. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Loxton 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. B. Hooper, also silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hooper. Also on Feb. 24th, 1.260 St. Simon's Doubles: T. Feltham 1, B. Peters 2, Ann White 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Carpenter, interred this day. Also on Feb. 26th, 1.260 Reverse Canterbury: T. Feltham 1, Ann White (cond.) 2, B. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung for morning service, and 18th birthday compliment to Miss Ann White.

## 1911 - 1961

The years have moved on to Jubilee  
Since 'The Ringing World' began to be;  
And here we revive (amid hairs gone grey)  
The memory of that launching day.

For 'Unforgettable, Unforgotten,'  
John Goldsmith's wisdom had begotten  
This journalistic enterprise,  
This blessing to the Exercise.

Now, held in the Central Council's care,  
All ringers should take their rightful share  
In backing the Editorial Committee,  
Appreciative of their perspicacity.

And what of the Editorial Chair  
Whose occupant must full bravely bear  
The burden of wielding the 'pencil blue'  
Against an occasional protest or two?

To him, a fair-minded commendation  
Is due; along with real approbation  
For pages, bristling with wide variety,  
News, records, and comments too, in satiety.

And if the price now to some seems high,  
It could be lessened if they'd but try  
On this jubilee of its publication  
To double the journal's circulation!

All thanks, then, be offered to those who strive  
To keep the Art and the Science alive  
By this weekly paper. So here's 'Go ahead'  
To 'The Ringing World' yet through the years  
unread!

C. C. C.

## CONTRASTS

Metallic sounds invade the frosty night;  
'Tis winter—and the bells sound strangely clear.  
Their crisp and frantic notes attack the ear  
From far away, their message all alight  
With urgency—as if to strike the dark  
And sleeping acres with their rhythm stark.

But now, 'tis summer, and the bells go gay  
Bestir the hazy pastures with their song—  
Their joyful music rides the hills, along  
The river bank, the woods and fields of hay.  
As if to welcome sun and sky so blue.  
With summer breezes, gossamer, and dew.

The seasons come and go, the bells remain,  
Reminding us of this, their own domain.

A. D. COOK.

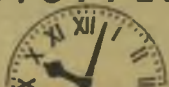
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## SONNET

From gnarled tower, attenuated spire,  
With crockets gay or broached gaunt and plain,  
The brazen arcs of sound rebound again  
Down squalid streets: impatient soaring higher  
To humble hamlets on the mountain top,  
They weave, to cars attuned, the silken strands  
Of polyphonic patterns. Countless bands  
Of toiling ringers watch with care the drop  
Of writhing ropes, interpreting with skill  
(Born of an age of practice) bobbing strands:  
A weird fantastic dance. Can other lands  
Boast of the pleasure or partake the thrill?  
While God gives me permission, there am I  
Flinging His music to His open sky.

H. CHANT.

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# THE HISTORIAN OF THE EXERCISE WAS THE SECOND EDITOR

BY WILFRID G. WILSON

The Exercise has always been fortunate in having among its members people who are expert in one or more of those aspects which are important to it. We must have, of course, experts in the industry of bell founding and tuning and bell hanging, but we have also had among our ranks members who stood out among their colleagues for their skill as ringers or conductors in the tower, as handbell ringers, as solvers of those mathematical problems which confront the composer, as antiquarians, as historians, as teachers in and out of the tower and as writers. No one would suggest that Mr. Trollope was an expert in all these branches of our art, but he was among the best in many of them. In the one which is probably of most use to posterity, that is the ability to write learnedly and expertly, and yet readably about the Exercise, he excelled.

Jabez Armiger Trollope, known to his friends as Jim, was born at East Dereham, Norfolk, in 1876, and educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Norwich. While there he learnt to ring—not in the easy way that we do nowadays, but without help from existing ringers. What attracted him to bells and ringing? He himself did not know—perhaps it was a reaction from his strict chapel and family upbringing. But he has written that 'from my earliest infancy church bells came in some indefinite and mysterious manner to have had an influence over me.'

## SELF-TAUGHT

However, he and his school friends, John and George Burton, came across a book by Benjamin Lomax (1879) called 'Bells and Bell-ringers,' which gave a very rudimentary account of ringing. And they began to work out changes experimentally before they had ever met a live ringer. They taught themselves to handle a bell and to ring changes on three bells at the 5-bell tower of Mountgate in Norwich, still without meeting other ringers. At the same time they started to make a set of handbells for themselves. The first attempt was a weird lot of contraptions, with two hammers, one on each side of a metal plate. Jack and I started for a 5,000 of Bob Singles on them, but we gave it up as altogether too monotonous and not worth while. (Surely still true.—W.G.W.) Ultimately they made a set out of door bells and cast the fittings out of zinc, after wood had proved a failure. In January, 1893, they rang seven 720's of Bob Minor on them—the first peal by all, conducted by J.A.T.

After that progress was fast. In April, joined by C. E. Borrett, they rang Bob Major 'in hand' and in June another, composed and conducted by J.A.T., and their first tower-bell peal, also Bob Major. Within 12 months, in addition to tower-bell peals, they had rung 'in hand' peals of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Bob Royal and what was for a long time the record length 'in hand' of 11,200 Bob Major, composed by J.A.T., and conducted by C. E. Borrett.

## IN W. PYE'S BAND

His final peal total was between five and six hundred. He became a member of the well known band that rang at St. John's, Waterloo Road, before the 1914 war, and between the wars was a member of W. Pye's band that rang peals of Spliced Surprise in all numbers up to 12 methods, at a time when this was pioneer work.

He served in France in the First World War in the Royal Corps of Signals and many a postcard of his from the front was stopped by the censor, who did not recognise a peal composition as quite harmless.

The attraction that writing had from the first for him is shown by what he called his first 'very crude' attempt to write a book on ringing. This, written in 1894-5, and dedicated to the record handbell peal band, is a collection of compositions of Plain Bob on all numbers, from five to twelve. Divided into sections, according to the type of peal, it contains, among other composers' material, many



J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

of his own compositions, obtained in 1893, when he was 16-17 years of age. No wonder that about 1900 he was appointed by the Central Council as their representative to deal with problems in Plain Bob.

## TECHNICAL WRITER

In 1897, aged only 21, he was elected a member of the Council representing the Norwich Association. This would be considered young for these days, let alone for the 19th century. In 1900 he was made an honorary member, a position he retained till his death. His work for that body is best shown by a list of the technical publications he helped to write: 'Collection of Doubles, Minor and Triples Methods,' 1907; 'Doubles and Minor,' 1931 and 1935; 'Plain Major and Cater Methods,' 1926; 'Triples,' 1935; 'Treble Bob Peals—Major to Maximus,' 1909. His services were enlisted by Miss Margaret Snowden and in the Snowden series of books he wrote 'Siedman' and 'Standard Methods.' He was engaged on 'Grandsire' at the time of his death and this work was completed in his name by his two pupils, Ernest Turner and the writer, and published in 1948.

He set up home with his sister in Ealing in 1904. He joined the Ealing Amateur Photographic Society and became a silver medallist. When I first met him in 1926 he was in charge of the bells at Christ Church, Ealing, where he later became a churchwarden, and he taught Ernest Turner and me all we knew about ringing, and introduced us to the Middlesex Association, of which he was a vice-president. Visitors to the tower were always amazed to learn that the quiet little man ringing rounds, or helping a beginner, was the J.A.T., whose article they had read in that week's 'R.W.'

## BROUGHT PAST TO LIFE

His greatest work for ringing was as a writer—both on the scientific side and as an historian of ringing and ringers. He had the ability to bring the past to life and to clarify complicated problems in composition. The amount of his printed work is far overshadowed by the quantity of his manuscript volumes and I hope in due course to preview extracts from them for the benefit of readers of this paper. Meanwhile I can only give a

list of the MSS. which he left to the Central Council library and which will indicate the extent of his work in this field:

'A History of Ringers and Ringing in the Eighteenth Century'—written in the 'grand historical manner.' All bound in large quarto volumes—full of beautiful copperplate writing, with pen and ink drawings by the author of all the churches named.

Volumes I. and II. are not immediately available, but I will describe them at a later date.

Vol. III.—Deals with the name and origin of the Ancient Society of College Youths: compositions and chronology of the eighteenth century: London bells and towers in the 18th century and the general condition of the London Exercise in that century. (420 pages.)

Vols. IV, V and VI.—London Bells and Bell Towers. (618 pages, 660 pages and 640 pages respectively.)

Vol. VII.—London Ringers and Ringing in the 17th and 18th centuries. (634 pages.)

Vol. VIII.—Ringing in the Provinces in the 18th century. (527 pages.)

Vol. IX.—Dealing with 18th century methods, peals, compositions, etc., authorities quoted, bells in war, indices, etc. (662 pages.)

Vol. X.—The Clavis Campanalogia: compositions, 1750-1800: ringing at the end of the century, etc. (512 pages.)

Vol. XI.—Ringing in the Provinces at the end of the 18th century. (400 pages.)

Vol. XII.—An appendix—dealing with peal books, rule books, peal boards, chronology of events and peals, etc. (500 pages.)

## BOOKS ON CHANGE RINGING

A Collection of peals of Plain Bob, 1894-5. Method Construction, four volumes. Bound. (About 1,000 pages.) Partly in MS. and partly cuttings from articles in the Ringing Press.

Surprise Major Methods, two volumes. Comprising the history and theory of Surprise Major and a collection of over 800 methods, with compositions. Written in collaboration with E. C. S. Turner. (About 1,000 pages.)

Notes by the way and other articles in 'The Ringing World,' from 1925 onwards. Seven volumes.

One final volume must be mentioned. A Bibliographica Campanorum, 1935, being a catalogue of books, etc., relating to bells, bell ringing and bell ringers. (308 pages.) All indexed. Showing the tremendous number of authorities from which he had obtained his information for his history and clearly of great benefit to future writers in our art.

His published book 'The History of the College Youths' was just a selection of appropriate extracts from his MS. history.

I have gone at some length into the matter of J.A.T.'s MSS., because it is only a knowledge of this which makes it possible to realise how he was able to keep our journal going, week by week, on the death of Mr. Goldsmith and at a time when there was a ban on ringing and, therefore, no meetings, no peals, no outings and almost nothing from which to produce a weekly paper. He had for very many years been a close friend of Mr. Goldsmith and a regular contributor to the Ringing Press.

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

In 1931, when the editor was a member of the party that visited Australia, J.A.T. had his first experience of editing the paper. During that time 'Notes by the Way' was a regular feature and at the end he wrote in 'R.W.': 'Tomorrow the editor will be back in England. It only remains for me to say how much I have enjoyed the brief time I have been in harness. Mr. White and I, who have jointly been responsible for the paper, have worked together in the completest harmony.'

Thus it was that during Mr. Goldsmith's last illness, as in previous emergencies, J.A.T. was able to fill the breach and never once did the paper fail to come out. Perhaps I can end by quoting from the letter which Mr. Goldsmith left behind for J.A.T.:

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## THE TORCHBEARER FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS

IT is said to be in the best tradition of British journalism that an editor should be an anonymous figure. How far this is appropriate when the journal is a specialist one is open to question, and indeed all three editors of 'The Ringing World' have been well known to ringers up and down the country. The first two were practical ringers of outstanding, all-round ability, whereas Mr. Tom White had gone far in his profession long before he became interested in bells. It is only natural, therefore, that few readers of this paper can have more than a slight inkling of Tom White's background and career, known personally though he is to ringers in all parts of the British Isles through his appearances at meetings, dinners and, of course, the annual gatherings of the Central Council. On such an occasion as this it is surely appropriate that the mask of anonymity should be lifted.

Thomas W. White was born at Guildford on July 22nd, 1894, the son of T. H. White, Editor of 'The Surrey Times.' He was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, and while he was there one of the most famous ringers of this century, Alfred H. Pulling, became the school caretaker. It is interesting to speculate on what might have happened if young White had come under his influence in those days, for the band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, was one of the foremost in the country.

After leaving school he went to the Woodbridge Press, spending some time in the printing and reading departments before becoming a junior reporter. Not long after this the First World War broke out and in the same year he joined the Queen's Royal Regiment, serving until May, 1919, and being mentioned in despatches. He took part in 1915 in one of the famous landings of the ill-starred Gallipoli campaign, that at Suvla Bay, and later served for three years in Mesopotamia. On demobilisation he returned to 'The Surrey Times,' becoming chief reporter in 1923, and deputy editor in 1931. In 1946 he was appointed editor of the paper and became a director of the Woodbridge Press, both of which offices he still holds.

### INTRODUCTION TO 'R.W.'

Mr. White's connection with our art began in this way: when John Goldsmith knew he would be taking part in the historic tour of Australia in 1934-35 he was able to arrange for J. A. Trollope to contribute the front page articles and for his own daughter to deal with the notices, but to undertake the editorial side he approached the Woodbridge Press to see if they would release Tom White. This arrangement continued for six months, and in the early days he was asked to report the College Youths' dinner. Mr. Trollope invited him to see the ringing that day at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and thus was born his desire to learn to ring. At the age of 40, therefore, when a good many of us feel disinclined to undertake much that is new, Mr. White became a pupil of Alfred Pulling's at Guildford, progressing well enough to ring his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in November, 1937. His total is a modest one, ten peals in the standard methods, but, of course, peal ringing has been only incidental to his service to the Exercise. In June, 1937, he was elected honorary secretary and treasurer to the Holy Trinity Society, a position he held until January this year.

Although Mr. White's official connection with 'The Ringing World' ceased for many years on John Goldsmith's return, his interest in the art it served thus continued to thrive. He had gone to Norwich with J. A. Trollope to report the Central Council meeting in 1946, and when the second major crisis in the life of the journal within a few years arose, with Mr. Trollope's resignation during the meeting, the obvious course was for the Editorial Committee of the day to ask Mr. White to take over responsibility for the next few issues. It is no criticism of his predecessors to say that from the first the hand of the trained journalist became apparent, and fifteen years later he continues in office with undiminished vigour and enthusiasm.



THE EDITOR

His task has not been an easy one—indeed this could no doubt be said of everyone who has edited a ringer's journal. Apart from the unfortunate circumstances in which he took over, his knowledge of the subject, as he confesses, was limited; no back numbers were available, and then and for some years afterwards paper restrictions were in force, necessitating much ingenuity, particularly when the rush of post-war peal ringing began to get into its stride, to overcome as far as possible the space limitations. He had not had many years in office when the finances of the paper began to cause anxiety, and the editor accepted his share of the economies which it fell to a newly-elected Editorial Committee to introduce.

### VARIOUS CHANGES

Various changes of layout have been made to help towards these, such as the introduction of a three, instead of a two, column page setting, and the use of smaller type for notices and quarter peals. Mr. White does not claim to be perfect, indeed he freely admits that errors of one kind or another occur in most issues, though not all these can be said to be his fault. But like his two predecessors he has left his mark indelibly on the character of the paper. It would not be unfair to the memory of John Goldsmith to say that in his day 'The Ringing World' tended to cater mainly for those whom an august newspaper refers to as 'The Top People,' while under J. A. Trollope the emphasis was on the impersonal, and lay more in the historian's direction—necessary, though much (but not all) of this may have been during the war years. Tom White has broadened the appeal of the paper to a considerable extent; should anyone doubt this let him reflect that for some years past the weekly circulation has been 50 per cent above the highest reached under the first editor and 2,000 more than when he took office. Undoubtedly some of this increase has arisen from the endeavours of the Editorial Committee, and others, in bringing home to ringers generally the need to support their own paper, but all this would have no lasting effect if the reader did not regularly find much of interest in it.

Throughout his life, Mr. White has been influenced by the Church and his leading articles have often reflected his views on the duties and obligations to the Church which being a ringer imposes. He, himself, is very proud of his association with Holy Trinity, Guildford, of which he is now Rector's warden. Indeed, the diversity of his activities, past and present, is astonishing. For 23 years he has been a member of Guildford Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; he is president of Guildford Chess Club—chess, at which he plays for Surrey, he regards as his greatest weakness—and he is also a freemason. From the late 1920's he has taken a deep interest in social work, being a founder

member and one-time secretary of Guildford Council of Society Service. For a time he was secretary of the Personal Service League, whose object was to provide clothing for distressed areas at a time when unemployment was rife, and he held the same office on the Advisory Committee of the Surrey Scheme for Jarrow, as well as being a member of the Guildford Work Scheme. For 11 years, from 1933 onwards, he was a member of Guildford Education Committee, later serving on the South-West Surrey Divisional Education Committee, of which he is still a member. He is now a governor of his old school, the Royal Grammar School, and has similar connections with the Guildford County School for Girls, Stoke Church of England Secondary School (of which he is also vice-chairman), and Sandfield Schools, of which he had been chairman for the past 15 years.

### WORK UNENDING

So long as they receive their copy of 'The Ringing World' regularly each week, it is probable that few readers give much thought to the exacting nature of the task of the editor of a journal such as this. For one thing the work is unending; during the past fifteen years there has been only one in which Mr. White has taken a holiday entirely free from all responsibility, for unfortunately there is no ready-made deputy on the spot or nearby, able and willing to step in. Consequently, when he is away, copy has to be forwarded for him to deal with, a regrettable state of affairs to which there appears to be no easy answer. Apart from this, the round of annual meetings, ringers' dinners and, particularly the Central Council meeting (which he is proud to attend as an honorary member), all involve considerable work afterwards in the preparation of reports for publication. The Exercise is indeed fortunate in having Tom White to undertake this work. May he long feel able to continue.

Mr. White married, in 1923, Kathleen Dorothy Hill, daughter of the headmaster of Stoke C. of E. School. Of their three children only the eldest, T. Mark White, has taken to ringing, and before leaving for Watford was conductor of the band at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Another son is a regular soldier in Cyprus, and their daughter, Miss Alison White, is in charge of P.E. at Portsmouth Northern Grammar School, and has played hockey for Hampshire.

E. A. B.

### CONGRATULATIONS FROM CANADA

Mrs. J. C. Sullivan, of Galt, Ontario, who was a ringer at Basingstoke 68 years ago, when she was known as Miss Alice White, writes:—

'I would like to congratulate 'The Ringing World' on 50 years of splendid work, which has kept ringers and their doings in constant touch, ever ready to help old and young in their work for the Church. To me, with failing sight, it is a pleasure to hear bells on the radio, for I can listen with keen interest at any time to bells. Doubtless, much has changed since I rang peals in 1890, when it was quite an unusual sight to see a young girl ringing tower bells. The views of the many ringers are most interesting, and I think Dr. Neal Smith and his daughter are a credit to the Exercise.

'How I miss my collection of various bells. When I came here everyone made a lot of fuss about them and though I desired no publicity the Press and visitors came to see them, with the result that I was transferred to a quieter wing and the bells not permitted. After 68 years' collecting and many blessed by various clergies, one by Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, I can now only dream about them.

'My best wishes to all ringers and may the circulation of your paper continue to soar.'

R. ALICE SULLIVAN.

NOTE.—Mrs. Sullivan, as Miss Alice White, was the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal.—Ed.



# THE GALLANT EVER-FAITHFULS – FIRST ISSUE READERS WHO ARE STILL SUBSCRIBERS

**ATKINS, E. M.,** Teignmouth. General secretary of Guild of Devonshire Ringers. His early ringing was at Isham, Kettering, followed by that for the Cambridge University Guild. For many years he was mentor at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and at Teignmouth he is surrounded by a group of keen youngsters. His composition of 5,040 Plain Bob Major is probably the most popular in the method for young handbell ringers.

**BARKER, Arthur D.,** Wexham, Slough. Born 1890, hon. treasurer Oxford Diocesan Guild, member of Central Council since 1924. Prominent Freemason.

**BARNETT, E.,** Crayford. 'I remember James Parker and Frank Bennett paving the way for "The Ringing World" in London, where old habits died hard. Frank, who was then ringing not less than 100 peals a year, never sent another for publication in "The Bell News," and Jim, who was ringing about 50, probably did the same.'

**BATES, A.,** Farningham, Kent. Will be 75 in April. Among the 'old uns' he has rung with were the late E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman, W. Weatherstone, T. Groombridge and J. George. Has 12 of the old cup-shaped handbells with ball clappers.

**BLACK, Robert G. (72),** Geddington, Kettering. Started ringing at Geddington in 1902; rang first peal at Geddington, December, 1911; peals to date 135, from Doubles to Royal (conducted 50). During 1914-18 'The Ringing World' sent to him on active service. From 1922-26 secretary and treasurer Kettering Branch; 1926-49 general secretary and treasurer, Peterborough Guild; 1926-38, Central Council representative. Now trustee Kettering Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

**BOTTRILL, William, Luton.** Peals, 184 (54). Ex-Chief Inspector, Metropolitan Police. Taught by William Willson at Anstey, Leicester, 1906-7. First peal at Anstey, 1907. Associations: Midland Counties, Leicester, Oxford Diocesan, Middlesex, Sussex, Kent, London, Bedford, also Cumberland Youths. Founder member, National Police Guild. Rang in first ever police peal (1912), first Masonic Cinques (1926) and Maximus (1931), first Cambridge Maximus in Oxfordshire at Christ Church, Oxford (1931), six William peals, many police peals, including Stedman Cinques (1934).

**BREARLEY, John R.** Age 75, captain of Bolsterstone ringers, South Yorks. since 1920. Peals 155.

**BUDD, J. B. (82),** Scarthoe, Grimsby. First tower Knaresborough, Yorks. in the mid-90's. During 1914 and 1916 member of St. Peter's, Leeds; later St. Andrew's and St. James', Grimsby; 11 years St. Mark's, Worsley. Most active period 1950-54 with Cathedral Society, Chester, when more than 50 peals were rung. 'Well enough to serve the Church as before.' First peal Grandsire Triples, Thirsk, March 19th, 1910. Peal total 108, from Doubles to Royal.

**BURNETT, Ernest, Darlington.** Learned to ring at Sharow, near Ripon, in 1902. Rang his first peal in the following year and conducted his second (Kent). A few years later he was captain of the ringers at St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, and in 1930 moved to Kirkby Stephen. For the past seven years he has been in charge of ringing at St. John's, Darlington. A regular attendee at local meetings, his cheerful friendliness makes him a welcome visitor in any tower.

**CLAYDON, Frank, Earl's Colne, Essex.** Has taken 'The R.W.' from No. 1 and looks forward to receiving it each week with the greatest interest.

**COCKEY, J. Lewis, Swindon.** 'I was a member of the Rammoor, Sheffield, company at the time of the first issue, and the conductor, Sam Thomas, sent a quarter peal to "The Bell News," who did not publish it. I well remember him saying: "Never mind, we will send the next one to the new paper." During World War I he had the paper sent to him at Suez and on the Somme, and then in hospital.'

**COLES, A. W.,** North Mymsms, Hatfield. Past vice-president and Master of Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

**COX, Canon C. Carew, born 1882.** Learnt to ring at Stockland, Devon, taught by his cousin, Preb. E. V. Cox. Master of Salisbury Diocesan Guild since 1940, also president Clerical Guild. Vicar, Lyme Regis, for 26 years. Rang 137 peals (conducted 55).

**COX, Preb. E. V. (79),** Axminster, Devon. Formerly attached to Stockland (Devon). Fenton (Stoke-on-Trent), Tamworth, Rushall (Walsall), Bampton (Devon), Brampford Speke, Ottery St. Mary. Now unattached, but rings in several towers and also helps to instruct. Secretary Oxford University Society, 1902-03; clerical secretary and treasurer, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, 1910-15; secretary, N.E. Branch, 1920-22; general secretary during 1924; president from 1933, Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Peals 144, including one silent Holt's Original. (23).

**COX, W. T. (79),** Gloucester. Rang his first peal at Dunsfold, Surrey, in 1903; afterwards moved to Guildford, and member of St. Nicolas' band. Rang half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters for passing of Edward VII. Moved to Coventry 1912, Gloucester 1940. Ringer at Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt. Rang peals from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise and with Mr. Goldsmith. Hopes to ring for many years to come.

**CROOK, Peter (75),** Bolton, Lancs. Started ringing 1905 at St. Peter's, Bolton; later St. Mary's, Deane, and finally Holy Trinity, Bolton (in charge). Vice-president and treasurer of the Lancashire Association; 35 years secretary of Bolton Branch; Central Council, 1927-29, 1939-50. Peals 481.

**CROSS, George H.,** Chardstock, Axminster. Former Master of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, writes that through a ringer, employed by a wholesale newsagent, he purchased both 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' for 1d. a week! During World War I received 'R.W.' in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Belgium and France.

**DENNIS, T. Reginald, Cambridge.** Maintained his continuous 50 years' contact by Mr. Goldsmith forwarding copies to him whilst on active service in France. In 1914 he had the pleasure of ringing the first peal of Bristol in Hampshire, with Mr. Goldsmith at Portsmouth when he attended his first meeting at Winchester as a Central Council representative for the Ely District.

**DUFFIELD, William Lant (92),** Long Stratton, Norwich. Started ringing at the age of 17 at Tharston, Norwich. Has led the service ringing in each village where he lived, until he retired about one year ago. These parishes include Tasburgh, Tharston, Saxlingham Nethergate and Long Stratton. Rang about 70 peals, including Maximus and Royal, and a family peal with five of his sons at Long Stratton. Joined Norwich Diocesan Association in 1891 and is a member of the committee. For 20 years chairman of South Norfolk Branch.

**DYKE, Joseph T.,** Chilcompton, Bath. Bought No. 1 copy from a small shop near St. Paul's College, Cheltenham. Continued from W. H. Smith's bookstall, Burton-on-Trent railway station; then from Midsomer Norton, Somerset. From there the 'R.W.' was sent to him by his headmaster during 1914-18. The headmaster even continued to buy it for him after he was posted 'missing' in 1918. About 1925 he became a postal subscriber and has continued one ever since.

**EDWARDS, H. C.,** Stony Stratford, Bucks. 'When our conductor, Mr. C. A. Valentine, showed us a letter which said that a new ringing paper was being published, straight away about ten of our local ringers ordered it. Now I am the only one of that ten left, but I still have my copy each week and I don't think I have ever missed a week.'

**EVANS, J. William (85),** Prenton, Birkenhead. Is the sole survivor of the band who rang at the opening of St. Saviour's, Oxtow, bells on May 23rd, 1895. He was then with eight others, including the late G. R. Newton, walking to Woodchurch to learn to ring. After the opening they started taking 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' from the first number. This church had the first all-metal frame in the county, which was put in with the

ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.) by J. Taylor and Co.

**FLETCHER, Edith K. (Mrs.),** Born Crawley, 1891; started ringing at age of 14. First peal (Superlative) Edmonton, 1909. Conducted first peal 1,910 Stedman Triples from non-observation bell. Founded Ladies' Guild 1912; its secretary for 35 years and president for nine. Served on Central Council since 1914; life member since 1952. Her perspicacity in tracing Guilds and Associations which had not paid for their notices saved 'The Ringing World' hundreds of pounds shortly after purchase by Central Council. Married Mr. G. W. Fletcher in 1928.

**FURBANK, E. W.,** Brentwood, Essex. Life member Essex Association. Rung over 300 peals, many with Pye brothers.

**GOODENOUGH, Horace E. C.,** St. Albans. Started to ring in 1906 and took 'The Bell News' and 'The Bellringer' until 'The Ringing World' appeared. He has been a member of St. Albans Cathedral band for 52 years and was its conductor for 34 years. His greatest thrill was when St. Albans Cathedral bells were augmented to 12 on May 6th, 1935.

**GOODSHIP, Gilbert R. (73),** Burstall Hill, Ipswich. Has rung 119 peals. Learnt to ring at St. Giles', Reading, joining Oxford Diocesan Guild 1905. Served in Berkshire Yeomanry and Royal Berks in World War I. Joined Irish Association in 1919; Midland Counties 1921 (instructor and foreman, Basford); College Youths 1924; K.C.A. 1925; Middlesex 1925 (instructor, Harrow Weald, and instrumental in rehanging bells and augmentation to eight); Little Missenden 1938 (instructor and foreman when bells augmented to six in 1948); Suffolk Guild 1955 (instructor, Oulton, 1959). To all towers he went as instructor and started new bands from scratch.

**HAIRS, Frank I.,** Groombridge, Sussex. Helped Jack Goldsmith for some time before the first issue by distributing handbills and generally making the 'coming event' known in London.

**HARDING, Gilbert H.,** Trowbridge. Was secretary of Devizes Branch at time of first issue and cycled round the Branch with specimen copies of the first issue. Motto of 'Ringing World' then was 'to publish news when it is news, not history.'

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## Historian Of Exercise—Cont.

'My dear Jim,—In case anything unexpected happens to me, I am leaving this note to tell you how deeply grateful I am to you for all you have done for 'The Ringing World,' at all times, but particularly since the war and especially during my illness. I know you will say you do not want thanks, but without you at this moment there would not have been a "R.W."; so that not only my thanks but the thanks of all ringers are your due.'

Until he gave up the editorship, in 1946, at a time when he was affected by the illness from which he died in 1947, aged 71, he continued to maintain as editor the high standards which all his life he had set himself. At the time of his death, that other great historian of our art, Mr. Ernest Morris, wrote: 'I was truly amazed at the great amount of data he had most assiduously collected. His whole life must have been spent in visits to the British Museum, and other sources of information, and I should say no one ever put so much time and energy into this side of our art. His work too on the practical side is too well known for me to reiterate and his knowledge in the field of composition was boundless... his collection of MSS. books and records... are priceless and irreplaceable.'

Those of us who realise the difficulties involved in keeping going a weekly paper, especially during the war-time ban, will know that there is no exaggeration in the last words of our first editor and we can best show our thanks and appreciation by continued and increasing support of 'The Ringing World,' which, since its acquisition by the Central Council in 1942, has been truly 'our journal.'



## First Issue Readers—Cont.

**HAZELDEN, A. C.**, of Guildford. Con-  
vener, Biographies Committee, Central Coun-  
cil. First contact with ringing in 1896 at  
Sundridge, Kent. First peal, St. Lawrence's,  
Seal Chart, 1900; moved to Guildford that year  
and other peals followed with great rapidity.

**HIBBINS, Ernest George**. Born in Stam-  
ford, Lincs, 1889. Employed 46 years by  
British Railways. Elected member of Ely Dio-  
cesan Association July 8th, 1911. Served as  
peal secretary, Ringing Master, on Diocesan  
and Cambridge District committees. Peals:  
tower, 203 (London and Bristol S. Major,  
Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge  
S. Maximus) (96); handbells, 10. Regular  
ringer at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and  
Master of the Cambridge Youths.

**HISCOTT, W. G.**, Addington, Liskeard,  
Cornwall.

**HOLMES, W. T.**, Welwyn Garden City.  
Born Skelton-in-Cleveland, N. Yorks, 1888, and  
joined Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association  
1907, ringing 28 peals with them. At Cocker-  
mouth, 1914, re-formed Cumberland Associa-  
tion and rang 11 peals for them. Since 1936  
lived Welwyn Garden City. President Herts  
County Association 1956-57; rang eight peals  
for them. Still rings for service every Sunday.

**HORTON, Bert (73)**, Wolverhampton. Started  
ringing in 1904; joined the Society for the  
Archdeaconry of Stafford in 1905 and is  
now an honorary member. Rung about 250  
peals, called a few, and had the honour to ring  
in some early Masonic peals.

**HOUGH, Sidney, sen. (82)**. Has been at-  
tached to St. John-the-Baptist's, Knutsford,  
since 1895. Rang for all national occasions  
since diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria.  
Trained local call-change ringers into change-  
ringers and he conducted first peal by local  
band in 1912; also for his golden wedding,  
when in addition to himself band consisted of  
three sons and two daughters. Chairman for  
many years of Stockport, Bowdon and Mot-  
tram Branch, of which he is now a life member.

**HUGHES, Albert J.**, Bangor, Caerns. Learnt  
to ring at Smethwick and rang first peal in  
1900; retired from peal ringing in 1941 for  
health reasons. Rang 265 peals. Member of  
13 different Associations. Left Birmingham for  
London and later went to Bangor. District  
secretary of North Wales Association; twice  
Master, and Central Council representative.  
Rang in first peal of Royal by a Masonic band,  
first of Cambridge Royal in Wales and first of  
London Surprise in Dublin. Still attends belfry  
when able to help and instruct.

**HUMPHERY, H. S.**, New Romney, Kent.  
Taken 'The R.W.' from No. 1 and also 'The  
Bellringer'.

**INSKIP, E. Pearl**, Bromham, Beds. Started  
to ring in 1906 at Bromham, under the late C.  
Mortimer. Rang his first peal in 1908 and  
joined the Kempston band in 1920, where there  
was then a stoney band, and has been leader  
ever since. Rung over 200 peals and conducted  
the longest peal in the county. During four  
years in France (1915-1919) never missed a  
single copy of 'The Ringing World'.

**JENNER, W.** Has been ringing at Waldron,  
near Heathfield, Sussex, since 1893.

**JENNEY, Harold G.**, Leicester. Hopes to  
celebrate personal jubilee as ringer at Leicester  
Cathedral this autumn; introduced to ringing  
at Ripley, Derbys, 1907; first peal Heanor,  
1909. Highlights: 12,896 Cambridge Major,  
10,400 Real Superlative Major.

**KEYTE, J.**, Freeland, Oxon. Born July 1st,  
1890, at Blockley, then Worcestershire. Held  
a rope with another ringer in muffled ringing  
for the passing of Queen Victoria, and has since  
rung on all possible royal occasions, the last  
being a peal for Prince Andrew's birthday.  
For 40 years secretary of Chipping Norton  
Branch, O.D.G. Rings at two churches on  
Sundays.

**LEWIS, F. J., sen.**, Cirencester, Glos. Has  
enjoyed reading every number of 'The Ringing  
World'. Been ringing at both churches at  
Cirencester for 63 years, but was in World War  
I with R.G.A., stationed in Bombay. Here he  
had the job of chiming the eight bells at St.  
John's Church, Colabara. Rung 119 peals on  
five to 12 bells, conducted 59. Son and grand-  
son both good ringers; grandson Peter leader  
of Cirencester Grammar School ringers.

**MACEY, Frederick S. (72)**, Sutton Valence,  
Kent. Member of Kent County Association  
since 1904 and a trustee of the Association from  
1945. Taught to ring at Rainham, Kent, by  
the late George Gilbert, being one of his first  
pupils. Total peals to date 87 (7). Conducted  
first 'Frederick' peal for the Kent County As-  
sociation, rung at Rolvenden, Kent, June 20th,  
1926.

**MARRINER, George (77)**. Rung 288 peals.  
Still regular service ringer.

**METCALFE, Thomas**, Dalton-in-Furness,  
Lancs. Taken 'The R.W.' from first copy ex-  
cept when overseas on war service in 1914-18  
war. Tower captain at Dalton and celebrated  
60 years of service ringing at this parish church  
in January, 1960.

**MORLEY, H. S.**, Selby Abbey Ringers. Had  
an excusable gap in his 50 years: from March,  
1918, to January, 1919, he was a prisoner-of-  
war in German hands and could not obtain  
a copy. Until he was taken prisoner he re-  
ceived 'The R.W.' weekly in France while serv-  
ing with the Rifle Brigade.

**MORRIS, Ernest, Eyres Monsell, Leicester**.  
Was prominent in No. 2 of 'The Ringing  
World' with a composition of Bob Royal, and  
has been prominent with performances, com-  
positions and articles ever since. During the  
'ban' period on ringing supplied a full-page  
article every week for over 12 months. His  
articles included 'Bells in English Life', 'Uses  
and Abuses', 'Ringers' Rules', etc. Stood in  
the 12 secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques  
arranged by Mr. Goldsmith at Southwark  
Cathedral.

**NORRIS, Charles, Chatham**. First went into  
belfry in 1904: first peal March 5th, 1910.  
Served under ten rectors at St. Mary's, Chat-  
ham, and still hon. secretary. Joined Rochester  
Cathedral company 1922; served under six  
deans and is still steeplekeeper. Number of  
peals 183.

**PECK, Alfred B.**, Reigate. Joined Ancient  
Society College Youths 1901 (Master 1910-11,  
secretary 1937-1957, Central Council 1933-1957).  
'Very proud and humble to think that I was  
privileged to be a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral.'

**PERRENS, Frank W.**, Born 1891; learnt to  
ring at Willenhall in 1910, and first peal in the  
following year. After years as Ringing Master  
of the Coventry Diocesan Guild is now presi-  
dent. Librarian to Central Council, having  
been a member since 1927, with gap of two  
years. Peals rung total nearly 550.

**RUMENS, H.**, Walthamstow. Started ring-  
ing at Walthamstow in 1904, rang first peal in  
1907 and has taken part in 48 peals. Most of  
these peals have been Caters and Royal at  
St. Mary's, Walthamstow.

**SAUNDERS, Tom**, East Peckham, Ton-  
bridge. Rang 233 peals from Doubles to Maxi-  
mus in 50 different towers. Member of local  
tower for 60 years, K.C.A. (Tonbridge District)  
58 years, and was District secretary for five  
years.

**SEAR, H.**, Bletchley. He has taken a ring-  
ing paper regularly since 1898. He rang three  
peals with Mr. Goldsmith—two of Stedman  
Caters and one of Double Norwich Court Bob  
Major. In one of the peals Mr. Goldsmith's  
glasses fell on the floor. He said to the con-  
ductor: 'Carry on.'

**SEGAR, John (68)**. Had completed 50 years'  
Sunday service ringing in Retford, Notts, before  
moving to Skegness recently. He composed the  
5,152 Spliced Surprise Major, all the bells all  
the work of 14 methods, 5,040 Spliced Triples  
with 360 calls, and extended the record length  
of Bristol Surprise Major to 21,920 changes.  
Three Central Council publications were com-  
piled by him—the Four-way Table, Spliced  
Triples and the Blue Line system of F.C.H.  
Several years before he rang his first peal he  
could tap on handbells 45 methods from Minor  
to Maximus. In 1913 tapped 7,200 of Minor  
in ten plain methods (record number of meth-  
ods) and 5,040 Minor in seven Surprise methods.

**SHEPHERD, William**, Addlestone, Surrey.  
Born 1883; commenced ringing 1893; College  
Youth 61 years; Central Council representative,  
Winchester Guild, 1920-23, Guildford Guild,  
1928-29; vice-president Guildford Guild. Long-  
est peal, 19,738 Stedman Caters on handbells,  
1912. Rang in peal of Stedman Caters in the  
Editor's office on September 10th, 1915. Met  
with an accident in 1926 that stopped him peal  
ringing for nearly 20 years.

**SIMMONDS, William**, 100, Hartop Road,  
Torquay.

**SMALLWOOD, J. Frank, Darley Dale**,  
Derbys. During the first world war, when he  
served overseas for four years, James George  
used to send him 'The Ringing World' each  
week. Of Jack Goldsmith, who was a personal  
friend, he writes: 'He was a delightful ringing  
companion, first-class ringer and conductor,  
and brilliant after-dinner speaker.' And these  
attributes are also to be found in the convener  
of 'The Ringing World' Committee.

**STEWART, A. F. Martin**, Ferndown Hill,  
Ferndown.

**STILWELL, Leonard (71)**, Worthing. Started  
ringing 1903, and rang first peal at Pulborough  
October 6th, 1904. Total peals, 648 (65). Taken  
all issues of 'The R.W.' and now has them  
bound. Also took 'The Bell News' from 1906  
and 'The Bellringer' in 1907. Attached to  
Pulborough Church 13 years, Windsor Parish  
Church 33 (27 years a sidesman), Henley-on-  
Thames (1914-16), Horsham eight, and is now  
at Heene, Worthing. Divisional secretary,  
trustee, Central Council representative, peals  
secretary to Sussex County Association. Bio-  
graphies Committee and honorary member of  
Central Council.

**SYMONDS, Geo. E.**, Ipswich. Secretary of  
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, for 40  
years. Was in London for four years and a  
member of the Waterloo Society. Always en-  
joyed articles of J. Armiger Trollope. Also  
rang for ten years at Framlingham and seven  
years at Beccles.

**SYMONDS Stedman H.**, Lavenham, Suffolk.  
Has every copy of the 'R.W.' still in his  
possession, except one, accidentally destroyed.  
Started ringing 1901, conducting 1903. Con-  
ductor of Lavenham band since 1907.

**VALANCE, Thomas Hubert, St. Margaret's**,  
Stoke Golding. Has rung approximately 80  
peals, from Minor to Royal. The office he has  
held is 'critic and bone-picker' but never a  
controversialist.

**WALKER, Albert (84)**. The modern Henry  
Johnson of Birmingham, who joined St. Mar-  
tin's Guild in 1897. As a conductor of Stedman  
Cinques he has not been surpassed. He also  
conducted the first peal of Stedman Sextuples,  
served as Master of St. Martin's Guild and is  
now vice-president.

**WALLATER, Christopher**, of Willenhall,  
Staffs. Born Christmas Day, 1882. Ringing  
Master, Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs,  
1926-27. Inaugurated scheme for recasting and  
augmenting bells of St. Giles', Willenhall, from  
8 to 10.

**WALTER, Sidney**, Secretary, Wickham-  
breaux, near Canterbury, band. Says his band  
has taken 'The Ringing World' regularly since  
March 24th, 1911.

**WIFFIN, Lewis W.**, Braintree, Joined St.  
Mary-le-Tower band, Ipswich, in 1901, and  
rang first peal same year. Since then has rung  
672 peals (93). Sole survivor of band who rang  
first peal of Cambridge Maximus. A College  
Youth for 59 years and for a term a representa-  
tive on the Central Council.

**WILSON, Louis A. (85)**, Wootton Bassett,  
Wilts. He has taken a ringing paper since  
1896. 'I have spent my life in getting various  
rings of bells increased and in order, and rejoice  
to see the younger generation enjoy ringing  
them. Still actively teaching others to carry on.'

**WINCH, Alfred H. (81)**, Leatherhead. Rung  
over 300 peals; rings when health permits.

**YORK-BRAMBLE, Albert**. Began learning  
change-ringing in the 'oldest' 12-bell tower—  
Cirencester. First peal, Grandsire Minor, 1913,  
while at Bristol University. Rang (after the  
Kaiser War) in the first two (and only) peals  
by officers of the Forces. Peals up to Surprise  
Royal. Main interest in the teaching of ringing  
and in method structure. Member of College  
Youths since 1914, of Universities' Association  
and others. Co-founder and principal of the  
College of Campanology; hon. vice-president of  
the Portsmouth Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Three new members from Penistone and  
Wakefield were elected at the Barnsley and  
District Society's meeting at Kirkburton, near  
Huddersfield, on March 11th, when 11 towers  
were represented. Mr. Noel F. Moxon was  
in the chair and the vote of thanks was pro-  
posed by Mr. Joseph Burgess. Next meet-  
ing: Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, April 8th.



## A SURVEY OF THE RINGING PRESS

By E. A. BARNETT

IT is just 80 years since the first paper devoted exclusively to the art of change-ringing made its appearance. Beginning as a monthly in February, 1881, and becoming a weekly 14 months later, 'The Bell News,' however much it fell away in its later years, served the Exercise manfully until it disappeared during the first World War.

None of us today can visualise what it was like when our art had no paper of its own. Up to the early 1870's, (except possibly for some very brief and occasional communication in 'Bell's Life' (which was in fact a sporting paper) or some such journal, the only means of correspondence that existed between ringers was private and personal. 'The natural result of all this,' said one whose ringing career began in 1870, 'was that the Exercise was thoroughly unorganised. In London and the leading towns there were individual conductors and composers who knew one or two other conductors or composers up and down the country, but beyond this there was no general intercourse or cohesion between the various local units of the Exercise. And so each local company developed solely on its own lines; and while in many centres such as London, Norwich, Birmingham, Painswick and others, change-ringing well kept up its head, there were often co-existing developments of a less desirable nature, such as jealousies, quarrels, narrowness of outlook, accompanied by failure in general to realise and appreciate the uplifting power of the science and, above all, its position and responsibility as pertaining to the Church of God.'

### FILLING THE GAP

The gap began to be filled when there came into existence at about the time the writer of these words, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, learned to ring, the publication from which extracts have recently appeared in these pages, 'Church Bells.' Here again the title was misleading. To those who have the opportunity of reading it, 'Church Bells' presents a fascinating picture of church life of the period, but the column for ringing, under the sub-editorship firstly of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, had little in it calculated to advance the interests of ringing generally. The space available for anything in the way of instruction was nearly always fully occupied by Jasper Snowdon with his scientific or historical articles, invaluable though these were. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose many services to ringing included 20 years as secretary of the Central Council, later succeeded to Mr. Ellacombe's position on the paper.

However unsatisfactory 'Church Bells' may have been from the point of view of ringers, it doubtless led many of them to the realisation that what was wanted was a voice of its own by which the Exercise could express its mind and its ideals, and thus it paved the way for 'The Bell News,' edited for nearly 30 years by Hervey Reeves, of Walthamstow, who was a native of Worcester and a skilled practical ringer and composer, though he gradually gave up his connection with these aspects of ringing, and at the end of his life was quite unknown to the vast majority of his readers.

I suppose it is true to say that most of those who will read these lines have never seen a copy of 'The Bell News and Ringers' Record: A Weekly Journal of the Ringing Exercise; and Compendium of Information for the Clergy and Churchwardens.' To those for whom history is not, in the late Sam Goldwyn's phrase, 'bunk,' it is a treasure house of information. The development of method ringing; the formation of many Associations; abstruse scientific articles answering hitherto unsolved problems, such as whether five- and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples with common bobs and singles were possible; setting down the results of the patient investigations by Itewood, Earle Bulwer, J. J. Parker and others into the construction of peals of Stedman Triples; revealing for the first time the use of certain sets of reversed course-ends in Superlative, and so forth; controversies; early ringing tours; historical

conduct of a ringing journal which ringers rightly demand, and which it is our determination to carry out; indeed, the two points are essential to the success of any newspaper. One is that the journal shall be punctually in the hands of its readers week by week, and the other that passing events shall be recorded promptly. To accomplish this end we must necessarily rely to a large extent upon the help of the ringers themselves, but we feel sure that those who make themselves responsible for supplying reports will appreciate, just as much as those who have the pleasure of reading them, that there is far more interest in a short paragraph given in the issue immediately following the event than in a long report which appears three or four weeks later, when it has entirely lost its freshness. On our part, chief consideration will be shown to those contributions which arrive promptly after the event, and, while we do not desire to pass over anything of interest in the ringing world, we are convinced that the majority of ringers will be at one with us in seeking to carry out this determination.

No enterprise could have been embarked upon with more generous wishes for success than have been received in connection with *The Ringing World*. From north, south, east and west, since first the proposal to establish this journal was made known, have come messages of encouragement, and to our friends throughout the country we wish to express our gratitude for their kindly wishes. 'We certainly do not intend to boast as to the future career of *The Ringing World*. We shall be content to leave it to the calm judgment of the ringers themselves, feeling sure that they will appreciate at its proper value any merit that may be shown in extending their interest in what is happening in connection with the bells of our land.'

The furtherance of the Art is the first object of this paper, and all that relates to its progress will find in it the warmest support. In addition to giving all news promptly, all matters relating to the Exercise will be dealt with freely and without prejudice, and we invite contributions to our columns of small items as well as of the necessarily longer reports. *The Ringing World* will be open for the fair and impartial discussion of all matters appertaining to the interests of ringers. We feel sure that the space set apart for this purpose will be appreciated, but we shall have to insist that all communications shall be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, although, of course, not necessarily for publication. On our part we intend to spare no pains to keep the pages of *The Ringing World* interesting to beginners as well as to the ringers of riper experience, to make them "newsy" as well as instructive.

In conclusion let us say we do not venture upon this undertaking without the realisation of difficulties to be faced and obstacles to be overcome. With the kindly help of those in whose interest this journal has been established, however, we are prepared to undertake the task, and the promises of support, in number most remarkable and from quarters most unexpected, which have been received, make us sanguine of success. There is unanimity of opinion that a "live" journal for bell-ringers is needed and, from the expressions which have reached us, our humble efforts to supply a distinctly long felt want will, we confidently believe, commend themselves to the approbation of the great majority of ringers throughout the country. At any rate we place the first number of *The Ringing World* before our readers, content to leave it to their judgment and in the hope that the spirit in which the work has been undertaken will perhaps be recognised and appreciated.

articles by Jasper Snowdon; portraits of the leading ringers of the day—some, like John Cox, Henry W. Haley and Henry Johnson, almost at the end of their careers, others such as J. W. Washbrook, James Parker, Gabriel Lindoff, George Williams and John Carter, up-and-coming men who have since passed into history; these and much more are to be found in its pages. As the title suggests, not everything there was connected with ringing. Who, one wonders, was 'The Ringer in Parliament,' who for a few weeks in 1887 contributed a fascinating account of the doings at 'The Palace of St. Stephen's' with its glimpses of men like Gladstone, Morley and Labouchere, and when Parnell and the Irish Nationalists were such a thorn in the flesh of the Government of the day? The first lady composer, who nowadays recognises the name of Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, whose date touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at Tiverton in 1884 and 1885? Nearly 75 years were to elapse before Miss Stella Hughes became the next lady to put her name to a composition, that of a peal of Stedman Caters.

### FINANCIAL TROUBLES

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ticularly during the first 20 years of its life; indeed I would say that perhaps because far fewer peals were rung, and more space was available for other matter, it was better produced and contained more real news than any other ringing paper has ever done. Like all the others, it had its financial troubles—the editor had said in the very first issue that 'the commencement of an enterprise of the character of a journal, especially one devoted to the interests and fancies of a class, is not, as a rule, devoid of anxiety and care on the part of those who become its sponsors'—and it has been freely rumoured that Sir Arthur Heywood helped it out of some, at least, of its difficulties. Certainly he did so on one occasion, as will be seen later on.

William Willson who, as we were recently reminded, used to write a column under the name of 'Jingle,' revealed in later years that he would occasionally receive a card from Hervey Reeves: 'Dear Friend. The circulation is not so good. Can you kick up a row in the next issue? Any subject you like, only make it hot and strong.' 'And,' said Willson, 'I would oblige, the circulation would go up, and what did it matter if I got the blame?' Hence, no

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## Survey Of Ringing Press—Cont.

doubt, the celebrated controversy on the long peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington in 1899, which he began. Certainly criticism did not trouble him.

It cannot be said that the appearance on September 16th, 1896, of 'Campanology', the first of three rivals of 'The Bell News'—all of which that paper completely ignored—was entirely opportune. The editor, William Bedwell, of Lewisham, who modestly described himself in the first issue as a well-known ringer, conductor, teacher and steeplekeeper, said in his opening remarks: 'We feel no apology is needed to introduce "Campanology" to the very large number of exponents of the Exercise in the British Isles, and those conversant with the subject of Bells and Bell Ringing, inasmuch as the necessity of a bright and cheerful journal, devoted exclusively to these particular objects, has for years past been plainly manifest'; but although signs of decline were undoubtedly appearing, the older paper had not yet outlived its usefulness. To a present-day reader 'Campanology' seems too similar in character and layout to 'The Bell News' to have had a chance of lasting success, notwithstanding the optimism sounded in the second issue, so reminiscent of recent events in the London press.

### 'THE BELLRINGER'

'The Bellringer' was very different in its make-up. There is no doubt that by 1907 'The Bell News' needed stirring up, and the new paper could truthfully say, in the first issue on January 5th of that year, that the Exercise 'has too long been subject to the vagaries of a press circumscribed in the narrow confines of private monopoly.' No one long acquainted with the art of ringing, it went on, would care to assert that the confraternity had been treated to the respect its intelligence and members deserved, or catered for with any degree of satisfaction. Many had failed to support 'Campanology' from a mistaken sense of sympathy for the old against the new. 'Campanology' had died, said 'The Bellringer,' but while it lived it had stimulated a healthy rivalry that made many forget the previous stagnation, with the result that on its death decadence had reigned once more.

There is little doubt that William Willson was responsible for those comments. As Mr. Edgar Shepherd reminded us, he had transferred his allegiance to 'The Bellringer' as co-editor with Walter C. Hunt, whose inspiration the paper really was. But even the trenchant pen of 'Jingle' could not prevent the cracks from appearing. By the fifth issue the editors confessed that the money they had set aside, which they were prepared to lose at the commencement, was rapidly vanishing, and while they were ready to work for nothing, they were not prepared to lose pounds a week at the same time. So 'The Bellringer,' too, closed its doors and 'The Bell News' continued as before. Peals were published later and later, notices of meetings tended not to appear until after the date on which the meetings were held and, one gathers, whether Saturday's issue would appear on Saturday was often a matter of doubt. Thus when John S. Goldsmith made up his mind to start a new ringing paper, circumstances could hardly have been more favourable. It is ironical that four days after 'The Ringing World' first made its appearance on March 24th, 1911—a Friday, no doubt to obtain the tactical advantage of publication a day before its rival—Hervey Reeves died. To all intents and purposes 'The Bell News' died too, though the owners were to continue it for five more years, largely, according to J. A. Trollope, in the hope that they could sell the copyright.

### FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION

When the new paper first appeared it was well received by some, and with goodwill by many, but there lurked a fear, doubtless brought about by the two previous failures, lest the rivals should kill one another and the attempt to give the Exercise two papers should result in it having none at all. An attempt made at the Central Council meeting in 1911 to pass a motion which would have given 'The Ringing World' recognition equal to that accorded to 'The Bell News' for the publication

of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in 'The Ringing World' should be counted in the Council's peals analysis, was strongly opposed both by the Analysis Committee, who thought it would mean extra work for them, and by the president. Indeed, Sir Arthur Heywood told the council, in effect, to choose between himself and 'The Ringing World,' and ultimately 'the previous question' was moved and carried, the majority of members abstaining from voting.

J. A. Trollope, who undertook to propose the motion, has recorded the condemnation with which Heywood's action was received, and in his view it did far more good to 'The Ringing World' than it did harm. The secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, acted in fact as if the motion had been passed, and in the following year a motion expressing satisfaction at this and extending a welcome to 'The Ringing World' was passed without opposition. Sir Arthur Heywood's attitude seems in fact to have been based on a misunderstanding as the following letter from him to J. A. Trollope, which for obvious reasons has not hitherto seen the light of day, will show. It forms a fitting conclusion to the story of 'The Bell News.'

'Doveleys,

Rochester, Staffs.

May 6th, 1912.

'Dear Trollope.—Mr. Davies tells me you propose again to raise the question of unequal treatment of the two ringing papers. I am sorry because the subject seemed to cause some heat. I should like to make clear my own position in the matter. Personally I wish "Bell News" would cease. I do not know whether its recent transfer to Mr. G. Carter (about whom I know nothing whatever) means that the Reeves have gone bankrupt and that he has taken the business over as all he could get to balance money owing him, or whether he is a capitalist bringing fresh support to a failing concern—anyway the paper seems to be going on, at all events for the present. I have suggested that the two should combine. It is a great nuisance having two papers, and this is by no means counterbalanced by the tonic influence of each on the other. "R.W." is a much better paper in every way. So far as I know, however, it is under no agreement to put in all (Central) C(council) notices free, as is (or was under the old management) "B.N."; a concession I obtained voluntarily from old H. Reeves when he wanted £10—he offered in return an undertaking that he would put in all our C.C. notices free until Doomsday or the "B.N." came to an end, whichever should occur first. So I wrote out an agreement which he signed and which Mr. Davies now, I think, has among the C.C. papers. Probably this concession will now be repudiated.

'Again, when the C.C. started H. Reeves flatly refused to be at the expense of reporting the proceedings fully, and we felt that this really was an absolute necessity. At first, for some years if I remember rightly, and before there were any available funds, I paid a reporter . . . Now this report is not a matter the Council ought to be burdened with. The ringing papers should themselves provide a verbatim report. If "R.W." would start doing this, of course the Council would at once stop having their own reporter and "B.N." would have to follow suit and give a similar report or take a back seat. The Council do not have the proceedings reported as a *favour to a particular paper* but to save their own face.

'Then it is said: but you send your report to "B.N.", why not send it also to "R.W."? This is where I come in, as I endeavoured to explain at Leicester.

'Keeble (Benjamin Keeble, of Romford) is a very poor reporter, though he does his best, and the construction of an intelligible report from his notes is far the most troublesome thing I have to do in the year . . . there are a mass of grammatical and other mistakes to correct and the speeches have to be put into passable English.

'Now what I said plainly at Leicester was that I would not and could not do this work twice over. I am a busy man and, with a correspondence always heavy, I find this correction a great burden—for it is also a very anxious matter, with so erratic a report, to attempt to represent all the speakers justly.

'I am quite ready to send the report to "R.W." instead of "B.N." (I do not care a fig which paper has it) or give up the whole thing and leave the papers to report what they choose. In fact I will gladly do exactly what the Council will decide by any resolution, except the one thing they wished to resolve last year, viz.: that I should send a copy of the report to each paper at the same time. That I can't and won't do . . . If "R.W." was half smart they would put on a good reporter and produce as full and a much better result than we do! We should at once drop our C.C. reporter and, as I have said, "B.N." would have to follow suit, and peace would be established. You will recognise that parts of this letter . . . are for your private consumption alone.—Yours very truly,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.'

### THANKFULNESS

The story of 'The Ringing World' is naturally bound up so much with the lives of its three editors, about whom much appears elsewhere in this issue, that I propose to say little more than that not least of the paper's service to the Exercise, particularly in John Goldsmith's time, has been its reports of the debates at the Council meetings and of the speeches at other important ringing functions. The limitations of space are undoubtedly a greater handicap now than they were in the paper's early days, and reports inevitably need to be condensed, but I often have the impression that this has been carried a little too far. That is a minor point, however, compared with the valuable part 'The Ringing World' has played in keeping our art alive and thriving; and no future historian can fail to be thankful to those members of the Central Council, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, G. W. Fletcher and R. Richardson, whose action on John S. Goldsmith's death in guaranteeing his executors against loss, becoming responsible for £200 for the goodwill, blocks, etc., bearing any losses from June 5th, 1942, and undertaking to collect outstanding debts (some £700, of which £619 was eventually collected), saved the Exercise from the disaster of having no paper of its own. Had 'The Ringing World' gone under at a time when the ringing of church bells was itself banned, the clock would have been put so far back that it is doubtful if the art would ever fully have recovered.

It would be wrong to conclude this survey without any reference to the several other periodicals devoted to ringing which have made their appearance since the end of the second World War and are happily still going strong. First in the field was 'The Ringing Towers,' the monthly journal of the New South Wales Association. Beginning in 1947 under the editorship of William M. Rowe, who was also the Association's first secretary and whose enthusiasm, aided by several English ringers in H.M. Forces, was largely responsible for the revival of interest in and around Sydney which took place at that time, it has continued faithfully to chronicle the activities of our friends in Australia and New Zealand, and a number of copies find their way to England each month. The present acting editor is Mr. W. D. Watson.

In October, 1949, 'The Belfry,' a quarterly magazine published by the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, made its appearance, with Frank P. Wright as editor. He was succeeded within a year or two by Mr. Reginald L. Sils, who is still in office and under whose guidance a varied combination of local news and both interesting and thoughtful articles continues to appear. These remarks apply equally to 'The Irish Bell News,' also a quarterly, which came out in October, 1951, and of which Mr. Fred E. Dukes has been editor throughout its existence. Regrettably, but inevitably, there are a good many ringers whose interest does not extend over the whole range of ringing activities; and while we in this country may tend to think of 'The Ringing Towers' and 'The Irish Bell News' as supplementing 'The Ringing World,' those papers play a far more valuable rôle than does this journal in the territories which they serve. Along with 'The Belfry' and Mr. William Butler's enterprising 'Ringers' Magazine,' they deserve the support of all who have the wider interests of ringing at heart.



**CHILDREN IN BELFRY**

The greatest ringing event during the past 50 years occurred when the belfry opened its door to schoolchildren. All over the country, the 'invasion' was on, and where it was welcomed and encouraged and handled with knowledgeable care, particularly in step by step progress, the bells ring out their message. Where it was not welcomed, the bells are already silent or nearly so. Our Central Council had its own special opportunity to give the young people a 20th century organisation, leading, when proficient, to the older Associations and Guilds.

We 'optimists' look to the day when the Council can say to the B.B.C., 'Go anywhere you wish for your Christmas broadcast—you can't go wrong.'—E. L. Humphriss, Woolton, Liverpool.

**ALBERT J. PITMAN**

That remarkable and versatile composer, Albert J. Pitman, deserves consideration for the credit of providing the best contribution to the advancement of ringing. From one aspect alone, Spliced Surprise ringing, Mr. Pitman has contributed material which, I have not the slightest doubt, has influenced many an ordinary ringer into becoming a much better ringer. To be able to ring Spliced is a refreshing experience, it adds interest, it encourages advancement in the knowledge of the art and it produces better conductors. But Mr. Pitman has also provided scores of compositions for those who do not care for Surprise ringing, and which still can be regarded as advancement. And fancy producing a 5,040 Scientific Triples for the Exercise to accomplish!—T. J. Lock.

**PLACE NOTATION**

Place notation known as the 'Corrigan line.' Think of all the columns of figures printed to explain a new method. Few had the eyesight or patience to follow figures through. Today those interested can get what they want almost at a glance.—P. Laffin, Stockport.

**Advancement in 50 years****THE LADIES**

I consider the greatest contribution to the advancement of ringing in the 'R.W.'s' 50 years of life is the advent of ladies into our belfries. They have brought charm, grace and harmony into our midst, where previously these attributes were not very evident. I can remember when there were no lady ringers. It was many years before I met one. Now one meets them everywhere. Bless them.—Charles J. Sedgley, Ipswich.

There can be no doubt that the emancipation of women has been the best contribution to the advancement of ringing, during the past 50 years.—Madeline M. Croft, Southampton.

**WAR-TIME BAN**

Although it was not exactly a contribution to the advancement of ringing, I venture to suggest that the war-time ban on tower-bell ringing in the second world war led to the notable progress in our art which has taken place since 1945.

Method ringing on handbells became popular and was widely practised during the period of the ban; by this means many new recruits were introduced to the Exercise, some of whom are leading ringers of today. Furthermore, double-handed ringing would seem to lead to method change ringing being studied and approached from an entirely different angle, besides setting a very high standard of striking.—Arthur V. Davis, Bournemouth.

**BALL BEARINGS**

Ball bearings must be a great contribution to advancement. Many young bands have been encouraged by easily rung peals today; in days gone by the same bells would have meant a more gruelling job. In fairness, plain bearings can be quite all right if properly attended to, but they will not look after themselves.—P. Laffin, Stockport.

**GREATEST RINGING EVENT DURING PAST 50 YEARS**

I consider this to be the All England Ringers' Meeting at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Bell Foundry at Croydon, in March, 1928. There was a record assembly of ringers (2,400 from nearly 450 towers), addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and supported by many clergy, ringers and non-ringers. On view was the largest bell ever cast in England and the biggest in the world that has ever been tuned. To enter the foundry there was, at one time, a queue of hundreds of ringers, and to report the occasion a supplement to 'The Ringing World' was necessary!—T. J. Lock.

**IN WEST COUNTRY**

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, a reader since spring of 1918, says perhaps the two most important things that have happened in the West Country, during the life of the paper, has been the addition of two trebles at Exeter Cathedral, to increase the ring to 12, and the recasting of the bells at Buckfast Abbey with the addition of the great bourdon bell. It this latter case the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the present ring in 1937, in which the late Mr. Goldsmith rang the treble. I also had the privilege of taking part in one peal with him, this being one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, during Whitsuntide, 1939.

**GREETINGS FROM 'OVERTONES'**

Sincere greetings, congratulations and a peal of good wishes for the future. 'The Ringing World' has had an influence in promoting good bell music and campanological fellowship not only in Britain, but here in America. We are all grateful to have had it for the past fifty years and send special thanks to Mr. T. W. White for his good work as editor.

JAMES R. LAWSON,

Editor, 'Overtones,' journal of American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

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In wishing the Rev. K. C. Davis every success in his new appointment as Vicar of Tadley, Hants. Mr. G. Dodd writes: 'By a coincidence there is already a ringing incumbent at Tadley New Church, which is now being built—the Rev. M. P. Simcock, who was previously chairman of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Neither church has a ring of bells.'

There is a badge for campanology under the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.

The method rung in the peal at Bolsover on February 24th (see page 155) was Superlative Surprise and not Yorkshire, as submitted.

The Sunday service band at All Souls', Halifax, have put up another fine performance with a peal of 5.472 Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods.

According to the list inside Berkeley, Glos. tower, there has only been one previous peal of Royal (Plain Bob) to that of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on March 11th rung on the bells and that the last peal was in 1951.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association are to run another course at Hantpury in September in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Committee. Philip Gray is again in charge of organisation.

Beachcomber of 'The Daily Express' has a leg-pull at record lengths, etc. He writes: 'During a 12-hour bell-jamboree in the Midlands, a lady who was hard of hearing said after five hours of it: "Beatrice, I think there's someone at the door."'

Owing to unfortunate circumstances due to the breakage of a gudgeon or rather hard going bells, our team of ringers (and all ringing) has been absolutely "flat on its face" for over six months,' reports a correspondent from Bampton, Devon.

Vigorous efforts are being made by East Bridgford ringers in raising money for their bell fund, for which £250 is needed. The handbell team are giving concerts and dances have also been held, which have so far raised £60.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

So effective are the silencers provided for West Bridgford bells that the Rector, walking through the churchyard one evening last week, thought he heard the bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, some two miles away, and then he remembered that it was his own tower's practice night.

'X. Y. Z.', whose column appears in 'The Suffolk Mercury,' refers to the unsuccessful long peal attempt at Grundisburgh. The writer asks: 'Wasn't it raisins, startin' up pains in the tenor's tummy, that stopped the long ring at Deb'num some years back.'

Mr. A. Clayton, Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Putney, informs us that a charge of 10s. is made for the privilege of visiting hands ringing at Pershore Abbey. 'Surely we have reached a very low ebb when one group of Christians starts using another as a source of profit,' he adds.

To wind up an enjoyable practice meeting of the Devon Guild at Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, on March 11th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was attempted and lost when about two leads from home. Those taking part were A. L. Bennett 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, Rev. W. P. Dowling 4, Rev. A. de Guinand 5, and W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

David Eames, of Church Gresley, gives every promise of being a good heavy bell ringer. He is 15½ years of age and of slight build, but rang the 28 cwt. tenor at Hoar Cross to a peal without a mishap. He had previously had suitable practice at Beverley Minster and Manchester Town Hall.

Prior to the baptism of John Peter, second son of Frances and Arthur Hibbert, on March 5th at Chapel-en-le-Frith, his parents, godparents and grandfather rang a touch of Plain Bob Minor. The band was Harry Laffin (godfather) 1, Frances Hibbert (mother) 2, Gladys Richardson (godmother) 3, Arthur Hibbert (father) 4, Alex Richardson (godfather) 5, Peter Laffin (grandfather) 6. After the service, performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Austin), relatives and friends were entertained to tea at Ashdene.

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# HIS HAPPIEST HOUR — 2,000 PEALS BEHIND HIM

EVERYBODY associated with change ringing has heard of Ernest Morris, of Leicester. And now at the age of 71, he has crowned his career as a ringer by being the first man to ring 2,000 peals. This has been accomplished within a span of 55 years.

In a sense Ernest was born into ringing which he inherited from his father, the late Josiah Morris, known to his intimates as the tenor king. And Josiah was with 17-year-old Ernest when he rang his first peal in August, 1906, at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and again a member of the band on August 28th, 1947, when he rang his 1,000th peal—Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

While ambition to ring more peals than any other man might be worthy, this has not been his sole objective. First and foremost is his love of ringing and demonstrating his mastery of a bell. He has rung peals in 135 churches in Leicestershire on every possible ring of bells and many of these have been tough propositions, necessitating more than one attempt; over 50 were first peals on the bells. Then there was his love of young ringers—St. Margaret's belfry, throughout his long association, has invariably had its quota of young people being disciplined into the art by Uncle Ernest. Many groups of young ringers are grateful to him for shepherding them through their first peal of say Doubles. In a sense it was not the calibre of the peal that counted with him, although his peals range from Doubles to Maximus with a big variety of Surprise methods, but the spirit of helpfulness which an experienced member of a team would make.

## IN LONG LENGTHS

In his younger days the name of Ernest Morris was to be found among bands attempting record lengths. These included conducting the longest by the Midland Counties Association of Doubles (6,600), Minor (10,080), Bob Major (13,440), Kent Treble Bob (10,912) and Oxford Treble Bob (7,480). He also conducted the longest length of Bob Major for the Central Northants Association, one of 7,488, and another of 9,760. He called the record peals of Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Ilkeston arrangement, 9,120), and rang in 9,600 Kent and Oxford Spliced. He also took part in the record peals of Cambridge Major (7,008 and 12,896) and the record 12,633 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford.

Among his unusual peals are those with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons and five fathers and sons. His peals have been spread over 273 towers in 24 counties for 35 Associations and Guilds.

Invariably one finds that leading peal ringers are also good officials of their Guilds and Associations. Mr. Morris was honorary secretary of the Midland Counties Association from 1925, until it was divided into Diocesan Guilds in 1945. He is now honorary treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and for many years has acted as consultant for bells on the Advisory Committee for the Leicester Diocese.

## HIS WRITINGS

With a penchant for historical research—perhaps his post as vergers and clerk of St. Margaret's Select Vestry, Leicester, gave him the opportunity to develop this side of his nature—he has a complete record of every bell in Leicestershire. From his pen has flowed a consistent series of articles and books on ringing. Appearing in 'The Ringing World' have been 'Chimes and Christmas', 'Bells in English Life', 'English Towers and their Bells'.

His first great work was 'History and Art of Change Ringing', which was followed by 'Legends of the Bells'. In recent years there has been published 'Bells of all Nations', 'Towers and Bells of Britain' and 'Tintinnabula'.

Bells are not his only subject. He has written entertainingly on church fairs, decorative door knockers, sanctuary knockers, horse brasses, wool churches, windmills. There is a great demand for his services as a lecturer and he has made a number of appearances on radio and television to tell an interesting story about one or other of the subjects of which he is regarded as an authority. Another of his



ERNEST MORRIS being congratulated at the end of the peal by Mr. Paul L. Taylor (by whose courtesy the peal was rung). Reading from left to right: Brian G. Warwick (cond.), Richard J. Clifton, G. Ronald Edwards, Ralph Elkington, A. James Poyner, Joseph W. Cotton, Ernest Morris, Russell S. Morris, John A. Acres, John M. Jelley and Paul L. Taylor.

[Photo: G. Gutteridge, 8, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester.]

hobbies is illuminated design and his handiwork is to be seen on many peal tablets and peal books. From birth his sight has been limited to one eye, but this has not impaired his ability to 'see the circle' when ringing.

## HIS PEALS

### TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 39 (conducted 36), Stedman 5 (2), Plain Bob 1, Canterbury 1, variations (2 to 37) 99 (76).

Minor.—Plain Bob 114 (89), Kent T.B. 15 (8), Cambridge Surprise 22 (8), other Surprise 6, Canterbury 3 (1), Oxford T.B. 2 (1), one each Double Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford, Single Oxford (1); two to 105 methods 133 (71).

Triples.—Grandsire 154 (105), Stedman 116 (22), Plain Bob 9 (2), Canterbury 2 (2), Darlaston 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 109 (69), Little Bob 13 (8), Plain and Little 3 (1), Canterbury 4 (4), Little Canterbury 3 (3), Canterbury and Plain 1 (1), Plain and Grandsire Triples 2 (2), Plain and Gainsborough 1, Gainsborough 1, St. Clement's 2, Plain methods (3 to 6) 4 (2), Hackington Imperial 1, Double Norwich 61 (18), Kent T.B. 33 (14), Oxford T.B. 5 (2), Ilkeston T.B. 7 (3), Worcester T.B. 2 (1), Liversedge 2 (1), eight other methods 8 (4).

Surprise Major.—Superlative 63 (12), Cambridge 100 (14), New Cambridge 11 (1), London 37 (1), Bristol 49 (3), Yorkshire 58 (2), Braunstone 7, Rutland 5, thirty other methods 41 (3).

Caters.—Grandsire 30 (18), Stedman 59 (14), Spliced Grandsire and Stedman 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 15 (5), Little Bob 2, St. Clement's 1, Kent T.B. 12 (5), Oxford T.B. 3 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Liversedge T.B. 1, Double Oxford 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 52 (6), New Cambridge 4, Pudsey 3, Yorkshire 8, thirty other methods 34.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 31 (2), Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 2 (1), Cambridge 21, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 11, York 1, Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Gosote 1, Wye 1, Spliced Belgrave and Yorkshire 1.

### HANDBELLS

Doubles.—7 (2).

Minor.—26.

Triples.—Grandsire 17 (7), Stedman 41 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 79 (4), Double Norwich 8 (1), Kent T.B. 7, others 8.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 12, Cambridge 14 (2), Bristol 3, Yorkshire 2, other methods 4, Caters.—Grandsire 6 (2), Stedman 73 (2), Spliced Stedman and Grandsire 1, Royal.—Plain Bob 17 (1), Kent T.B. 3, Double Bob 1, three methods 1, Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 40, Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 1.

### SUMMARY

	Tower-bells	Handbells
Doubles .. .. .	145 (114)	7 (2)
Minor .. .. .	300 (180)	26
Triples .. .. .	283 (132)	58 (8)
Major .. .. .	633 (169)	104 (5)
Caters .. .. .	90 (33)	80 (4)
Royal .. .. .	137 (17)	22 (1)
Cinques .. .. .	35 (5)	42
Maximus .. .. .	43 (2)	3

Total: 1,666 (652) 342 (20)

Eight compositions proved false.

## ERNEST MORRIS' CONTRIBUTION

Dear Sir.—Maybe with a little local bias, I would suggest that Mr. Ernest Morris has made a very great contribution towards the advancement of ringing by a dedicated service. As an author of books on bells and ringing he must have done an enormous amount of research work and devoted all his spare time to the writing and to practical ringing.

He has achieved a great ambition in attaining the gigantic total of 2,000 peals, but it has not all been a question of personal glory. He has gone out to the villages with their five and six bells and has rung and conducted many peals on the smaller numbers, which would never have been rung had it not been for his willingness to accede to requests to help in filling the role of conductor. His life has been given to ringing in many capacities, and he has shown an enthusiasm which few have equalled and which could well be copied. Leicester.

HAROLD G. JENNEY.

## A Misunderstanding

A misunderstanding arose over arrangements for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Edenham and one of Bob Major at Heydour. The result was three ringers turned up at Edenham on March 11th and five at Heydour. Through 'The Ringing World' the three convey their apologies to the other five and thank Mrs. Holmes for providing a splendid tea.

W. B. D., J. P. M., P. H. R.



## THE CONDUCTOR'S STORY OF THE 2,000th PEAL

At the beginning of 1961, when it became apparent that 'Uncle' Ernest would soon be reaching the unique landmark of his ringing career, the conductor asked him what he would like for the occasion. 'Oh! nothing out of the ordinary. Just the usual "Monday band with the customary new method." When the music was given out after the peal on February 20th, it was realised that with a handbell peal with the 'Barrow Boys' (Barrow-on-Soar) on the Thursday and a peal of Grandsire Triples at Threacston on the Saturday, the following Monday would be THE day. The handbell peal at Barrow was duly accomplished, but, sad to say, the Grandsire Triples came to grief after 20 minutes' ringing, and so it was a very sad Ernest that the conductor met on Sunday morning. However, a peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' on the Sunday afternoon was successfully brought round (much to the annoyance of the conductor's wife and family!).

And so the stage was set. No special preparations were made. By Ernest's own request, it was to be the ordinary Monday band. In any case, it was not certain to be the 2,000th until 4 p.m. the previous day. Nevertheless, 'The Leicester Mercury' on Monday night had a middle page article, with photograph, titled 'Ernest Morris Attempts His 2,000th Peal Tonight.' Before the peal started the Leicester 'Evening Mail' reporter was taking notes and at the conclusion both 'The Mail' and 'Mercury' took photographs and after a celebration drink at the Bell Foundry House—thanks to Paul Taylor, without whose enthusiastic co-operation the peal would not have been possible—Ernest was taken to Leicester to make a recording for the B.B.C. programme 'Today,' which was heard on both editions on Tuesday morning. It was nearly 11.30 p.m. before a very tired but jubilantly happy Ernest reached home, where 'Auntie' Beattie was waiting to congratulate him. She has shared in many of his joyous ambitions.

For the peal, all the band rang in their usual positions and was quite clear of trips. We decided to name the method **Morrison** (a village near Swansea), in honour of Ernest and I hope that the Exercise will agree that this is a reasonable enough name for this peal.

Now that this landmark in the history of ringing has been reached, the question is who will be the next? Whoever it is, I am sure that Ernest Morris will be the first to congratulate him.

B. G. WARWICK.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Shroton, also known as Iwerne Courtney, on March 4th. Twenty-three members from 13 towers, including visitors from Cheltenham, were present. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Doubles to Kent, together with some rounds and call changes for beginners.

The Branch was welcomed at the service by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. R. M. Taylor, a former chairman of the Branch, and an excellent tea was provided later in the village hall.

At the business meeting five new members were elected, viz: the Misses Margaret Jukes and Lorrain Jenkins, and Messrs. Michael Percy, Kenneth Jukes and James Dunster.

Arrangements for the annual festival of the Guild at Calne were discussed and it was hoped to arrange a coach if there would be enough support.

Ringing was resumed later at Childe Okeford and Iwerne Minster.

R. N. L.

## EDGAR SHEPHERD RECALLS

I recollect very well my brother, Hubert Shepherd, bringing home No. 1 of 'The Ringing World.' At that time I had not commenced to ring, but I recall reading the paper with great interest and being particularly struck with the very first name in the peal columns, Tom O'Hara, and admiring the tall collar of that good-looking young fellow, Mr. A. B. Peck.

By the year 1915 I was buying my own copy of the paper, and I took great care of all the preceding numbers. The articles on Bob Major by Trollope, on the composition of Grandsire Triples by Davies, and the proof of Treble Bob by Lindoff (all in the early volumes) interested me vastly. It was through 'The Ringing World' (in 1916) that I struck up acquaintance with Ernest Morris, and the point of contact was something arising out of the ringing of Minimus!

My scrap book of cuttings from the journal starts in 1914, with a note on a novel form of Single for use in Plain Bob Minor, and pasted in succeeding pages are numerous extracts cut from the paper and sent home from Flanders during the soldiering days. Among these it is interesting to note a letter from W. A. Cave, 'from a dug-out in France' giving some views on the length of peals and on starting courses in Siedman Caters.

Moving from home, and many changes in domestic life, caused me to dispose of most of the early volumes of 'The Ringing World' (a matter I now regret), but I have the original Volume I, as we took it in 1911, and this I bound myself as a real labour of love some years ago.

When young, I venerated and revered the contributors to our paper and regarded (in imagination) the unseen J. S. Goldsmith with awe. Later, the privilege of meeting him brought the realisation of his kindness and courtesy. He had his finger on the pulse of the Exercise, and his leaders were masterpieces of direct expression.

I feel that the greatest of all the contributors to 'The Ringing World' (and indeed perhaps to all ringing literature) was J. A. Trollope. It is a fascinating study to pursue the trend of his writings (and his controversial correspondence) right from his early days, and to perceive the mental struggles, the indecisions and the doubts, out of which arose his magnificent grasp of method construction. Of ringing history he had a vast wealth of material, and it is by means of this and his incredible energy and industry that he was able to keep the paper going in what must now seem a miraculous manner.

Some day, perhaps, someone will write us a history of ringing literature and journalism. We may then learn more fully of the events leading up to the dramatic and stormy entry of 'The Ringing World' into the life of the Exercise, to take the torch from the exhausted and falling 'Bell News,' and to mark out Jack Goldsmith for a place among the very first servants of the Exercise.

## 1,000 TOWER RINGERS

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know how many ringers there are who have rung in a thousand or more towers. If any ringer who has 1,000 or more towers to his credit cares to write to me within the next month giving details of his present score, I shall be pleased to prepare a 'League Table' which might be of sufficient interest for publication in 'The Ringing World.' It would also be interesting if the ringer also gave the year in which he, or she, first started ringing.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport, Somerset.

## 'RINGING FOR SERVICE'

We do not believe that the only good work done by the Sunday Service Ringing Committee of the Central Council lies in the production of this little book; but even if it were, the formation of that committee would be amply justified. This is a publication whose importance will surely prove to be quite unrelated to its modest size, for it must be the first really authoritative work ever to be put into the hands of ringers for their guidance in administering their work—that is unless one counts Ellacombe's book on Belfries and Ringers, which, first published nearly a century ago, had no concern with Sunday service ringing. 'It is certainly desirable that the ringers, as officers of the church, should be in attendance (at Sunday service); but that cannot be expected of men of that grade, unless they are paid for it...—yes it's about time we replaced Ellacombe on Belfries and Ringers.

Here is a book, now, full of sound matter. There is encouragement and commendation for those whose towers are well and regularly manned; there is hope and advice for those who are not so lucky; there is probably something to prick the consciences even of a band of perfectionists, but would it be worth anything if it were not? The writing is concise, clear and often pithy: 'technical competence is not to be thought of as leadership'; 'being late for ringing is equivalent to being late for a church service...'; 'change ringing, or more advanced ringing, at any price is a foolish doctrine for service ringing.'

The people who compiled 'Ringing for Service' may be perfectionists, but they are emphatically not ringing snobs. They are writing for the Spiced Surprise Maximus bands and for the rough-rounds-on-five bands, and they are not writing down to the latter from the dizzy heights of the former or sniping at the first with the inverted snobbery sometimes found among the second. They are interested only in helping the Exercise to see that there is good ringing, everywhere, every Sunday, and if every belfry table and every tower captain's bookshelf (or better still his pocket) carries a copy of this little book, they will have done that cause a notable service.

It remains to say only that the book is admirably laid out, in good print and clear, readable format, and that the illustrations, some of them very witty, do much to emphasise the message of the print.

J. G. M. S.

## A VOICE FROM THE REMOTE LAKE DISTRICT

Improved modes of travel have undoubtedly helped to advance our ringing and we now constitute a small but very interesting ringing community.

Over the past 50 years two giants have appeared among us, William Robinson, of Ambleside ('Cocker' to his friend), and Nicholas M. Newby, of Ulverston. 'Cocker' was indeed a giant among ringers, he loved to bring his 'Grandsire' home at hand and for which he was famous throughout Lancashire. His service as a committee man in the Association must have been an ordeal for anyone: it entailed a start at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning and return near the same time on Sunday morning, 15 miles of walking and everybody knew that he caught the 3.33 a.m. train from Preston.

Nick Newby succeeded him. Who in the North has not heard of Nick? If you are coming to the Lakes, write to Nick, he'll fix you up. If you live in the Lake District join one of his classes; he runs two a week.

The unbounded enthusiasm of these two stalwarts has advanced ringing in the Lake District very far.

J. E. B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'A FRATERNITY SECOND TO NONE'

Dear Sir,—In its fifty years of existence 'The Ringing World' has fulfilled many functions, but there is one about which no reference has been made as far as I can recall and it not only made a big impact on me, but let me see that by taking up ringing I had joined a fraternity second to none.

The Great War of 1914 started and in the issue dated August 21st, 1914, reference was made to a suggestion that a list be published of ringers serving in the Navy or Army in the war. This suggestion was carried out and the first name on the roll of honour was Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.

I enlisted on November 6th, 1914, and in the issue dated November 20th, 1914, under the roll of honour appeared—'Pte. J. P. Fidler, of Norbury, Cheshire, 9th Batt. Royal Scots, now at Olympia, Edinburgh,' but I was not aware of this at the time. On church parade, Sunday morning, November 22nd, my name was called out and I was ordered to report at the Orderly Room. Naturally I wondered what was amiss. On arrival at the Orderly Room I was introduced to Mr. Sampson, leader of the ringers at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, who, having seen my name in that week's issue, had gone to Battalion H.Q. to seek me out. I told him I could ring rounds only, but that made no matter. He took me off to St. Mary's and soon I had made friends with Will Fyfe, Robinson, etc. In due course I was taken across to St. Cuthbert's to meet Mr. C. S. Heathcote, Cleveland Ellis, and the Whitsons, and ultimately Tower Taylor, of Portsmouth, who was stationed at Rosyth. Incidentally, as a result of Mr. Sampson's call at the Orderly Room, I was excused church parade so that I could go to St. Mary's.

Being such a novice at that time I should not have had the courage to have gone up to those towers, but owing to 'The Ringing World,' and thanks to it, I was soon made to feel one of them and, what is more, I was never at a loose end. In those days our pay was 1s. per day, so for the best part of the week my pocket was empty and as the Army food left very much to be desired, had no money to supplement it, but Will Fyfe, up at Brunstfield, and Mr. Sampson saw to the supplementing.

Frequently I have wondered how many benefited in a similar manner through 'The Ringing World's' roll of honour. Then, later on, when stationed in Essex, I was contacted by the late Rev. H. T. W. Eayre, of Great Totham, then secretary of the Essex Association, met the Saver family and eventually Charles Howard, Bill Keeble and Frank Claydon. Billy Eayre, as he was affectionately known, had a car, a rarity in those days, and most Saturdays found me reporting at Great Totham Vicarage, so that I could go to a meeting somewhere, for Mr. Eayre rarely missed attending a District meeting.

Since National Service came in, those ringers who took advantage of their ability to ring also made many friends. Yes, being a ringer has many advantages.—Yours, etc.,

Loughborough. JOHN P. FIDLER.

## CUMBERLANDS AND EIGHT SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Regarding the footnote to the peal of eight spliced rung at Gravesend, Kent, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths as the first of eight spliced for the Society, a peal of eight spliced was rung for the Society at Hunsdon, Herts, on October 4th, 1953.

The band was W. C. Marshall, R. J. Sharp, C. E. Jeffries, A. J. Lancefield, F. G. Huckstepp, M. W. Marshall, M. S. Lancefield (conductor) and Harry Parkes.—Yours sincerely,

F. G. HUCKSTEPP.

Ashford, Kent.

## NELSON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—On comparing the figures for Nelson Bob Major, given by Derek Ogden on page 88, February 3rd number, with those in my records, I find that the two sets do not agree. I would be most obliged if any of your readers could give me the correct name for both of these methods. The figures are as follows:—

Nelson Bob (my records)	Nelson Bob (Mr. D. Ogden)
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857
42618375	42618375
24681357	42681735
26483175	24867153
62438715	42876513
64283751	24785631
46827351	42758361
48672315	24573816
84627135	42537186
86421753	24351768
68412735	24315678
86147253	42136587
81674523	41263857
18765432	14628375
18674523	16482735

I should also like to agree with Lt.-Col. Scott, R.A.M.C. (Belfry Gossip, January 27th), that handbells would be a very good way of providing music in overseas units, especially one situated, as is my own, within three miles of the foothills of the Himalayas.

—Yours sincerely,

J. W. SMITH,  
Sgt., R.A.M.C.

Dharan Cantonment,  
Purnea, Bihar, India.

## MORE IMPORTANT POSITION TODAY

Dear Sir,—I remember vividly the thrill, as a student, of opening the paper on its arrival, week by week, to note performances and digest the 'correspondence'—generally followed with the eagerness akin to that engendered by exciting instalments of a serial story! Incisiveness without bitterness seemed the key-note of those days; and would that it prevailed today!

However, the paper occupies a more important position in the realm of ringing today than it ever has done, and both as a private individual and an officer of the College one urges the fullest support; because without it the uniquely British art of change ringing might well lapse; but with it this traditional and invaluable service to the Church cannot but develop and flourish. Every good wish for the paper's future.—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

## WANTS METHOD CHECKED

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 3rd, on page 140, is the report of a peal of Xingu Surprise Minor and at the bottom of the column the method is given as:—

—36—14—12—36, 12, 34—  
H.L. 38, L.H. 12, 1645.

Presuming that the half-lead should read 36 and not 38, will the conductor, please, verify these figures.

As it stands at the moment the method contravenes the Central Council's rules for regular methods: the 4th in the first lead has four blows in 3rds place.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield

## OBITUARY

### MR. RICHARD D. LANGFORD

With regret we record the death of Mr. Richard Dean Langford, of Crewe, on March 5th, at the age of 69. In his passing the Chester Diocesan Guild mourns the loss of a faithful servant and a beloved friend.

A member of a ringing family, he followed in the footsteps of his grandfather (a ringer at St. Alkmund's, Whitechurch), and of his father, and became the leader of the band at Christ Church, Crewe. A member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 54 years, he served as secretary and Ringing Master of the Crewe Branch for 30 years (1922-1952), and represented the Guild on the Central Council.

Those of us who had the privilege of being associated with him or of working with him during that time were endeared to 'the Dean' by the bright and cheery manner which he brought to the activities of the Branch. He took a particular interest in young ringers, and was always ready with helpful advice and words of encouragement, wherever necessary. His ability as a ringer and conductor was widely known, and although the total number of his peals is not recorded, he had rung 114 peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

A loyal churchman, he had served for many years as a member of the Parochial Church Council, a representative to the Diocesan Conference and a sidesman at Christ Church.

The esteem in which he was held was shown by the large number of his friends from ringing and church circles, who attended the funeral on March 8th.

A devoted servant of the Church and a Christian gentleman has passed to his rest. We are the poorer for his passing; a gap, which will be difficult to fill, has been left in our ranks, but we thank God for the example of his life. May he rest in peace.

W. K.

## ODE TO RINGING

Men meet in a room, and women too,  
All sure of what they've come to do;  
No tools or chattels do they carry,  
Not great men they, just Tom, Dick and Harry.

Their room is like no other room,  
Where ropes across the shadows loom;  
These may number from four to fourteen,  
But no difference this makes to what they mean.

The Master will then to his fellows turn;  
With 'Take hold!' all other thoughts they spurn,  
They take the ropes, and then anon  
'Look to! One's going—she's gone!'

The quiet is broken by a gorgeous sound,  
Whilst the shadows chase each other round:  
Soon ropes and sounds will intermingle,  
With music to set your blood a-tingle.

This music you hear, the music of the bells,  
To the ringers a wondrous story it tells  
Of the Glory of God, and to all it's bringing  
Their offering to Him, the art of ringing.

P. J. B.

Cambridge.

## Granddaughter Carrying On

Mr. Harry Prout, who died last July, had until then been a subscriber from 'The Ringing World,' No. 1. His granddaughter, Nancy Wilcox, of the Warsop tower, who is 21, hopes to continue his subscription for the next 50 years. The late Mr. Prout was a member of the Bath and Wells Association, Gloucester and Bristol, Salisbury and Southwell Guilds and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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## GUILDFORD GUILD PLAN SPECIAL RINGING

**A**PRIL 12th, the day of the enthronement of the fifth Bishop of Guildford, Bishop-Designate George E. Reindorp, will be a day of ringing throughout the Diocese. At the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, held at St. Saviour's Hall, Guildford, on March 4th, the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) told the 150 ringers present that the Guild wanted the bells in every church in the Diocese to be rung for at least half an hour as a welcome to the new Bishop, who was president of the Guild.

The Bishop-Designate sent a message to the meeting. It read: 'Bells have called people to worship since Old Testament times. I look forward to hearing them ring all over the Guildford Diocese. The College Youths are ringing a peal on the solemn occasion of my consecration at Southwark Cathedral.'

### CATHEDRAL BELL FUND

The annual report stated that the bell being hung in the New Cathedral to the memory of Alfred H. Pulling was being cast at Whitechapel. In addition to the cost of the 12½ cwt. bell and fittings they still needed another £200 for electrical connections and the hoisting tackle. These were the responsibility of the contractors building the Cathedral; they asked all members and friends to give and give again, so that there would be no outstanding account when the consecration of the Cathedral and bell took place on May 17th.

The Master said the amount now needed was £150. On the day of the consecration of the Cathedral they wanted all the bells of the Guildford Diocese and the Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers to ring.

The meeting approved of the sum of £20 being donated from the Leatherhead District Funds to the Pulling Memorial Bell.

The report gave the total membership of the Guild as 638, comprising 547 ringing and 91 honorary. The year was a steady one. In three of the four Districts the work had been progressive, but the Guildford District needed more support at meetings.

A faculty had been granted for the re-hanging of Ashead bells in a new frame, the work being entrusted to John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who recast and rehung the bells of St. Michael's, Aldershot. The Whitechapel Foundry was overhauling the eight at Shere and Grayshott, and it was understood that they were later to supply an additional bell at Sioke D'Abernon.

### PEAL TABLET DISPUTE

The Master reported on the Consistory Court hearing of the dispute arising from the Garfath peals tablet in Farnham Parish Church. The Chancellor made no order as to fees and these incurred by Farnham Parochial Church Council amounted to between £75 and £100.

The meeting decided to vote £5 towards this cost. It was emphasised that peal tablets could not be erected in a belfry without a faculty. For a detachable peal board a faculty was not necessary.

Officers re-elected were: Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Russell (Ash); assistant honorary secretary, Mrs. G. Chapman (Aldershot); honorary auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash).

### 31 PEALS

The Peal Recorder (Mr. E. J. Bragg, Aldershot) said 31 peals had been rung during the year. They were rung by 99 ringers in 16 different methods, in 22 towers, and with 13 different conductors. Mr. C. J. Beadle (Farnham) conducted his first peal at Frensham, and this was the 1,000th for the Guild. Thirteen members rang their first peal, the most first pealers for a number of years.

New members were elected from Shalford, Shere, Cranleigh, Ash, Chiddingfold, Farnham, Aldershot and Epsom.

The Master stated that on June 17th the Guild were to be hosts to ringers from all over England in connection with the golden jubilee

of 'The Ringing World.' There would be a pilgrimage to the grave of the founder and first editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Evensong at the Cathedral and a social evening afterwards. The Master recalled that Mr. Goldsmith was the first secretary of their Guild. The annual dinner of the Guild would be held on April 15th and an autumn festival in the Farnham District on September 30th.

Previous to the meeting there was ringing at Guildford churches. A service was held in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church and the singing was led by a robed choir of ringers from the Farnham District. The Rev. C. G. Stables officiated, and gave an address, and the organist was Mr. Stanley G. Ponting. Tea was served in St. Saviour's Hall by ladies of St. Saviour's parish, arranged by the Rev. W. L. and Mrs. White.

### CANON R. F. WILKINSON

Members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild are offering their best wishes to their chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, on his pending retirement as Rector of West Bridgford, Notts, after 20 years in office.

He has done much bell restoration work in Notts, especially in post-war years. His own church, which formerly had three bells, now has a ring of eight, hung in 1958. In the church is still the old bell of 1499, cast by Richard Mellers, of Nottingham. The octave includes seven of the bells from Perchthorpe in Thorsey Park.

In 1946, when the old Midland Counties Association was dissolved, Canon Wilkinson, with the co-operation of the old North Notts Association, was instrumental in forming the Southwell Diocesan Guild, which embraces all the towers in Nottingham and has now four flourishing Districts. A farewell peal to him has been rung.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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## LONDON COUNTY ANNUAL

The London County Association's annual meeting was held at the Association's old headquarters, St. Clement Danes', just 21 years after the annual was last held at this church. Ringing in the afternoon was at this church and also St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Mr. W. D. Grainger conducted the service, at which the organ was played by Mr. A. J. Boyack. Both are members of the Association and those present began to realise how long Mr. Grainger had been a member when, in his address, he referred to attending at St. Clement Danes' to ring in the whole pull and stand at the passing of the late Mr. John Carter, the famous composer. A course of Grandsire Caxers was rung on handbells during the service by Messrs. H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson, A. D. Barker, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Tea, business and a social evening was then held at the George Hotel, Strand.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. G. Wilson was elected to the chair in the absence of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, who was in hospital. One of the important items of business dealt with was the temporary suspension of the rules relating to the Northern and Southern Districts. The principal object of this is to allow greater flexibility of operation and to strengthen meetings and service ringing throughout the whole area of the Association. It was explained that whilst most of the meetings had been well attended, certain areas were weak in local support and one of the aims of the temporary change was to rectify this. The venue for the next meeting was decided as St. Mary's, Leyton, E., on April 8th.

The officers elected for 1961/62 were: Master, T. H. Taffender; Deputy Master, F. W. Mead; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; secretary, H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Miss M. Powell and S. Bullock; stewards, C. M. Meyer and Miss June Mead; trustees, C. W. Otley and J. A. Hales.

Two teams entered for the handbell competition for the 'Dawe' Cup, which was won by Isleworth.

### 50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 24th, 1911.—

After doing duty for over 30 years as steeple keeper at Tonbridge Parish Church, Mr. George Rabbitt has given up the office, and his services have been recognised by the ringers, who have presented him with a handsome pedestal clock. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. G. Baskerville).

The new tower and bells added to the Parish Church of Caerphilly (St. Martin's) were dedicated on March 14th, by the Bishop of Llandaff, the occasion providing further proof of the zeal of the church workers in the parish of Caerphilly, and reflecting additional credit upon the energy of the Rector, the Rev. Cannop L. Price, M.A., who is clerical honorary secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 12



MR. PHILIP A. CORBY,

Kent County Association.

Some ringers are born with a ringing silver spoon in their mouth. They are fortunate enough to learn where there is a good band, and they have plenty of opportunity for peal ringing. Their progress, if they are capable, is assured from the start. This was not so with Mr. Philip A. Corby, of Sevenoaks, Kent, who is a director of a London Building and Civil Engineering company. He has gained the high position he holds in the Exercise through the hard way, and it is entirely due to his own skill and ability that he has reached the eminent position he has held for the last 20 years.

Philip was born at Sutton, Isle of Ely, Cambs, on June 22nd, 1917, and educated at the John Henry Burrows Intermediate School, Grays, Essex. He learnt to ring at Laindon Hills, Essex, in May, 1931, starting with call changes until 1933, but by cycling to Orsett, Stanlord-le-Hope and Foobing, he mastered Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, and visits to Barking taught him Grandsire Triples.

In January, 1935, he moved to Sydenham, Kent, and joined the bands at Penge and Beckenham. He rang his first peal at Cudham on May 30th, 1936, being Bob Royal, conducted by Thomas Groombridge, jun. He soon started conducting, and called a peal of Bob Major on April 24th, 1937. It was not long before he was called peals with those well known Kent worthies, Bert Audsley, Fred Culham, the late Harry Hoverd, and the Barnetts. In this department he has few equals. Philip is one of those gifted ringers who can take the last bell left, and call a peal of anything he can ring. He is very clever at 'picking up' trips, an essential qualification for any conductor, though few have his ability in this direction. His present peal total is 622, of which he has conducted 377, including 318 different compositions. They have been rung in 228 different towers, and 16 peals on handbells, including Stedman Caters. He has rung peals in 39 different Surprise Major and Royal methods, calling 36 of them, including London Royal. Many of these have either been rung for the first time or first for the Kent County Association, for whom he has rung 358 peals, calling 221 in 80 Kent towers. In Spliced Surprise Major he has rung 46 from 3 to 11 methods, calling 30 of them.

He is particularly proud of two performances, the first being Pitman's four-spliced with all the work rung non-conducted at Dore, Derbyshire, on June 6th, 1959, and the second, the first four-spliced ever rung with all the work at Lambeth on April 19th, 1947, composed and conducted by Harold Cashmore, the band including Charles W. Roberts, Maurice Hibbert and Ernest Turner. This was also the first peal he rang, as man and wife, with Lucille M. Hubbert, whom he married a week earlier. Lucille is a competent ringer, who learnt at Edmonton under Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and John Thomas, and at Oxford under John

E. Spice. Their first peal together was at Edenbridge on October 6th, 1945. Lucille's 100th peal was Philip's 500th, rung at Enderby, Leics, on November 22nd, 1954. They have two children, Andrew, aged 12, who has rung three quarter peals, and Judith, aged 10, who is a member of the Ladies' Guild on the strength of ring 1-2 to Grandsire Triples, and is now learning to handle a bell.

Amongst other outstanding peals is a peal of Bristol at Heavitree, Devon, on July 9th, 1948, rung almost without a mistake, and he is very proud to have rung a peal with three generations of the Barnett family, the youngest being his goddaughter. This was rung at Crayford on January 14th, 1961.

Philip has taken his share of offices, and is always pleased to help others. He was Master of the Southern District of the London County Association from 1938-39, and also Central Council representative from 1939-45. He was C.C. representative for K.C.A. from 1952-53, and again from 1960. From 1953-57 he lived in Melton Mowbray, and was captain of the local band from 1955-57, C.C. representative for the Leicester Guild from 1954-59, and also vice-president of the Guild from 1956-58. Since 1957 he has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council, and a committee member of the K.C.A. from 1945-53 and from 1957 to date. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1937.

In late 1957 he moved to Sevenoaks, and has been captain of the local band since 1958. They have a very good band, and rang a course of London for Christmas Day, 1960. This is largely due to the long years of spade-work and enthusiasm of Miss Doris Colgate, honorary general secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Like many peal ringers, Philip enjoys taking part in peal tours, and started a series of tours, which have subsequently been taken over by Tom Lock. They visited Devon in 1948 and 1949, Sussex in 1950, and Worcs in 1951. He has joined the party for some of the time most years since. On one tour at Folkestone, in 1945, arranged by F. C. W. Knight, he called 12 peals in 12 attempts during the week, and in 1945 he called 31 peals for the K.C.A., only equalled by John H. Cheeseman, but never surpassed.

Philip takes his ringing very seriously, and insists on a high standard at all times. At the same time he is always glad to help someone through a first peal or first in the method, however simple. His businesslike manner in the belfry has earned him the respect of all who know him, and he is probably one of the few ringers whose friendly rivals can find little to criticise. In every direction he is a first class example to all.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

### A PEAL OF 5024 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 3	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 9
JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 4	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 10
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 11
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged by PETER BORDER. Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.  
First peal of Maximus in the method for the Society.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat

*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	*FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 7
*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 8
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 9
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 10
RICHARD A. GOFTON .. .. 5	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 11
W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 6	KENNETH ARTHUR .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
\*First peal on 12 bells. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.  
A welcome to Hilary Jane Arthur, born January 28th, 1961.

## TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MORRISTON SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\*2,000th peal. First in the method; rung without previous practice.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

*DONALD E. COBB .. Treble	*DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 3	*PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 8
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 4	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 9
*D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.  
\*First peal of Yorkshire Royal. †First of Surprise Royal. ‡200th peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul.

### A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

*GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM (14½) Treble	*PETER J. STRETTON .. .. 6
VERONA NAYLOR .. .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5	*DAVID EAMES (15½) .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.  
\*First peal on ten bells. †First of Grandsire Caters.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN WALDEN .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 8
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 9
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. I. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
First peal of Prittlewell Surprise Royal by all the band, and for the Guild.

### MORRISTON SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18.34 x 14.30.78.14.78.90  
L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E. 26543

Composition as for Lubbesthorpe Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

### A PEAL OF 5040 JACOBSTOWE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 9
RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

### JACOBSTOWE SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18.34 x 14.30 x 14.78.90

L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E. 26543

Composition as for Lubbesthorpe Surprise Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
At the Minster Church of St. Denys.

### A PEAL OF 5120 WARMINSTER BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

*DAVID EAMES (15½) .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 6
DOREEN COX .. .. 3	MALCOLM A. S. CLOKE .. 7
ANTHONY COX .. .. 4	†DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\*First peal on eight bells. †500th peal (conducted 263); also 1,000th tower. First in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major, No. 261).  
Rung on the Gift Day for the restoration of these bells.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

### A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Treble	*FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 5
*KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 6
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\*First touch of Superlative.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry.

### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt.

DENNIS RANDALL .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 5
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 2	BRIAN D. A. THRELFALL .. 6
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. .. 7
*BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.  
\*First peal in the method. First of London on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. Treble	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
*BASIL JONES .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
\*100th peal together.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Anne P. Smith, of Marple.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
*RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. 2	HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 6
J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
†BRIAN R. MILLS .. .. 4	WILFRED L. RATCLIFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of this Guild, who is retiring at the end of the month after 20 years as Rector



## WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.  
First peal of Spiced Surprise on the bells.

## GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*MICHAEL TODD .. .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
*JOHN E. ERRINGTON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 3	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
†CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal. † 50th peal together.

## GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

DAVID H. BUXTON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. 5
CLIFFORD R. LOVATT .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 6
MRS. R. F. DOWNING .. 3	ROBERT F. DOWNING .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.  
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to F. J. Crapnell, a regular Sunday service ringer at Grundisburgh for 47 years and churchwarden 20 years.

## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., March 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

LESLIE L. WILLIS .. .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 5
*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 6
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
GORDON H. LANE .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.  
\* First peal in the method.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

F. JOHN NELSON .. .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 3	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. 7
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
†RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by RIV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of London. † First of London Major.

## ESHER, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. Treble	ANN M. COX .. .. 5
CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	ROGER R. SAVORY .. .. 7
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

## EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) Treble	*ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 5
*HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 6
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 3	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity) 4	P. B. HODSON (Emma) .. Tenor

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, namely: 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) Treble	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 7
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

## A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln; with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 5
SHEILA M. MOULDS .. .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 6
PATRICIA REEVE .. .. 3	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 7
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. .. 4	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

Rung by the Sunday service band of All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, Halifax.

## HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5
*†DEREK C. JACKSON .. 2	*NORMAN HAYES .. .. 6
JOHN R. FAITHFUL .. 3	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 7
†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Surprise.

## ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

## A PEAL OF 5024 ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 6
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

REGINALD T. JONES .. .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 6
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISFRENDS .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Rung after meeting short for an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5088 HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.



## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
*On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in three methods: 16 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (eight callings), 20 of Grandsire (ten callings) and six of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.  
DEREK P. JONES .. Treble .. EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. 4  
DAVID W. PARKIN .. 2 .. MICHAEL R. BLORE .. 5  
LESLIE L. WILLIS .. 3 .. DAVID EAMES (15½) .. Tenor  
Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

MARSTON, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHPREPS PLEASURE DOUBLES

Tenor 5 cwt.  
EDWARD R. VENN .. Treble .. JOHN S. WALKER .. 3  
NOEL D. DEAM .. 2 .. ROY H. JONES .. 4  
ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

Ringers of 1 and 2 have now 'circled the tower.' 30th peal on these bells by conductor.  
Rung in memoriam A. W. Priestley, for many years vicar's warden; also Phillip Sinnot.

MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Westminster and Allendale, (2) Lincoln and Coldstream, (3) Munden and Chester, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (7) York and Durham. Tenor 8 cwt.  
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. Treble .. IAN H. ORAM .. 4  
\*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2 .. BRIAN BLADON .. 5  
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 3 .. JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor  
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Spliced, and in 15 methods. First of Minor on the bells.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.  
RICHARD N. E. RAVEN .. Treble .. PHILIP J. EVANS .. 4  
COLIN SMITH .. 2 .. EDWARD COLLEY .. 5  
ROGER POWELL .. 3 .. HARRY POYNER .. Tenor  
Conducted by EDWARD COLLEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., March 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.  
\*W. RICHARD ROBERTS .. Treble .. FRANK WOODYATT .. 4  
WILLIAM HENKSMAN .. 2 .. WALTER HUBAND .. 5  
ARTHUR F. WALL .. 3 .. THOMAS COOPER .. Tenor  
Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

\* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
*On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Netherseale, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.  
PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. Treble .. \*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4  
\*E. JANE LANGTON .. 2 .. DEREK E. SIBSON .. 5  
\*DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 3 .. GEOFFREY PRATT .. Tenor  
Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of seven Surprise Minor methods.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Mon., March 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, London, York, Westminster, Hexham, Ipswich and Surfleet. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. Treble .. RONALD C. NOON .. 4  
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 2 .. CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 5  
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3 .. J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor  
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., March 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.  
CLIFFORD J. BEADLE .. Treble .. \*D. PAUL TREBLE .. 4  
\*PETER J. JOYCE .. 2 .. \*PAUL N. MURGAIROYD .. 5  
\*WALTER W. WRIGHT .. 3 .. TOM PAGE .. Tenor  
Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Fri., March 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.  
ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble .. KEITH JORDAN .. 4  
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2 .. ROBIN G. LEALE .. 5  
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 3 .. BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor  
Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.  
First peal in the method by all the band.

BERRICK SALOME, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.  
SUSAN J. HOWES .. Treble .. P. GERALD MCILONE .. 4  
HELEN J. BUTLER .. 2 .. ANDREW J. HOWES .. 5  
MARGARET E. THEWLIS .. 3 .. EDWARD R. VENN .. Tenor  
Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

First peal of Minor for all the band, except the conductor. Average age of band 16 years 10 months.

Rung as birthday compliments to Frank Absolom, Anne Tonkinson (21) and John Thewlis (21).

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.  
FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble .. GEORGE CHARLTON .. 4  
\*DAVID W. STENSON .. 2 .. BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5  
MARK G. WOOD .. 3 .. J. HEDLEY WALE .. Tenor  
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal 'inside.' 450th peal as conductor.  
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wilson, of Croft.

IGHTHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) London, Wells and Cuncastre, (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk and Primrose, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (5) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham, and (7) Hexham and Berwick; with 109 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.  
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. Treble .. IAN H. ORAM .. 4  
RALPH BIRD .. 2 .. JOHN R. COOPER .. 5  
ANDREW M. MACVE .. 3 .. THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor  
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in 21 Surprise methods by all the band, and on the bells.

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## HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PHILIP W. MORSE .. .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 4
*ERIC C. F. ROGERS .. .. 2	BRIAN E. JEFFEREY .. .. 5
ANN GEORGE .. .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal, first attempt. 25th peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Ann George.

## LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND

## THE CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Rev. St. Bartholomew and two of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GILLIAN WALSH .. .. Treble	ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 4
ANNE STEPHENS .. .. 2	PETER J. LEWIS .. .. 5
GORDON W. LAND .. .. 3	*GRAHAM G. THOMSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

\* First peal. First as conductor. First of mixed Doubles by all the band. First for the School Guild. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association (average age 16 years).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Molly Walsh.

## MEREWORTH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Bourne, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2	†RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in ten methods. † 50th peal together.

## WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent St. Clement's, two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

## WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOY SMITH .. .. Treble	RICHARD CHEW .. .. 4
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 2	FREDERICK TURNER .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	TONY STEVENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7-8

Arranged from E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## THE 143rd FOURTH OF MARCH AT APPLETON

MORE by good luck than judgment, Fourth of March fell on March 4th, a happy coincidence as this year marked the centenary of the augmentation of the Appleton bells, sufficient reason for the celebrations to be on an even larger scale than in previous years.

The day started well, both as regards the weather and the success of the peal in the morning, conducted by Brian, youngest of the ringing Whites. Visitors from all parts of the country enjoyed themselves during the afternoon, ringing on the famous ring and being refreshed at 'The Plough,' whose only failing was its inability to supply the wife of a well known Oxford ringer with a cup of tea.

The landlord of this hostelry, assisted by local ringers and friends, was responsible also for the excellent spread, which greeted us as we converged for the evening's festivities. Over 120 sat down to the meal, held for the first time in the village hall, with the Rector, the Rev. A. Tindall-Hart, in the chair.

When it was apparent that all had had their fill, the loyal toast was drunk, and Sir Basil Blackwell rose to propose the toast of 'The Church.' Departing from the usual formula he confined his attention to the church at Appleton, reminding the company of its debt to those who had provided this heritage. Although caught unawares by this novel approach, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, drawing on his many years' experience as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, gave a fitting reply. He spoke of the large part played by the Appleton ringers in the life of their church, and the opportunity they had always provided for visitors from neighbouring towers to gain experience in change ringing.

Mr. F. Sharpe, speaking next, gave an account of the history of Appleton ringing, recalling the traditions of the White family, and the many records gained in this village. On behalf of the Exercise, he wished them every success for the future, and gave the toast 'The Appleton Society.'

In his response, Frank White referred to the ringer who had said, 'It will be worth the cost of the ticket just to hear old Frank try to make a speech,' but did not reveal which relation of his it was. After welcoming the company, he thanked the Rector for his continued support and co-operation. Masterfully living up to the reputation accorded him through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' by an American lady handbell ringer, he entertained us with a story of old Appleton in 'real Berkshire.'

Not quite sure whether he was qualified to propose the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. W. Hibbert welcomed ringers from a formidable list of towers throughout the country, mentioning in particular Mr. A. A. Hughes, from the Whitechapel Foundry, who, voicing in his reply the feelings of all present, expressed thanks for the excellent arrangements for the day and his hopes that he would be there again in future years.

After the tables had been cleared away, Fred Sharpe sang the traditional Fourth of March song and the informal part of the evening began. From the Appleton ringers came tune ringing on handbells, and a lapped course of Grandsire Caters, which was going beautifully until a clapper fell out—it happens in the best of families—their reputation being restored at a second attempt.

The well-loved Appleton songs—'The Long Peal,' 'The Nightingale,' 'The Midnight Peal'—were all sung enthusiastically by soloists and chorus alike. As the evening progressed, old acquaintanceships were renewed and new friends made, while from all parts of the hall came reminiscences of previous Fourths.

All too soon it was time to leave; as we steadily drifted away enquiries could be heard for tickets for next year's celebration, when the completion of another year in the history of Appleton bells will, no doubt, be suitably remembered.

A. N. S. D. T. D.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

## Western District

The annual District meeting was held at St. James', Bristol, on March 11th, when there was a fair attendance of members.

Afternoon ringing was followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hopkins. Tea was taken in the Church House, after which the business meeting was held. Officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey; secretary and treasurer, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. D. Bennett, Mrs. de Jong, Miss R. Webb, Miss N. Williams; Central Committee representative, Mrs. Bennett. Four new members were elected: Miss J. Reason, Miss C. Ritchens and Miss Burt (all from Twerton) and Miss J. Kelley (Wroughton).

Fixed ahead are an evening practice on May 3rd and a joint meeting with South Wales District in June. See 'Ringing World' for details.

B. J.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Ellyw, Llanelly, on March 11th, attended by 55 members. The Vicar, Canon Howard Williams, officiated at the service, the organist being Mr. D. Pugh. The Ringing Master, Mr. R. Warburton, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of the church, who prepared such a nice tea.

The Vicar opened the business meeting by welcoming the Guild to Llanelly. A touch on the handbells was given by Messrs. G. Thomas, R. Warburton, A. Hoare and E. Morris. The Master of the Guild, Mr. G. Thomas, announced the monthly practices: one at Llandeilo for eastern members, and the other at Haverfordwest for the remainder.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 4s. 6d. One new life ringing member and seven probationary members were elected.



# QUARTER PEALS

**AUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: 1. Marsh 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkley 4, D. Jones 5, K. Rothwell 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. In memoriam Miss Hutton, a staunch supporter of the church.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily Lane 1, M. Anne Burton 2, Patricia Collins 3, Christine S. Rowland 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, W. Dixon 6. A tribute to the Rev. Marcus Donovan, on his retirement after 15 years as Vicar.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Badderly 1, B. Burroughs 2, C. Wood 3, E. Fosberry 4, H. Wood 5, G. Rix 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, B. Matthews 8. First Stedman by 1, 2, 6.

**BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.**—On March 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, N. Watson 2, R. Grant 3, R. Foreman 4, A. W. Foreman 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Chollwill 2, W. Chollwill 3, J. Bowden 4, R. Pearce (cond.) 5, R. Youlden 6, W. Bond 7, L. Green 8. For Evensong.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Excell 1, Kathleen M. Excell (first 'inside') 2, V. Savage 3, F. C. Mogford 4, P. Bridle 5, P. J. Bird 6, D. J. Hunt (first of Bob Triples as cond.) 7, W. Lampard (first quarter in Britain) 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Feb. 26th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Spliced Surprise (London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge): H. C. Lewis 1, Frances Secker 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, Clare Webster 4, D. J. Roaf 5, A. J. Griffin 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced for 3, 4 and 6. Rung by the University Guild for Evensong.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Guthrie (first quarter) 1, Margaret Guthrie 2, A. Armstrong 3, D. Jordan 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung to coincide with the dedication, by the Bishop of Stafford, of the new daughter church of St. Barnabas.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNsLEY.**—On Feb. 26th, 720 Violet, 720 Oxford: G. K. Crompton 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, E. Stainrod 4, H. Husby (cond.) 5, N. F. Moxon 6. To mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cowling.

**CLIFTON, BEDFORDS.**—On March 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): P. Rogers 1, G. Mayes 2, Miss S. Percival 3, D. Newis 4, J. Church 5, P. Tompkins (cond.) 6, T. Dille 7, T. Hyde 8. For Confirmation service.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, F. Willmington 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For Evensong.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On March 1st, 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Mills 1, S. Meredith (first in method 'inside') 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Bradley 4, M. W. Harrison (first as cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Mills, wife of treble ringer.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church, on March 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Thomas 1, S. Layland 2, W. Kerr 3, I. R. Nichols 4, F. S. Sutton 5, E. J. Holloway 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, M. E. Allman 8, M. Owen 9, H. Sutton 10. Half-muffled in memory of R. D. Langford.

**CUDHAM, KENT.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss D. J. Wallace (first of Major) 1, A. S. Richards 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, L. W. G. Skinner (first of T.B. Major) 5, J. D. Falcloth 6, D. C. Manser 7, A. M. Macve (first of Major as cond.) 8.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,256 Little B. Major: Miss H. Lowings 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, T. East 6, A. Gargrave 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Matins.

**EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Josephine Jenning 1, Susan Morris 2, N. Wilde 3, R. Wilde 4, J. Higgs (cond.) 5. For the christening of Russell John Hunt, son of the churchwarden.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on front six): Doreen Metcalfe 1, Jean Robertson 2, R. Fanthorpe 3, H. Denman 4, H. Webb 5, J. Coates (first as cond.) 6. For morning service, and for the 21st birthday and engagement of the ringer of 2nd.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. C. Leigh 1, E. J. Jenner 2, P. W. Morse (first quarter) 3, J. E. Warner 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, L. G. Fox 6. For Evensong.

**EDMONTON, MIDDx.**—On March 12th, 1,256 Little Bob Minor: W. George 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, J. Weeks 3, D. Langdon 4, R. Durrant 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On March 5th, 1,360 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): G. Clarke (first quarter) 1, E. J. Coode 2, N. Clarke 3, P. Rablah (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. E. J. Coode (cond.) 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, N. Small 7, N. Elsworth 8. For Evensong, also for engagement of Mr. P. Rablah and Miss Margaret Dannahy.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—At the Church of St. David, on March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Wills 1, Miss J. Wooders 2, B. H. Thompson 3, J. M. Carter 4, G. Skinner 5, F. D. Mack 6, F. Wrcford (cond.) 7, J. H. Glanvill 8. For the patronal festival of this church.

**FARNWORTH with KEARSLEY, LANCs.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhalgh 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, J. Cunliffe 3, J. Thornley 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Crook 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, S. Anderson 8. A 74th birthday compliment to Henry Prescott, a ringer at this church.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On March 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. W. Mills 1, A. T. Beckwith 2, A. R. Syder 3, P. L. Wood 4, I. R. Pantun 5, J. A. Warner 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, C. W. Burton 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marian H. Mills. After unsuccessful peal attempt.

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Reavely (first on a working bell) 1, M. Todd (first 'inside') 2, F. Ross 3, Mrs. R. W. Smith 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, J. Roach 6, N. H. Hewett 7, J. E. Errington 8. Mothering Sunday children's service.

**GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.**—On March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. W. Foreman 1, O. Garriham 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, G. Peck 4, A. W. Foreman 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. O. F. Snelling, interred at Wacton church this day.

**HALIFAX, YORKs.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila M. Moulds 1, E. I. Parkin 2, Pat Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant 4, J. H. Fielden 5, J. F. Bryant 6, J. N. Parkin (cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8. Also on March 5th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol, Pudsey, Lincoln, Dorchester, Watford, Cassiobury): J. N. Parkin 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, Pat Reeve 3, M. V. Copping 4, G. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, J. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. For Evensong.

**HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDx.**—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Harris 1, K. E. Young 2, C. Stevenson 3, C. B. Fynes 4, D. Pickett 5, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Vasey 1, J. Robinson 2, R. Bowser 3, W. Thompson (first quarter) 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (cond.) 6.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On March 12th, 1,400 Plain Bob Triples: Gwen May 1, Pauline Drury 2, Joan A. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8. First of Bob Triples 2, 3 and 8. For Mothering Sunday.

**HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gale (first of Minor) 1, F. Casley 2, G. Sparkes 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, C. Tarr (cond.) 5, H. V. Young 6. A compliment to the Rev. M. M. K. and Mrs. Warren, on the birth of a son.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDs.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. C. Hall 1, M. Pearson 2, H. B. Whitney 3, I. Knox 4, R. A. Ward 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6, K. C. Fleming 7. A wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. Bache, also a 21st birthday compliment to K. C. Fleming.

**KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. W. Sampson (first quarter) 1, T. J. Brock 2, M. Utton 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. T. F. Drury.

**KINGSWINFOR, STAFFS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Single Court Bob): A. Williams 1, C. Peakman 2, A. Facey 3, F. E. Jukes (cond.) 4, R. A. Peakman 5, A. E. Morgan 6, C. F. Jukes 7, F. Preston 8. First in three methods 1 and 3. For Evensong.

**LUPPITT, DEVON.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. M. Sage (first quarter) 1, T. J. Thorne 2, J. Sage 3, T. J. Sage (cond.) 4, E. W. Broom 5, A. W. Sage 6. For evening service.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 1, J. Morlidge 2, C. Owen 3, M. Mothershead 4, J. Taylor 5, V. Norbury 6. First quarter for all except ringers of treble and sixth. Also on March 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Day (first quarter) 1, B. Schofield 2, D. Heapy 3, R. Worrall 4, B. Corbishley 5, J. Whitaker (cond.) 6.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, S. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On March 4th, 1,680 Plain Bob Major: C. J. Turner 1, E. J. Manley 2, Miss J. Davies 3, J. Arbury 4, J. Ayres (first of Major) 5, J. Quick 6, C. C. Deem (first of Major as cond.) 7, C. C. Turner 8.

**OXFORD.**—On March 5th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,560 Doubles (Southcrops Pleasure, Dedworth Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss G. Gray 1, J. H. Gardner 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. Ivings 6. For Evensong.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Chapman (first quarter) 1, R. Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6.

**RANMOOR, YORKs.**—On March 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Ditcher 1, D. Pearson 2, Eileen Osborne 3, J. Kershaw 4, J. Clarke 5, T. Hargreaves 6, E. Palin 7, J. Rank (cond.) 8. First of Major 6 and 7. For morning service.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. West 1, Freda Hankey 2, Betty Sagers 3, W. Dunn 4, D. Munday 5, G. West 6, E. Roberts 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKs.**—On March 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: J. Carson 1, N. Donovan 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, Mrs. E. Chaddock 4, R. Woodward 5, Susan Chaddock 6, S. Armeson 7, P. Walker 8, J. N. D. Chaddeock 9, N. Chaddeock (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry Holmes, churchwarden, who died the previous day.

**SHEPPERTON, MIDDx.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Fynes 1, M. Loveday 2, R. Wiggins 3, E. Skipsey (cond.) 4, M. Bartlett 5.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKs.**—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Copley (first in the method) 1, D. Sheppard (first 'touch' in the method 'inside') 2, K. B. Sissons 3, Mrs. J. Render 4, A. Evans 5, A. Sheppard (cond.) 6.

**SLAPTON, BUCKs.**—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Claughton 1, A. G. Stripp 2, M. Pearson 3, I. Pett (cond.) 4, W. Sear 5.

**STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDs.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, R. A. Hatcher 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, J. Hope 4, A. B. Ellsmore 5, A. Wingate 6. First in method 2, 4 and 5. For Hereford Diocesan Guild's 75th anniversary.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain, Reverse Canterbury and Stedman): Mrs. J. Gray 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, P. Gray (cond.) 4, M. Hill 5, R. Brocklehurst 5, Rev. D. Sansum (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss A. O'Flaherty (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss C. Lansley (cond.) 3, S. J. Withey 4, V. Griffin 5, A. Hatherall 6. Rung prior to Ash Wednesday evening service. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. O'Flaherty 1, Miss M. Webb 2, H. Austin 3, S. J. Withey 4, A. R. Peake 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2. For Evensong, and as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. T. Moulden, forer Ringing Master. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook (first on eight bells) 1, Miss M. Wright 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, Miss C. Lansley 4, H. Austin 5, S. J. Withey 6, A. R. Peake 7, R. Drewitt 8. For mid-week Lenten service.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Bob Major: T. Applegarth (first of Major) 1, R. Webster 2, M. Machin 3, Janet Payne 4, J. Pladdys 5, J. Maughan 6, H. Nielson 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 3, 4, 5, 6. For Septuagesima, and an engagement compliment to Ruth Anderson.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Minor (Childwall, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): H. Sutton 1, G. A. Packer 2, I. R. Nichols 3, F. S. Sutton 4, J. E. Brough (cond.) 5, F. R. Morton 6. Rung as a welcome to Rev. W. Stanley Walker, inducted on March 2nd.



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LADIES' GUILD.—Proposed revival of Eastern Branch. Those interested meet for tea at Co-op. Cafe, Ipswich, March 25th, 3.45 p.m. Meeting and ringing at St. Margaret's Church 4.30 p.m.—Alice E. J. Lester. 7900

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting. Saturday, March 25th. at Etwell. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7871

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted (8), on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.. to be followed by ringing at Rickling (5)—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7811

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice. Ash (6), Saturday, March 25th. 6-9 p.m. 7856

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst. not Marden as previously arranged. on March 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7793

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chesham, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague. 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7876

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Pevensey (afternoon) and Westham (evening). on March 25th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea. to F. Beeny (Sec.). Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 7860

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 1st, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: April 4th, St. Paul's Cathedral 6.30 p.m.; April 11th, St. Lawrence, Jewry. 6.30; April 18th, St. Michael's, Cornhill. 6.30; April 25th, South-wark Cathedral. 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton. Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.. price 1s. Names to Mr. R. Larkey, Smyth Lane, Aughton.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 7907

WOBURN. BEDFORDSHIRE.—Bells available Easter Saturday, April 1st. 2.15-4.45 p.m. Tea in crypt. only for those who send names. Shortened Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30-8 p.m.—K. G. S., 8, London Road, Woburn. 7895

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Easter Monday, April 3rd. at Evercreech. Service 12 noon. Lunch (6s.) and tea (2s 6d.) at Bell Hotel. Names for lunch essential, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope. Ringing arrangements: Evercreech (10) before service. Castle Cary. Ditchat. Shepton Mallet (8). Bruton. Douling. Pilton. Pylle and West Pennard (6) all from 10.30-11.30 a.m. All these and Wincanton (8). Batcombe. Henstridge. Horsington and Templecombe (6) after tea.—G. Salmon. 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7903

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Leighton Buzzard. Easter Monday, April 3rd. Ringing at Flitwick 9-10 a.m., Westoning 9.30-10.30. Eversholt 10-10.45, Toddington 10-11. Houghton Regis 11-12. Dunstable 11-12. Leighton Buzzard 11.30-12.45. (Note. no other towers available during morning.) Lunch. Cross Keys Hotel. 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Names for lunch (8s.) with cash and stamped, addressed envelope, to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard, by Wednesday, March 29th. 7865

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 3rd. to be held at Shirland. Bells (5) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Those requiring tea, please notify Mr. R. Mason, 1, Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7906

## CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual meeting. Easter Monday.

ARLECDON.

Bells (8) available 1 p.m.

Service 3.30 p.m.

Tea 4.15 p.m.. followed by A.G.M. Names for tea to Mr. F. Richardson. 2, Lindow Street, Frizington, Cumberland, not later than March 29th. No other means of refreshments available.

J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7852

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 3rd. at Trumpington. Ringing arrangements: Great Gransden (6) 10-12 noon. Gamlingay (6) 10-12. Bourne (8) 11-1 p.m.. Orwell (5) 12-2. Melbourn (6) 12-2. Meldreth (6) 1-3. Haslingfield (5) 2-3.30. Harston (6) 2-3.30. Trumpington (8) 3.15-4.15. Service Trumpington Church 4.15. Tickets for tea 3s. each. with S.A.E., by March 29th. from General Secretary. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Trumpington 6.15-7.15. Great St. Mary's, Cambridge (12) 7-8.30. St. Bene't's (6) 7-8.30. Histon (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7866

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth, on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. P. Davis, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, by March 29th, please.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 7864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—New certificate of membership now ready; members, new and old, who would like to receive their certificate on Easter Monday, please send names and year of election to their District secretary. Towers open for ringing on Easter Monday: Barming. Bearsted. Harrietsham. Leeds. Lenham. Linton. Maidstone (All Saints'). Maidstone (St. Michael's), West Malling. Wrotham. Times: 10-11.30 a.m., 4.30-8 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m.. The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill. Bobbing. Sittingbourne. Kent. Applications by March 28th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec.

LANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. James' Hall, Newport Road.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7861

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester. Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service at All Saints'. 11 a.m. Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15, and tea arranged at 5. for all who notify me by Wednesday, March 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m. All Saints' (10) 10-10.55 a.m. and 7.30-9 p.m. Claines (10) 3-4.30. St. John's (8). St. Swithun's (6) and Powick (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 7848

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting. Bedale (8). Easter Monday. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Dalton, c/o Bucktrout and Firth. Bedale, by Saturday, April 1st.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7912

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6). on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Trendell, Manor House, Pebmarsh. 7889



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. McClelland, 1, Beulah Road, Epping. 7898

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 8th, at Moreton-in-Marsh. 2.15 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea (reasonable charge), to G. H. Harper, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. by Monday, April 3rd. No name no tea. Bells available: Bourton-on-the-Hill. Bourton-on-the-Water, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, all 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Other towers in the area may be open on application to the incumbents. In conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Committee, a course on bell ringing will be held at The County Farm Institute, Hartpury, Gloucester, September 8th/10th. Charge will be £2 7s., including accommodation, meals and tuition.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 7874

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at Cullompton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous, to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 7882

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, April 8th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Nicholas' Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Special business: resolution to alter Rules 8 and 13. Ringing arrangements: Aston (6), Benington (8) 9.30-11.30 a.m.; Little Munden (6) 10.30-12 noon; Braughing (8) 11-1 p.m.; Great Amwell (6), Widford (6), Hunsdon (8) 2-3.45; Hertingfordbury (6), Bengoe (8), All Saints' (10) 2.30-4; St. Andrew's (8) 3-4.30. All Saints', St. Andrew's, Bengoe, Hertingfordbury and Great Amwell after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, (Telephone 3612.) 7863

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, on Saturday, April 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. Metham, 11, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, April 4th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 7884

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields, by Thursday, April 6th. All welcome. 7909

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Willington, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willington. 7913

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 8th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 1.2.30 p.m., Humberstone (6) 2-3, St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.3-15, Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.55, South Wigston (8) 7-7.45, Aylestone (8) 7-8.30. Service at Cathedral 4. A special bus will convey members (free) from the Cathedral to tea in Aylestone Parish Church Hall. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Important business affecting alteration to rules regarding quarterly meetings and raising of subscriptions. Please send names for tea and bus by Thursday, April 6th (none accepted after first post) to undersigned. General Committee meet Wednesday, April 5th, 7.45 p.m. in vestry of St. John-the-Divine.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen H'ws, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 7879

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—(General body).—Saturday, April 8th, St. Mary's Church Road, Leyton. (Central London Underground—Leyton Station.) Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 7873

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at West Malling, April 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mr. P. Carter, Ringers, Newtown, West Malling.—P. J. Osborne, Sec. 7877

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, April 8th, Kingsbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 4th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7888

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 7910

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 8th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Rooms, for those notifying Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by April 5th. Business meeting follows tea.—J. W. Raitby, Gen. Sec. 7899

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ruspur, Saturday, April 8th, not April 1st, as advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify, by Wednesday April 5th. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 7893

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements: St. Ebbe's (8) 10.30-12 noon. All Saints' (8) 11-12.30 p.m., New College (10) 11-12.30, Magdalen College (10) 2.30-4, Merton College (8) 2.30-3.30, St. Mary-the-Virgin (6) 3.30-5, Christ Church (12) 3.30-5, St. Giles' (8) 3.45-5.15. Luncheon 12.45 for 1 p.m., at the 'Forum Restaurant,' High Street, for those who notify Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th. Please remit cash (10s.) with application. Business meeting in St. Giles' Parish Room, Woodstock Road, 5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7892

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**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—Dedication, by the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, of the 'Flo Field' Memorial Treble on Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Lewis, The Forge, Long Sutton, Langport (L.S. 301). Definitely no name no tea. National buses 12.30 p.m. ex Taunton and 12.30 p.m. ex Yeovil stop at Church. 7745

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea by April 11th, to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Eardswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec.

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## LATE NEWS

### Greetings From American Handbell Ringers

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the members of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, I am sending to you our congratulations and best wishes from this side of the Atlantic, during your 50th anniversary celebrations.

We are very much aware of our indebtedness to you for furthering the art of bell-ringing and for sharing so generously what you have created and learned through the years.

Bellringing is now bringing joy and beauty to thousands of lives in this country, and we want you to know that we are trying our best to equal the same enthusiasm and high standards of the art which you have set in years past and are maintaining at the present time.—Cordially,

**ROBERT HIEBER,**  
President. A.G.E.H.R.

### Restoration Of St. Benedict's, Cambridge

Dear Sir,—I think the greatest achievement among ringers during the last half century was the restoration of the bells and tower of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in 1931, to mark the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, the father of change ringing.

Not only did the ringers of the world pay the cost of restoring the bells, but they had to make the tower safe, as it was in a very dangerous state. This called for a considerable amount of ingenuity on the part of the Central Council experts, such as constructing a reinforced concrete corbel course round the tower, lowering the bell frame 12 feet and grouting the walls, thus making Stedman's famous bells ringable for many years to come.—Yours faithfully,

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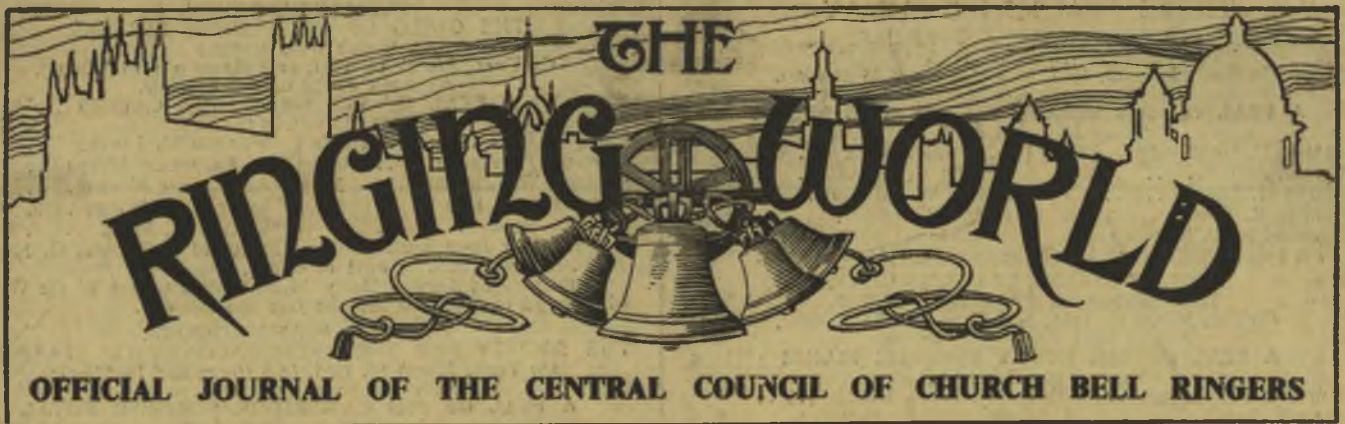
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## EASTER

By REV. P. T. ROBBINS

**M**OST familiar events and places have associations for people—associations which sometimes take the form of a mental picture which springs to mind whenever the event or place is mentioned. Say 'London,' for instance, and many people will immediately picture the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, or the river with its bridges, or Trafalgar Square.

There is a particular mental picture which the word 'Easter' always produces in my mind. I think of an ancient church, with a simple, strong, stone tower, with the flag of St. George flying bravely above; beneath in the churchyard is a sea of daffodils; and one can hear the bells ringing. Oddly enough this picture, fanciful though no doubt it is, and probably built up from dimly-remembered pictures on Easter cards, takes us right to the heart of what Easter really means.

First the church and tower. There is a church of some sort in every parish, and it is there as a standing reminder of God. The country church tower among the trees and the town church spire above the chimney pots alike remind heedless, busy people of the things of God, and the tower, if he has eyes to see this, tells how men ought to lift their hearts and hopes to God on high. Easter likewise is a reminder about God. To the first Christians it was the thing on which their whole faith in God rested. They were not too sure about Jesus after Good Friday. The Resurrection convinced them that Jesus *was* God's Son; God *was* in Christ; the whole life and death of Jesus was something which God had done. For us, too, Easter should be much more than a welcome opportunity for a holiday; it should be a tremendous reminder about God. For so much of our lives we forget altogether about Him. We even wonder whether there really is a God at all. But once upon a time there was an empty tomb, and the One who had been in it was raised from the dead by God. Let us never forget that.

Then there are the daffodils round the church. They may in fact be over by Easter, but the flowering of bulbs in spring always cheers our hearts because it speaks to us of the return of life after the deadness of winter. But winter is by no means the gloomiest thing we see. The world contains a lot of deadness: fear, frustration, anxiety, suffering, that continual falling short of goodness and happiness that all of us experience, and above all the gnawing certainty that everything in our life is bound to be terminated by death. But Easter tells us of the new life which is to come after the winter of this present one. We think of when God raised Jesus to new life—a new life which was not just a continuation of the old one, but something new, higher and finer. At Easter we recall that this new life is the high hope and destiny of all us who believe and trust in Christ.

Finally the bells. Bells ring out with both a proclamation and a summons. 'Hear what we have to say,' they call, 'and come!'. It was in this spirit that the early Church set out upon its task. Their faith and their joy were not things to be kept quiet or enjoyed in private: they were things to be proclaimed fearlessly and insistently and shared with all men. And why? Because men as they were were doomed to death and destruction, and must be summoned to share in the wonderful gift of life which God was offering. Thus they preached, and converted. And so it is today. Both as ringers and as plain Christians, we have the privilege and duty to proclaim both our faith, and also the wonderful grace and the mighty acts of God in which we put our faith, and to summon others to believe and to share in God's gifts.

And so on Easter Day, when those who are more fortunate than this writer go to their towers to ring—some at dawn for the earliest service of the day, others later in the morning, and all once again for Evensong—remember how you are a living part of this symbol of Easter—the church and its tower, the signs of new life outside, and the sound of ringing—and pray that up and down our land, and indeed wherever bells are rung on this joyful day, the sound may be in people's ears as a reminder of God, and of the hope and new life which are in Him, a proclamation of His truth, and a summons to faith and service.



**THREE PEALS IN ONE DAY**

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 6
GORDON H. LANE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 5
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Treble	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Believed to be the quickest peal of Minor rung on tower bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in C.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
*ANNE BARR .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 10
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

RODNEY FRENCH .. .. Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 2	ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. 7
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	RALPH MITCHELL .. .. 8
JEAN ADDICOTT .. .. 4	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 9
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ROBERT L. PIRON.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., March 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in C.

JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(South West Branch.)

On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*JOHN P. SIMS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 6
*YVONNE C. PORTER .. .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 7
*HAROLD W. MILFORD .. 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 8
†FREDERICK E. DAY .. .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 9
*D. ROY BOULD .. .. 5	*WALTER H. MARK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First 10-bell peal. † First of Caters.

In memory of George Harry Myers (vice-president of the Guild), who passed to higher service one year ago this day.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*JILL V. MORGAN .. .. Treble	JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 6
*†PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 2	*JOHN H. ALLEN .. .. 7
ANN BARR .. .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 9
CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

*YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 2	†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 8
†WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and of Royal. † 75th peal together.  
 † First of Royal. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Mills. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Five-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt.
*MARGARET E. FORT .. Treble	THOMAS W. SMITH .. .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. 3	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 7
STANLEY ANDERTON .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung to honour the promotion of Arthur Burton to the rank of serving officer in the St. John Ambulance Brigade; also his 50 years' ringing at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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# BIRMINGHAM.

## ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
PETER BORDER .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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

## LEDGBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
PETER BORDER .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.

### THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

GUY ROWORTH .. .. Treble	VERONICA E. DUPRE .. .. 5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH .. 2	JOHN H. LOTT .. .. 6
ANN M. COX .. .. 3	D. J. NEAL SMITH .. .. 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4	PHILIP CHALK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP CHALK.

## WARWICK.

### THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

PETER BORDER .. .. Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 5
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD 7
J. R. MILLHOUSE .. .. 4	PATRICK J. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

### THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., March 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*CECIL H. PEARSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 5
†MONICA E. COLLINS .. 2	*RALPH L. CLARK .. .. 6
*DIANA M. PIPE .. .. 3	*JOHN H. FRYER .. .. 7
*WILLIAM D. WATSON .. 4	*JOHN J. F. ROPER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First of Double Norwich in Australia.

## STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Treble	*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 5
*PAMELA N. JERVIS .. .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 6
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS .. .. 3	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

## GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERNARD C. MANN .. .. Treble	SYDNEY C. EASTER .. .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 6
JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
HARRY R. APPLETON .. 4	ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## ERITH, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Conductor's 700th peal, and 250th as conductor.

A birthday peal for A. G. Mason and the conductor.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*KENNETH A. EARNSHAW Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	†DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 6
M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 3	KEITH JORDAN .. .. 7
†GARY WIGNALL .. .. 4	*JAMES BAKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. Rung to commemorate the 25 years' incumbency of the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

### A PEAL OF 5024 PYTCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (Tipler's B 15).

## CAMBRIDGE.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

### A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

J. RICHARD HOUGH .. .. Treble	*ALAN J. GRIFFIN .. .. 5
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD .. .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 7
PETER H. LANGTON .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER DALE .. .. Treble	CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 6
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Composition: 29 course block reduced.

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

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

YVONNE L. ELOIE .. .. Treble	*RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 5
*EDWARD A. HAINES .. .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
†I. ANN ABRAHAMS .. .. 3	†CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD 7
*EDWARD C. READ .. .. 4	REV. ROGER KEELEY .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by REV. ROGER KEELEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

## PYTCHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38.56 x 14.78

2nds place 1-e. 4ths place bob.



### KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK VICKERS... .. Treble	*JAMES LINNELL... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER... .. 2	*CHARLES E. TRUMAN... .. 6
*BARRY SAUNDERS... .. 3	EDGAR J. SMITH... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal of London Major.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. Bennett.

### KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... .. Treble	PETER J. COLES... .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON... .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK... .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY... .. 3	JACK S. DEAR... .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER... .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE... .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

### SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MAJOR

Consisting of 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*TOM CHAPMAN... .. Treble	†NORMAN HAYES... .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN... .. 2	†DEREK C. JACKSON... .. 6
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS... .. 3	†DAVID E. HOUSE... .. 7
†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON... .. 4	*R. ROGER SAVORY... .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Spiced Cambridge and Plain Bob. † First of Spiced.

### STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ERNEST J. BLOWER... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE... .. 5
MICHAEL J. HALLETT... .. 2	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL... .. 6
DAVID E. BELCHAM... .. 3	MARK F. HATCH... .. 7
ROY D. TOMLIN... .. 4	SIDNEY BULL... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

### TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT... .. Treble	JOHN RYDER... .. 5
MICHAEL THOMSON... .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER JONES... .. 3	VICTOR NEAL... .. 7
HENRY PARKER... .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD... .. Tenor

Composed by D. JOHN HUNT. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

### BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., March 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HILARY N. KIPPIN... .. Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN... .. 5
TOM CHAPMAN... .. 2	NORMAN HAYES... .. 6
R. ROGER SAVORY... .. 3	DAVID E. HOUSE... .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NASSINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Old, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED A. GINNS... .. Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER... .. 3
RONALD A. RUSSELL... .. 2	DAVID C. URQUHART... .. 4

ROY W. SPENCER... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

Rung to the glory of God.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

AND

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of EMMANUEL,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: Capel, Woodbine, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

KENNETH PARK... .. Treble	NOEL F. MOXON... .. 4
PETER CARBUTT... .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND... .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY... .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

Rung in memory of Joseph Herbert Peace, a past ringer at this church.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE... .. Treble	LESLIE F. BAILEY... .. 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD... .. 5
PETER M. ADCOCK... .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO... .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Norwich to Bunwell.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Editha,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*GEORGE HARPER... .. Treble	HARRY HARPER... .. 4
GORDON H. LANE... .. 2	*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY... .. 5
*HENRY E. HARPER... .. 3	GRAHAM T. BALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM T. BALL.

\* First peal in three methods.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD... .. Treble	RICHARD C. L. BROWN... .. 4
*MICHAEL UTTON... .. 2	MICHAEL J. PARKER... .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung immediately following the wedding of Mr. D. A. Prettyman, of Somerleyton, and Miss J. A. Walker, of Herringfleet, Suffolk.

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RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., March 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

\*JOHN W. SAMPSON .. .. Treble | NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3  
†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2 | THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. 4

†MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

\* First peal, first attempt. † Tenth peal together.  
For Mothering Sunday.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*HENRY KIRK .. .. Treble | ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 4  
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2 | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5  
DAVID J. ADAMS .. .. 3 | ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. KIRK (aged 14).

\* 25th peal; has now 'circled the tower' to peals. First as conductor.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
*On Tues., March 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Childwall and Thelwall, (7) St. Clement's and Double Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble | PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 4  
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 2 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5  
RAYMOND PECK .. .. 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bedford.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.  
*On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one extent of London and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

FREDERICK J. SAGE .. .. Treble | PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 4  
JOHN MANLEY .. .. 2 | PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5  
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 3 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal of Surprise Minor for the Society.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SEDLEScombe SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. Treble | G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4  
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5  
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the hand, in the county, and for the Association.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being extents in seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

\*BRIAN BULL .. .. Treble | †LEONARD ALLEN .. .. 4  
†BRIAN COATSWORTH .. 2 | NICHOLAS DAVIES .. .. 5  
\*ANTHONY CLAYTON .. 3 | PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble | HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4  
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2 | HENRY PARKER .. .. 5  
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, for many years leader of this tower.

LYNSTED, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble | †BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3  
\*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4

RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in seven Doubles methods. † First peal on five bells.  
First in seven methods on the bells.

OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Consisting of 16 twelve-scores and ten six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

\*MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble | †REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH .. 4  
SIDNEY D. EDWARDS .. 2 | \*JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 5  
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 3 | †PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1 to 12) Grandsire, (13 to 17) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (18 to 22) Grandsire, (23 to 32) Plain Bob, (33 to 37) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (38 to 42) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

\*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. Treble | EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 4  
ALEC GAMMON .. .. 2 | ROY H. JONES .. .. 5  
\*JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 3 | WILLIAM G. CUDD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alec Gammon.

WOULDHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

JOHN NIXON .. .. Treble | JOHN COLEMAN .. .. 4  
\*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2 | MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5  
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3 | MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

\* 225th peal. First as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., March 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*  
AT 3, SALTERS ROAD.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5-6  
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3-4 | JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 7-8  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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*On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS**

Being 212 extents. Tenor size 4½ in D.

\*J. PLADDYS .. .. 1-2 | †I. LOWES .. .. 3-4  
Supervised by J. PLADDYS.

\* First peal of Minimus, and 'in hand.' † First peal. First on the bells.

For St. Patrick's Day.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*  
AT THE UNIVERSITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 1-2 | †W. RUSSELL READ .. .. 5-6  
\*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 3-4 | \*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 7-8  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First of Major for the Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. K. Williamson.



# QUARTER PEALS

**BECKFORD, WORCS.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, D. Devereux 4, J. Attwood 5, R. Perks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ben Haviland, a generous benefactor to this church, whose funeral took place this day.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On March 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Hodgson (first of Caters) 1, Miss J. Lavender 2, Mrs. M. Chilcott 3, S. Kimber 4, R. J. Cook 5, F. D. Jennings 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, L. Bance 8, L. A. Reece 9, J. Scholfield 10. For Evensong, and for Confirmation, R. J. Talbot.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher (first quarter) 1, Marion Butcher 2, J. Margaret Tate (first in two methods) 3, E. J. Phillips (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Phillips 5, S. D. Butcher 6. By Sunday service band.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Saban, chorister for over 50 years and past churchwarden, who was interred earlier in the day at this church.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hatch (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, J. Blackford 3, E. Booth 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. Pike 6. A thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Gordon Roe, M.A., at St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

**BRENTFORD, MIDD.**—On March 2nd, 1,479 Splined Doubles (in 25 methods, with 84 changes of method): A. Clayton 1, Joan Spreadbury 2, N. J. Davies 3, A. G. Spreadbury 4, P. Catermole (cond.) 5, A. R. Millidge 6. Most methods by all, Rung on St. Chad's Day.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stone 1, Angela Grainger 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, B. North 4, G. North 5, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Snowwell 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Chichester. Also at the Church of St. Nicholas, on March 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. R. Rapley 1, J. R. Wilson 2, S. E. Armstrong 3, Angela Grainger 4, A. J. Thomson (first on ten) 5, R. Wake 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, H. Stalham 8, A. R. Riddington 9, A. W. Bond 10. Rung as a compliment to Henry Stalham, on his 89th birthday.

**CHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Suckley (first quarter) 1, H. Shone 2, I. Marshall 3, D. Shallcross 4, P. Swindley 5, G. F. Sperring 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8. For Matins.

**CHIDEOCK, DORSET.**—On March 11th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: Judith Harding 1, A. Buswell 2, E. Haines 3, R. Robertson 4, R. L. March 5. First of Minimus by all.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Cuthbert's, on Feb. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, E. Jackson (first of Major) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, T. Senior 6, E. Pannell 7, F. Hodgson 8.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd 1, Ethel B. Clear 2, C. A. Read 3, Olive M. Boulden 4, G. F. O. D. Pratt 5, F. Oakshott 6, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 7, M. Brice (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

**EPFING, ESSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-7 covering): J. Statham (cond.) 1, J. Aldridge 2, C. Moore 3, M. Osborne 4, E. Freeman 5, A. Freeman 6, K. Christian (first quarter) 7. For Evensong.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Farnsworth 1, C. Eades 2, F. Pack 3, E. Eades 4, B. Jenmett 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, G. Nicholson cover. For Mothering Sunday.

**FINCHLEY, MIDD.**—On March 12th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Miss G. Ick 2, F. Barker 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace (first in method) 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung in memoriam the late Ernie Prior, who passed away on January 28th, aged 81 years.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Nicolai Stroud 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, R. C. J. Hagley 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, R. C. Hagley 5, D. Debenham 6, P. Stroud 7, H. Jones 8. First quarter for 1, 5, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

**GRETTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen K. Easton (first quarter) 1, Elaine W. Woolston (first quarter) 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, G. H. Busby (first 'inside') 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. For the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough, on Mothering Sunday.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bedford 1, A. Duggan 2, Miss N. Jeffery 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, E. Potter 5, Rung for Mothering Sunday.

**KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Yuill 1, B. E. Frost (cond.) 2, D. Benfield 3, D. M. Trueman 4, J. W. Felce 5, J. Payne 6. For Evensong.

**KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Norton 1, E. Baker 2, E. Norton 3, R. Luxton (first quarter) 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. For Mothering Sunday.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On March 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Fry (first of Treble Bob) 1, S. Parsons 2, W. Farmer 3, V. Willard 4, I. Goulter 5, J. Homfray 6, C. Wratten (cond.) 7, G. Drew 8. For Evensong.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—On Feb. 22nd, at 6, Hall Grove, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances Fairbank 1-2, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 3-4, W. R. Read 5-6, F. K. Williamson 7-8. By members of the Leeds University Union Campanological Society.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Dances', Strand, on March 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. W. G. Skinner 1, Jean Lavender 2, A. S. Richards (cond.) 3, J. W. Smith 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, R. E. Finch 6, A. M. Macve 7, J. E. Cannell 8. First of Cambridge for 2 and 5. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Miss M. King 2, M. Gathercole 3, J. Tomsett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, F. Ranson 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, W. Oatway cover. For morning service.

**MARCH BALDON, OXON.**—On March 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Sheenagh Gammon (first quarter) 1, Julia A. Chandler 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. S. Walker (cond.) 4, P. Heritage 5. Also on March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On March 11th, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Dunkley 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler (first 'inside') 3, Helen Williams 4, J. S. Walker 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clare, married this day.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On March 8th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Cambridge): B. A. Todd (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela. Warren 3, D. J. Tubbs (first in two Surprise methods) 4, R. I. Vaughan (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong. Also on March 12th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. F. Warren (first of Minor) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, P. G. Smart 4, R. I. Vaughan (first in four Minor methods) 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday service. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Shirley B. Aston 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. A. R. May 5, R. F. Warren 6. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 3 and 4.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Edmund, on March 12th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: Miss J. White 1, R. J. White (first 'inside') 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, G. H. Bedford (first quarter) 5. For Mothering Sunday. First quarter peal by an all-local band for over 20 years.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Millidge (first on five) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, B. Bull 3, A. Bishop 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On March 7th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: R. Hills 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 6, and first in the method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. Stafford-Morris, Rector, who died March 2nd.

**OXFORD.**—On March 12th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,800 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. H. Jones 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the marriage of Michael Allsworth to Sheila Hines.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and St. Bart's): Miss P. Wallace 1, P. Negus 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Hawkes 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Daws, sister of the Vicar.

**RAMSBURY, WILTS.**—On March 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor, in 12 methods: P. T. Hurcombe 1, J. R. Cooper 2, B. Bladon 3, I. H. Oram 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—On March 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,280 London Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Ruth S. Niblett (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, D. N. Niblett 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, Freda Hankey 2, G. Qliver 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, R. Streeter 8.

**ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer P. A. Gittins 1, Karen M. Featherstone 2, G. C. Paul 3, R. J. Danby (cond.) 4, M. R. Harvey 5.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, D. Orledge 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. First in the method for all except 3, 5, 7.

**SHELLEY, YORKS.**—On March 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Oxford): R. Tarbatt (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Peace 2, Susan Peace 3, S. Ramsden 4, J. W. Buxton 5, T. Tarbatt (cond.) 6.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On March 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Stenson 1, N. R. May (first 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick 3, Mrs. R. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Doubles, in five methods (Kennington, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Margaret J. Cozier 1, Rev. H. C. Benson 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn 5. A birthday compliment to mother of treble ringer.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, D. Wight 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 4, R. Hartley 5, W. F. Oatway 6, D. P. Hilling 7, C. Tovey 8. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Appleby (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, R. Hartley 5, C. Tovey 6. A farewell to P. Appleby, who has gone to East Grinstead.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): Miss P. Lansley 1, R. Druit (first in three methods) 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, Miss J. Cook 6. For Lenten service.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On March 12th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 360 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob) 7 covering: R. Mumford (first away from tenor) 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Katherine Burchall 3, Eleanor Roac 4, Grace Burchall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, W. Rushby 7. For Young Wives and Husbands Guild's Evensong.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,272 Kent Table Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Stutely 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (first of Kent Minor) 4, E. E. Davey 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

**THURCASTON, LEICS.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. M. G. Daw (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, K. B. Townsend 3, S. Harrison 4, P. Atkins (first 'inside') 5, P. J. Chilton 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, F. Bindley 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of tenor.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Knott (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Browne 2, K. Wannell 3, P. Jupp 4, J. Barrett (cond.) 5, R. Berry 6.

**UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, D. W. Gray 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. A birthday compliment to Reg Wilkins. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, J. M. Steele 2, C. A. Gray 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkins 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday service, and to celebrate the christening of Catherine Margaret Neal.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita M. Webb 1, Sheila C. Matthews 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, I. G. Smith (first of Minor 'inside') 4, H. Taysom 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Webb.

**WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plowman 1, A. R. Elliott 2, A. Stone 3, E. F. M. Samson 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, W. West 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (David Patrick Michael) on March 3rd, to Major and Mrs. Samson.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—On March 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: R. O. Beck 1, Doreen Cox 2, V. G. Roberts (first of Yorkshire Royal) 3, P. C. Wright 4, A. E. Cox 5, J. Brain 6, P. N. Tubbs 7, E. J. Chivers 8, G. Salmon 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. Rung for Evensong, on the 250th anniversary of the death of Bishop Thomas Ken.



## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

AN attendance of 44 was recorded at the Manchester University dinner on March 11th, at Rowntree's Restaurant. Previous to this 12 members of the Guild nearly distinguished themselves by ringing 3 hours of Stedman Cinques at the Town Hall before the president called Stand. The time of the breakdown (5.30) proved most convenient.

After an excellent dinner the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Mr. Derek Ogden, who was in the chair for the evening.

The toast to the Guild was proposed by Canon R. L. Hussey, who hoped we wouldn't be as unfortunate as the ringer recently mentioned in the 'Daily E...s' who was jabbed with a sword by an irate listener. Mr. G. Fearnough replied and suggested Canon Hussey might follow a nineteenth century example and fill the tenor bell at Salford with ale, to the Guild's obvious advantage. The visitors were toasted by Mr. G. F. Wix and in reply Mr. R. B. Smith kept the gathering in suspense for several minutes with a tale of the dangers of non-ringing wives.

Following the speeches came the Guild's annual meeting. The president apologised for the absence of the Ringing Master, who had contracted mumps, and wished him a speedy return to health. He mentioned the new successful venture of the Northern Universities meetings and that the Universities Association proposed dinner in Manchester next January when they intended to give the North a 'looking over.'

The Master's report was read by Mr. John Soanes and mentioned, in glowing terms, the successful tours and service ringing, and also the many notable peals lost.

The following officers were elected for 1961-2: President, Mr. Derek Ogden; Master, Mr. John Soanes; secretary, Mr. B. Sheppard; committee, Messrs. P. Baker, D. W. Jones, R. J. Johnston; auditor, Mr. Neil Bennett. Five life members were elected.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a successful quarterly meeting at St. Saviour's, Torre, Torquay, on March 18th, when all the towers in the Branch were represented, together with visitors from the South West Branch.

Under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, the Branch Ringing Master, the bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, the ringing ranging from rounds for the beginners to Cambridge Surprise Minor. One interesting feature was the ringing of two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by a ladies' band.

There was a full choir present at the service which was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Porter (Vicar), who warmly welcomed the visitors. After a bountiful tea, prepared by the ladies of the parish, the business meeting followed. Mr. W. J. Harvey was voted to the chair in the absence of the Branch chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood, who had to return home earlier in the afternoon.

Messrs. R. Pearse, of Torre, and J. Burton, of Babbacombe, were elected members of the Branch, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Ilington and Widecombe-in-the-Moor, on July 22nd, subject to permission. With regard to the suggested joint meeting with the South West Branch at Buckfastleigh, it was resolved to include Dean Prior and that the date be Saturday, May 13th, if suitable to the South West Branch. After votes of thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting, there was further ringing at Upton Parish Church.

A. L. B.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Southill on March 11th, although the attendance at tea was rather disappointing. A short service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. F. Ginever, with Mr. M. Lockey at the organ.

Methods rung ranged from London Surprise to rounds for the probationers.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Kent Branch

The annual meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints', Staplehurst, on March 11th, jointly with the Maidstone District. Fifty members attended the service, taken by the Rev. T. H. Vickery, who, in his address, praised ringers for their work.

After the tea, provided by local ringers, the Maidstone District meeting was held with Mr. Vickery, father of the Rector, who was unable to attend, in the chair. Seventeen new members were elected to the Association and one life member. Dr. Hatcher spoke about the District party, an annual event, coming off soon, and also the Association certificate which will be available at the annual general meeting at Maidstone on Easter Monday.

On behalf of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Mitchell thanked the Maidstone District for allowing them to join their meeting. In reply Mr. P. Carter welcomed the Ladies' Guild, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and thanked the Rector, the organist and Mr. Vickery.

After the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the Ladies' Guild meeting started with the election of five new members. The officers re-elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Dobbie; committee, Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mrs. F. J. Cheal, and Mrs. R. Wratten taking the place of Mrs. C. Tester, who had resigned. Central Committee representatives, Mrs. Barnett and Miss M. R. Andrews. Also a 'Ringing World' correspondent, Miss J. F. Barnett. Next meeting, Dartford, on April 22nd.

J. F. B.

**WORCESTER.**—On March 11th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, S. T. Holt 2, J. Whitall (first quarter) 3, D. Price 4, J. Slater 5, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, C. Skidmore 8.

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At the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to be held at Moreton-in-Marsh on April 8th, members will be asked to decide between two propositions for a memorial to Frank Skidmore—a library to be called 'The Skidmore Library' or that the incumbent of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, be asked to name something to be used in the Church of St. Ambrose as a memorial to Frank Skidmore.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Bedford in July.

The peal at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, on March 4th (see page 170), was conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pipe, of Melbourne, are 'coming home' for three months in April. They hope to meet many ringing friends at the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent, on Whit Tuesday.

The Rev. A. J. Vincent, of Kenwyn Vicarage, Truro, has been elected general secretary of Truro Diocesan Guild, in succession to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheła, of Crantock, Newquay.

Gretton, Northants, band has rung its first quarter since its recent affiliation to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The ringers wish to express their appreciation of the services of Mr. C. Green, of Glaston, over the past six months, for his help and encouragement.

With his usual aplomb, writes our Brighton correspondent, Henry Stalham rang in a quarter of Stedman Caters for his 89th birthday, on March 17th. Both Messrs. Len Stillwell and Herbert W. Woolven would like to be associated with the compliment and we are sure there are many others.

In sending a peal of Doubles containing 4 variations of Plain Bob, 2 of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Grandsire, Mr. Roy W. Spencer, of Oundle, comments: 'It seems to me that the real point is whether or not this peal was worth ringing. Doubles methods (or variations), struck well—as this peal was—are far preferable to more ambitious methods scrambled through.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

At the fifth attempt, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major has been scored in Australia, conducted by George W. Pipe, on the front eight of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. In the band were six 'firsts' and a first 'inside' and these people are to be congratulated on their splendid performance. Special mention must be made of the efforts of the three 'Sydneyiders'—John Fryer, Bill Watson and Ralph Clark (his first above Bob Doubles).

Fourteen-year-old Alan G. Kirk, of Fairfield, Buxton, has made a good start in conducting by calling a peal of Minor in three methods on March 14th.

On March 9th a team of schoolboys rang the bells of Rotherham Parish Church for the Grammar School's annual Founder's Day service. Assisted by boys from Kimberworth Secondary School, Grammar School boys rang Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Little Bob Minor, also call changes on the back eight.

The ringers who stood in the quarter peal at St. Matthew's, Clapton, on March 12th were very thrilled to hear the bells 'come round' because they knew that Charles Gray had scored his first quarter for 30 years. Maybe old friends of Charles will be pleased to know this.

The course on bellringing held at Grantley Hall and opened by the president of the Yorkshire Association, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, was again a great success. There were lectures and activities in various important phases of our art, and ringing at five towers varied from four bell change ringing exercises to London Surprise Major. A detailed report will be available soon.

A popular friend of ringers is the new Bishop of Guildford. At the consecration of the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, Provost of Southwark, as Bishop, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, last Saturday, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung before the service and Stedman Caters afterwards. Mr. F. E. Collins was the conductor. Later in the day there was a peal attempt.

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## FIRST PEALERS' PSALM

BY ANOTHER DAVID (MARSHALL)

1. I was glad when they said unto me:  
We will go into the House of the Lord.

2. Yea, we will go into his Belfry: and  
Ring a Peal of Stedman.

3. But now I repent me of my foolish  
ways: I have been misled by the wiles of them  
who wish to see their name in 'The Ringing  
World': I wish I had not consented to ring  
in this peal.

4. I have never rung a peal before: Never  
have I stray'd from the ways of righteousness.

5. Twice do I ring each Sunday: never  
have I written provocative letters to the editor  
of 'The Ringing World': But now I am  
fallen into wickedness.

6. Yea, I am in the company of peal  
ringers and wrongdoers: I am trying to ring a  
peal.

7. My bell is become exceeding heavy:  
My arms are as of lead: My throat has a  
raging thirst: How long must I suffer this  
agony and torment.

8. I have been ringing for ninety minutes:  
The time goes by so slowly.

9. Yea, the clock face mocketh me: There  
are ten score minutes in every hour.

10. I pray that soon I will be delivered:  
That I may be saved from the fruit of my  
iniquity.

11. But what is this I hear, am I to be  
saved already: I hear the sound of an  
approaching pile up, a noise of great confusion.

12. The treble man cries in vain, who is  
doing their first half turn: But no one  
answereth except the tenor man, who shouts  
listen to the striking.

13. Is the conductor dumbfounded, why  
does he not shine in all his glory: and tell  
everyone what to do.

14. Is he not the greatest in Derbyshire:  
is he not the leading Conductor.

15. Perchance he is confounded by the  
tongue of Jafus: When he calls Bob there is  
no bob.

16. Suddenly his eyes light upon me, his  
voice rasps out like a cornflake: Go down  
before the fourth into the slow: Wake thy-  
self up and close your backstroke leads.

17. I am confused and smitten with  
despair: I know not whether I am going up  
or coming down.

18. He yells, know ye not whither thou  
goest: Turneth ye the seventh at backstroke.

19. Yet not all these men are transgressors:  
There is one called Burley the Righteous,  
who calleth on his Maker for inspiration.

20. Now the bells fireth, their clappers beat  
out on their lips in tumult: a still small  
voice calls stand.

21. With acrimony and rancour they fall  
upon me: Recriminations come from every  
side. I say they hem me in on every side.

22. And now it is six o'clock, so potman  
set them up: Before the night is o'er we will  
have a few more rounds.

23. There is a moral to this story: Which  
they do not teach in the College of Cam-  
panology.

24. If you are of a peace loving nature,  
and wish to spend your days in tranquillity:  
Then dismiss all ambition to become a bell-  
ringer.

25. Glory be to our bellringing forefathers  
and to their sons: and to the bells we ring  
upon.

Let them sing out in all their glory: For  
ever- and ever-more.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 13



MISSSES GRACE & KATHERINE  
BURCHINALL,

Southwell Diocesan Guild.

THERE have been many examples of married couples, parents and children, brothers and sisters ringing peals together, but the record of the Misses Grace and Katherine Burchinall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, must surely be unique. They are twins and have rung every one of their 282 peals together!

Born at Branston, Lincs, on June 10th, 1897, they were educated at Lincoln High School, one of them finishing as head girl. In 1919, when their father retired from farming, they went to live at Sutton-on-Trent, but did not learn to ring until 1924. The bells had been increased from five to six (and later made eight), and the late Mr. E. A. Midwinter asked them to join the band. Their first peal was Bob Minor, rung on January 24th, 1925, and was the first peal on the bells. Since then they have rung 57 peals in this tower, which include all the peals on the bells, except one. They were joint captains of Sutton-on-Trent after Mr. Midwinter's retirement, until their resignation in 1960.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 27th, 1931:

Today is the anniversary of the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784 and which stood as a record until 1911.

A hundred and five years ago today the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield.

W. Wilson plans a pilgrimage to the Menin Gate.

Death of Mrs. Goldsmith, at the age of 84.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' March 31st, 1911:

From more than one quarter we have had news of misunderstanding on the part of the newsgagents. Ringers have asked for their 'Ringing World' and have been handed a paper with a somewhat similar sounding title having to do with roller skating. It's funny! The passing craze of rinking is as nothing compared to the science of ringing. Our art will flourish when roller skating is as dead as the dodo.

They have a very high reputation for being excellent strikers, and are extremely safe in a peal. Few of their peals have been of their own arranging, and they think with gratitude of the late Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, who invited them to stand in many peals of Treble Bob with his band, and also of the late John Flint, of Bolsover, who was most kind in fixing up peals for them in Surprise Methods before the war which they had no opportunity of practising locally. They also made several visits to Handsworth, Sheffield, for peals with Fred Watkinson and his band. More recently, Mr. Harold Denman has given them many invitations to ring peals at Gamston, and they have rung over 100 peals with him. Mr. Jack Milhouse has also included them in several 10-bell peals. Jack has often mentioned that he was very grateful to them, in his early attempts at conducting, for they could always be relied upon not to make any mistakes!

They would also like to thank Mr. 'Mick' Exton, of the Southwell Guild, who has been a great help to their local band, and has always been willing to put learners through their first touches. They have always been able to maintain a good Sunday service band, and the bells at Sutton-on-Trent have been rung regularly for two Sunday services. Katherine has conducted one peal of Minor, and Grace has conducted three. Five of their peals have been rung with an all-ladies band. They have rung many peals of Yorkshire. Two of their peals on which they look back with pleasure are a Coronation peal for King George VI in 1937, which started at 6 a.m., and which included Jack and Tom Vessey, also twins, and a similar peal for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. Some years ago, while staying in London for Easter, they were invited by Mr. William H. Hewett to ring at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and he called their first quarter peal of Stedman Caters.

They are both very keen workers for the Church, and have been members of their P.C.C. for over 30 years, and also producers of the Church Drama Group. In fact their loyalty to their local hand has always been uppermost in their minds.

The Misses Burchinall, in their quiet manner, have done a lot to maintain good ringing in their own District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, previously part of the North Notts Association. They are very grateful to all those ringers with whom they have come in contact, for they have met with nothing but kindness wherever they have gone ringing, and always been made most welcome. In return it is very certain that those particular ringers hold the twins in very great respect, both for their unfailing cheerfulness and reliability, as well as for setting such a perfectionist standard in their ringing. **APACE.**

## FIRST SUBSCRIBERS

(Continued from last issue)

MAULDEN, Willoughby E., Framlingham. Joined the Norwich Diocesan Association on January 16th, 1908, and rang his first peal—Oxford T.B.—at Framlingham on September 29th, 1909. Of this band he is the sole survivor. Rung about 200 tower- and 40 handbell peals.

SEDGLEY, Charles J., Ipswich. Born King's Lynn, 1887, where he learnt to ring. Took part in second peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Ringing Master, Suffolk Guild, from formation, in 1923, to 1956. Member Central Council, 1927 to 1956. Peals rung 344 (conducted 86), including 16 different methods of Maximus.

## Godalming In The News

The progress of the Godalming band, which has enabled them to ring a quarter peal (reported in this issue), is due in no small measure to the hard work of the Guildford District secretary, Mr. S. G. Ponting. The ringer of the treble, who rang very well, is only 10 years old.



## HIGH SPIRITS AT DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

TO present a formal report of such an informal function as the Derbyshire dinner is no mean task. This dinner bristles with surprises, and the unexpected invariably happens.

This year was no exception. Such was the demand for tickets that, owing to the limited accommodation of the Corporation Hotel, Derby, many were disappointed that their applications had to be turned down. Large parties, however, attended from various Districts: one from Buxton, led by Alex Richardson and Colin Gould; another from Bolsover, led by Ben Cooper, and there was, of course, a very big contingent from Derby itself.

After an excellent meal, Mr. J. F. Smallwood introduced the guest of honour, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire Association. He warned Mr. Cartwright that it was the general practice to shoot any speaker down in flames if he exceeded his allotted ten minutes, and referred to two dark and sinister characters who seemed to spend the period between one dinner and the next collecting information about people, which could be twisted, magnified and distorted by such low cunning and diabolical ingenuity as to completely destroy the reputation of the victims. He said he would not be surprised if, before the evening was over, Mr. Cartwright was consulted in his professional capacity as a lawyer by some of those who would, he felt sure, suffer at the hands of these two conspirators.

Mr. 'Bill' Cartwright received a very warm welcome; and was obviously affected by the warnings he had received. However, he did bring greetings from the Worcestershire Association, and conveyed them to the company with a warmth which was much appreciated. He did not propose to refer to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, for he did not know that gentleman, but he would like to congratulate the Association on its progress, and the quality of its performances. Although this was his first visit to the Derbyshire dinner, he could assure them it would by no means be the last.

This concluded any semblance of formal proceedings, the floor was cleared, and fun and games became the order of the evening. The Derbyshire choir was assembled, and under the brilliant conducting of Mr. R. Carlisle, of Basford, gave an excellent account of itself. Most of the words of the songs (sung to well known tunes) were of the usual scurrilous nature. The First Pealers' Psalm, by another David (Marshall) was very cleverly rendered, thanks to the excellent pointing by Mr. R. Carlisle. See page 221.

### 'CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS'

The award this year went to Mr. David Marshall, of Sawley, and Mr. Gordon Halls, supported by holders of this Order, all wearing their badges, read the preamble, followed by the citation.

The citation stated: 'We first became aware of your outstanding ability when we heard of the daring exploit in which you made a gross profit of £200 from the wreckage of your own car. No, you didn't smash it up yourself, but parked it in the middle of the main street of Cheltenham, where some important driver couldn't fail to hit it...'

'As a writer of letters to "The Ringing World" you have exercised great ingenuity. Here, one of your techniques is to write a conglomeration of figures relating, at least you say they relate, to some new method. Of course, no one can understand what you are writing about. Certainly not the editor. This enables you to write again, several times,

gaining publicity by pointing out all the "printing errors."

'If there are any recriminations forthcoming you have an excellent alibi—you blame the other David Marshall who comes from Rugby.'

Referring to his job at Sawley, as Ringing Master, the citation added 'that everything now came under "Marshall Law." 'The Vicar, having read Dorothy Sayers' "Nine Tailors" and Ernest Morris' "Bells of All Nations," was well equipped and indeed ambitious to become a bellringer himself. This you could not tolerate so you devised a scheme to frustrate the Vicar's ambition.

'Knowing the simplest plans are always best you encouraged the Vicar to have a lesson in bell-handling, impressing on him the necessity to hold firmly on to the sally at all costs. This had the desired result, and the Vicar of Sawley was very nearly the first space man.'

### THE ANTHEM

The choir sang the 'Capita Magnissimus' anthem, the last verse which went as follows:

David Marshall number nine,  
Wrecking clock chimes is his line.  
And the Parson in a rage  
Sacked him for his vandalism.  
Marshall liked his ringing job,  
And refused to give it up.  
So that David still stays on  
And the Parson's gone to Osmaston.

One of the items in the evening's entertainment was choosing a Beauty Queen, 'Miss Derbyshire Association.' The judges were Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. J. F. Smallwood. After careful deliberation they declared Miss Susan Turner (of Sawley) the winner. It was a sight for sore eyes to see our staid, legal luminary investing this very charming little lady with a band consisting of a sally, which he at first placed round her neck! It was afterwards placed in a more suitable position.

More fun and games brought a happy evening to an end, all too quickly, and to Gordon Halls, Denis Carlisle and their latest recruit we extend our congratulations on an extremely well organised affair, and thanks for their unsparing efforts to ensure our enjoyment.

JAFUS.

### THE BAND

The bronze waits, slider-poised, its stillness caught  
In light sieved through the louvres by gusts of cold  
Steeple-wind; ropes twitch as the band take hold  
Down in the ringing room; the chime-wires, faint,  
Frustrate the whirring clock. Grasping the third,  
Perched on a box, the pig-tailed youngster stares  
Earnestly at the treble, who prepares  
To shout 'Look to!' Bent, somewhat deaf, grey-haired,  
He 'counts 'un up, and counts 'un down again'  
And still calls men to worship. Last of all  
The captain, on the tenor, takes the strain,  
And ponders on the length of touch to call.  
'She's gone!' Upward the quickened sally bounds

As the bells swing and settle into rounds.

J. EASTHAM HOTTON.

Nottingham.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

'What a lovely day! It's just right for going to a meeting.' So thought more than 30 ringers on March 4th, and they came many miles to Norton. Ringing began promptly at 3 o'clock and the bells were kept going until it was time for the service, which was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. C. Ritchie, who is himself a ringer.

Despite a request for names for tea, three times the number expected arrived but the ladies who were preparing it rose to the and there was sufficient food even if there was very little room to eat it.

Mr. F. Plummer was chairman of the business meeting which followed. Elections were: Members, A. Buck and Miss C. Dear (Baldock), T. Hatchett and L. Hatchett (Sandon), Miss G. Sims (Norton); non-resident life members, R. Edwards (Erdington), T. Hyde and P. Rogers (Henlow). No coach will be run from the Northern District to the A.G.M. at Hertford this year. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a District social in the autumn. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Mrs. Ulrich (organist). The secretary made two corrections to the District report: Cottored are to be returned and rehung, but not recast; Stevenage St. Nicholas' bells have been restored since Norton's.

J. S.

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Marlborough Branch

The most successful meeting of the Marlborough Branch for a long time was that at Overton, which was attended by 50 ringers. The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. F. Smedley), and despite a far larger number than had been expected the organisers coped magnificently with tea.

At the meeting Captain Robinson, R.N., of Overton, reported on the Guild committee meeting, mentioning ways and means of broadening the experience of new recruits by ringing in different towers, the recognition by 'Outward Bound' movement of bellringing as a character-building activity among young people, and making the fact more widely known that bellringing was an accomplishment, for which a badge was given under the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. On behalf of the company Capt. Robinson was thanked by Mr. T. A. Palmer (secretary).

After the usual votes of thanks ringing was resumed on Cambridge, Kent T.B., Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, Grandsire, rounds and call changes.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'TRUE ROMAN SPIRIT'

Dear Sir.—*Omnia Britannia*, it would seem, in tres partes est divisa. With the advent of the trans-Pennine express perhaps our trans-paludian Liverpoolian friends will feel the urge to indulge in a little exploration. They will discover that their implied prehistoric preconceptions are wildly astray: that there is, in fact, land east of Manchester and that the world is anything but flat.

Rather reluctantly, sir, but with true Roman spirit, we must bow our heads and our pride to the yoke, ceding our record of 12 hours' continuous handbell ringing, as published in the taciturn annals of 'The Ringing World,' Vol. LVI, July 15th, 1960, p. 481 (ad papyrus comitum), reading from front to back and from left to right.—Yours sincerely,

W. BRUTUS READ.

NERO G. SWIFT,

FLAVIUS K. WILLIAMSON.

(Qui, pro Societate Universitas Leodensorum tintinnabula tinniverunt.)

## FAMILY TOWER CAPTAINS

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Irving's letter in your issue of March 10th regarding tower captains, I am afraid I must disappoint him in so much as he cannot claim a record.

Here at Kelvedon my grandfather, William Elliott, was made tower captain in 1886, and on his death in 1937 my father, Joseph Elliott, was appointed captain—a position he still holds. Therefore, not only have we had only two captains in 75 years, but both from the same family! Incidentally, the Elliott family has been ringing at Kelvedon since the late 1700's—about 190 years.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

## A MEMORY TO BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH

Dear Sir.—When reading the report of the Henry Johnson dinner, my thoughts wandered back to 1925 and I, like Mr. E. C. Shepherd, felt the loss of Bishop Ryder's Church. At that time (1925) I left our small village in Buckinghamshire to find employment in the city of Birmingham. Grand sire Doubles was my limit but I was made welcome at Gem Street by Mr. James George, who at that time was trying to teach a young band Stedman as their first method. The year 1927 saw me back at my old tower in Buckinghamshire and the start of Stedman Doubles for another band, which resulted in peals of Stedman Doubles being rung in North Bucks, one with 40 different callings.—Yours, etc.,

J. E. WHITLOCK.

Wolverton, Bucks.

## GUIDE TO SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir.—May I, through your columns, draw attention to the Central Council's new publication, 'Ringing for Service' (price 1s. post free), a guide to the efficient organisation of the Sunday service band.

This booklet, which is well illustrated, will be invaluable to tower captains and those responsible for maintaining Sunday service ringing.

Ringing Associations may consider it worth while having a stock of the booklet to issue to any tower needing help or guidance.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

## LUBBESTHORPE AND ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. C. Brown's letter on page 179 of 'The Ringing World' of March 17th, it is quite true that there is very little difference in the 'blue-lines' of Zouche and Lubbesthorpe Surprise Royal, but the fact remains that they are different methods and therefore must have a different name. There are, of course, many people who argue in exactly the same way, but what is the solution? At present, a different method must have a different name to avoid confusion. When we rang Lubbesthorpe we certainly did not ring Zouche (although we rang something very, very similar).

Different compositions were, in fact, used for these peals.

5,040 ZOUCHE SURPRISE ROYAL

By Shirley Burton  
M W H 23456—

—	—	—	4	6	5	3	2
—	—	—	5	2	3	6	4
—	—	—	5	3	6	2	4
—	—	—	6	3	4	2	5
—	—	—	3	5	4	2	6
—	—	—	2	3	4	5	6

5,040 LUBBESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

By Shirley Burton  
M W H 23456

—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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The phrase 'Rung without previous practice' means just what it says. None of the band had ever struck a blow of either method before the attempt for the peal, and both peals were rung without a practice attempt—without even a second start.

Perhaps Mr. Brown would also give us his views on Yorkshire, Braunstone, Biddenden and Wye—four methods with different names and yet differing no more, really, than Zouche and Lubbesthorpe.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester.

## XINGU SURPRISE WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—I wish to withdraw the peal of Xingu Surprise Minor, rung at Countesthorpe on February 11th, 1961, as it would appear that it is impossible to obtain a true extent in this method.

I would like to offer apologies to all who may have been caused inconvenience or heartache, and thanks to all those who have pointed out to me the error of my ways.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

JOHN M. JELLEY.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Dear Sir.—Having had the privilege and pleasure of ringing with most of those included in Mr. Meadows' verses, I now feel I know them much better.

I have yet to catch hold (of) with Rodney, but if his ringing is as delightful as his writings, well, I've missed a real treat: yet I tremble to think of his verdict on my belfrymanship or peal ringing habits. After all, who doesn't get a hole in their sock sometimes. Thankee Mister Middlers!

BOR DEE 'CEE' VEE.

Has Dee Vee every finished a peal fully shod?—Editor.

## IVYCHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read the letters of Messrs. E. Rowe and J. Acres re Ivychurch, and apologise for the slip that occurred in the article in question. I was relying entirely on local information gained when I visited Ivychurch and inspected the bells in September of last year, and since I am acquainted with ringers who rang there before the war and who found them almost unmanageable then, I wrongly assumed that this was the last time they were rung.

The bells in their present condition could probably be rung with a lot of difficulty, but the fittings are very poor and two of the wheels are broken. Added to this, the bells are hung far out from the headstocks and there is a long rope-draught to the ground floor (the tower being about 80 feet high).

The bells themselves were originally cast by John Wilnar in the first quarter of the 17th century, but the fourth bell was recast by Samuel Knight a century later. I measured the diameter of the tenor as 44½ in., note F, so it would probably weigh about 14½ cwt., although Mr. Dove seems rather optimistic in crediting it with 17 cwt.

The wooden bell frame was originally constructed for four bells to swing parallel to the four walls of the tower, and took the shape of a 'hollow square.' The present timbers are thus older than the present bells. The frame was altered (without doubt, by Wilnar) to accommodate the augmented ring by shortening the pit of the old second bell, and adding a new pit in the space provided next to the old treble pit. The old treble was now placed in this pit and the new treble placed in the old treble's pit. Similar instances occur at the 5-bell towers of Bredgar and Ruckinge, and a modified example to carry six bells at Brabourne.

I wonder if Messrs. Rowe or Acres rang at Kingsnorth (5, 10 cwt. in A flat) on their Kent tour? These bells are in better condition than Ivychurch's, although the old fittings are present with horizontal iron 'peg' stays and vertical iron sliders. However, an 'unringable incumbent' resides here at present, and the bells are only swing-chimed, as at Ivychurch. They were, however, rung before the war.

To any ringers wishing to ring at Newchurch (5, 12 cwt. in G), near Ivychurch, they may be interested to know that only the front four are ringable, and that with a lot of effort. (It required three of us to ring the treble up 'right'!) The wheels are far too large, and the draw of rope so great that the sallies all lie on the floor before ascending at backstroke, although the ropes are not too long.—Yours faithfully,

'MARSHMAN.'

Romney Marsh.

## GUILD'S AUTHORITY?

Dear Sir.—Recently it has come to our notice and we are sure to many more that read 'The Ringing World,' that a controversy is in progress over Surprise Royal compositions.

We have not, unfortunately sufficient knowledge to join in this argument. We have, as has the rest of the Guild, been drawn into it. We have been led to understand that when the honorary secretary of a Guild writes under that designation that he is writing for the whole Guild!

We should therefore like to enquire at what Guild meeting the views subscribed by the honorary secretary were voiced and approved.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

W. A. LACEY.

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## TWELVE BELL TOWERS

**ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.**  
**S**T. MARY THE GREAT is the University Church of Cambridge; it is a vast church with an impressive tower which rises above Market Hill, an area liberally sprinkled with a gaudy array of stalls. Nearby, bathed in dignity, is a group of buildings incorporating the Senate House, Caius College and that remarkable and lovely structure, King's College Chapel.

The church, as seen today, has been rebuilt on older foundations, and the fabric dates mostly from that period notable for ecclesiastical architecture, being commenced in 1478 and finally completed in 1608—that year witnessing the laying of the last stone of the tower.

St. Benedict's Church originally held the University's bell patronage. It so happened that nearly 600 years ago the then Rector of St. Benedict's, Allen, quarrelled with the Chancellor as to the right of the University to the use of the bell. (It is believed that this church—attended much later by Fabian Stedman—did, in fact, possess five bells at that time.)

The turbulent waters on which the Rector and Chancellor were unhappily engaged were, to an extent, calmed by the timely intervention of Hugh de Balsham, Bishop of Ely, who decreed that the 'bell' in question should 'be rung in a civil and honest manner,' but with the condition that the clerk of the church be satisfied for such ringing in the usual manner.

However, this arrangement did not last: the University removed its patronage from St. Benedict's Church to that of Great St. Mary's, and thus it has remained ever since.

This 'Great' edifice possessed a chime of eight bells for many years, but details of that ancient octave appear to have vanished in the mists of time. Bowtell gives us one clue, for his account preserves this inscription: JOHANNES YORKE ME FECIT IN HONOREM BEATE MARIE, and from this we glean information that the bells—or some of them—were cast in the 14th century.

### A SMALL TING-TANG

The parish book for the year 1514 mentions 'an obligation for Tho. Church, bell-founder of Bery.' Next we hear of John Warren, a versatile man, who made a small 'ting-tang' for Great St. Mary's Church in 1607. He is better known for his work in connection with the erection of the tower, and his little bell marked the completion of this stately sentinel from which 12 bells are heard today. Warren gave much of his time and labour in forwarding its erection, and he lived but one year after its completion.

His son, John, caused a tablet, in memory of his father, to be placed beneath the tower, and it is a most beautiful testimony of the deep regret felt at the passing of this enthusiastic builder-cum-founder:—

'A speaking Stone

Reason may chance to blame

But did it know

Those ashes here doe lie

Which brought the stones

That hide the steeples shame

It would affirme

There were no reason why

Stones should not speake

Before their builder die.

For here John Warren

Sleeps among the dead

Who with the Church

His owne life finished

Anno Domini 1608

December 17.

'A MERRY DIN'

Queen Elizabeth loved bells, and to commemorate her visit to Cambridge on August 4th, 1564, 'a merry din' was created on almost

every bell in the town—that is, all with the exception of St. Mary the Great; and for their oversight or unwillingness to arrange that the bells be rung on this auspicious occasion the churchwardens suffered a fine of 'ijs. ijd. to the Queen's Almoners servant for not ringing at the Queen's coming.' A few years later—in 1587—the ringers were paid the sum of xijd. for ringing 'at the triumph.'

It would appear that during the reign of Elizabeth I St. Mary's Church possessed four bells, and there were termed as 'forbell, myddell bell and great bell,' together with Thomas Church's tenor, the latter being recast in 1595. These were later augmented—'the fourre belles,' which were suspended from a frame badly in need of repair, emerging as 'five TUNABLE belles. . . . Evidently those bells, before recasting, were of such doubtful quality that they would have driven an Elizabethan madrigal composer mad! Another bell was added at



ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

some time, but the name of the founder and the date of its installation are uncertain.

The year 1667 witnessed further augmentation, Robard Gurney making two new trebles for the church. Much later, at a meeting of church officers held on November 16th, 1721, it was agreed that the services of a bell founder be obtained in order to have the bells recast; and at another meeting on June 15th, 1722, it was further decided to increase the weight of the eight bells, the tenor not to exceed 28 cwt. At the same time it was agreed that a new frame, wheels and other fixtures be provided. The bellfounder in question was Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, creator of a great bell at St. Paul's, Cathedral.

### TWO ADDITIONAL BELLS

Apparently enthusiasm ran high at this stage, and it seems that money was no object, for yet another meeting on August 2nd, 1722, agreed that two additional bells be added to make a ring of ten. The founder was paid £71 12s. for the new bells, and these were delivered to

the church on the 25th day of the same month. There is no record testifying to the tuneful merits of this ring, but Ludlam, who graduated as 11th Wrangler in 1748-9, and who seemed to enjoy criticising everything and everybody, was disgusted with them and condemned their creator in no uncertain manner.

The Whitechapel foundry passed from Phelps to Thomas Lester, under whose direction it experienced difficult times. It became a flourishing concern, however, after Thomas Pack joined Lester, and later, under the name of Pack and Chapman, the old established foundry was 'on the job again' at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

This firm recast the tenor, which emerged from the fiery furnace as a 'maiden' bell on Valentine's Day, 1770. It is a splendid bell and weighs 27 cwt. 13 lb. The tenor, of fine tonal quality, mesmerised Cambridge, and two ringers, Chas. Day and Jno. Paris, successfully raised money for 'two tribbles to make a peal of 12.' Pack and Chapman duly obliged.

Friend Ludlam again enters the scene, his bewailings and grumbings undiminished.

Promptly finding fault with the young bells, he stated most vigorously: 'The best bell, the best peal of bells in the world are in this town [contradicting himself] and yet they [Pack and Chapman] never regarded them. They undertook to cast two bells, one of which should be an 8ve and 4th, the other an 8ve and 5th or 12th, to the tenor of St. Mary's, Cambridge, which is D in the modern opera pitch. They did send two things called bells; but neither ringers, singers, nor the Professor of Music at Cambridge, have been able to determine which note they speak; the general sentiment is that they speak no note at all.'

Ludlam was irritated—perhaps reasonably so—by the fact that the new trebles were made much too thick and heavy—for fear that they should have insufficient power—and were, indeed, acknowledged by some as being a blot on the fair name of the ring.

To conclude the history of the bells: William Dobson, of Downham Market, recast the 11th in 1825, and it is a very fine bell, understandably so, for founder Dobson was held in high esteem in his occupation.

Number seven was recast by Taylors in 1923, and in 1954 this firm introduced the offending trebles to the melting pot and rehung the ring in a new cast-iron bell frame supported by a foundation of heavy rolled steel girders.

The treble and second retain their original inscriptions testifying to the initiative and generosity of Messrs. Day and Paris, and other bells are inscribed with their respective founders' and various churchwardens' names. They constitute a ring of 12, satisfying both to the ear and in their handling.

### CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Shortly after 1722 a peal was rung on the bells—then ten—and a Society of Cambridge Youths was established in 1724. A year later, on November 5th, a peal of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples was achieved, and another peal in the same method materialised on October 22nd, 1734.

The Society had several eminent men on its registers, and a few of these ringers are mentioned below:—

Charles Mason, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College and Woodwardian Professor (1725); John Roper, apothecary, afterwards a major in the Army, killed at Val 1747 (1728); Richard Dawes, M.A., Fellow of Emmanuel College, a celebrated critic (1730); Samuel Roe, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Vicar of Stotfold, Beds, author of works against enthusiasm, etc.; James Gifford, Mayor 1757-8 (1738); John Incarsole, a gentleman totally blind but an excellent ringer and musician (1767); John Bow-

(Continued next page)



**12 BELL TOWERS—Contd.**

tell, bookbinder (1773); Humphrey Argent, organ builder (1777); Maurice Rocket, boot-maker (1839); John Carr, innkeeper, a native of Waltham Cross, who was well known in East Anglia as a ringer (1843); others included a hairdresser, a common-carrier, stone-cutter, carpenter, house painter, bricklayer, farrier, farmer and a weaver.

**THE PEALS**

From 1770 to 1852, 14 peals were rung on the bells, the first on the 12 consisting of 5,610 changes of Grandsire Cinques, on Christmas Eve, 1770. Then followed: 5,220 Bob Royal, January 29th, 1773; 5,120 Grandsire Caters, November 10th, 1774; peals of Bob Major on March 14th, 1779, and May 15th, 1781, respectively; a 'dumb peal' for Lord Robert Manners, M.P. for Cambs, May 20th, 1782; 6,600 Bob Maximus, January 21st, 1788; 6,000 Treble Bob Royal, February 16th, 1790 (bookbinder Bowtell rang the tenor); 7,002 Grandsire Caters, October 31st, 1791 (Bowtell again bringing up the rear); a 'dumb' peal for Louis XVI of France, January 25th, 1793; 5,039 Grandsire Caters, February 14th, 1793; Holt's Original, June 2nd, 1797; a 'dumb' peal of Grandsire Triples for the Duke of Northumberland, 1847; 5,040 Grandsire Triples, March 11th, 1850; and 5,039 Grandsire Caters, February 16th, 1852.

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major was rung on January 27th, 1897 (conducted by G. F. Woodhouse). This was followed by 5,111 Grandsire Caters on August 18th, 1905 (conducted by George R. Newton); 5,040 Stedman Triples, July 11th, 1906 (Rev. F. E. Robinson); 5,040 Stedman Triples, October 3rd, 1910 (Rev. H. S. T. Richardson); and 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on June 21st, 1912 (Rev. H. Law James).

Two peals were rung by visiting ringers on August 4th, 1913, comprising 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus and 5,019 Stedman Cinques, conducted by William Pye and John H. Cheeseman respectively.

A peal of 5,021 Grandsire Caters came round on July 14th, 1924, and 5,039 changes in the same method was achieved on August 24th, 1924, both peals of which were conducted by E. G. Hibbins.

Recent peals rung in the tower are: 5,019 Stedman Caters on August 18th, 1945 (conductor, John E. Spice); 5,003 Grandsire Caters, March 24th, 1951 (Charles W. Smith); 5,079 Stedman Caters, September 10th, 1951 (F. E. Haynes); and the first peal after the bells were rehung consisted of 5,019 Stedman Cinques on September 1st, 1955, conducted by F. E. Haynes.

T. A. BEVIS.

**A SONNET**

The bells were hanging in the silent tower,  
When up the steps there came a band of ten.  
Each in his way all set to ring with power,  
And bring sweet music to the world of men.  
Firmly they grasp the ropes, and with fixed gaze  
Upon their leader look for his command;  
Then at his word, the bells all leave their slays,  
And speak their message over all the land.  
'When mirth and joy are on the wing we ring,  
And at the passing of a soul we toll,  
A peal of merry notes for brides we bring;  
When danger fills the air, our notes we roll.  
Anon we tell to all men far and near,  
The birth and death of each succeeding year.'

S. L. BARLOW.

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**OBITUARY****MR. CHARLES SMART**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Smart, of Leatherhead, at the age of 84 years, who passed peacefully away in his sleep whilst staying with one of his daughters at Merstham, Surrey, on February 22nd.

The funeral took place at Leatherhead Parish Church on February 27th, and was attended by his two sons and two daughters, family friends and several Leatherhead ringers.

Mr. Smart commenced his ringing at Sandhurst, Berks, and was well known in that District for several years. A change of occupation caused him to give up ringing until after the first world war. He went to Leatherhead in the early 1920's and soon attached himself to the local band, where he was a very valued and welcome addition, being a regular Sunday service ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, but was always ready to stand in if needed.

On Sunday, February 26th, at Leatherhead Parish Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major was rung as a tribute to his memory, by A. H. Winch 1, G. Marriner 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, W. E. Oatway 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

**MR. C. O. MOORE**

Mr. Charles Oakley Moore, sometime general secretary of the London County Association, died on Sunday, March 12th. He was also a Past Master of St. Clement Danes' Lodge of Freemasons and a Past First Principal of St. Clement Danes' Royal Arch Chapter.

**THE EARL OF SHAFESBURY**

We regret to announce the death, in hospital at Salisbury, on Saturday, of the Earl of Shaftesbury, who was 91 years of age. He was Lord Lieutenant of Dorset from 1916 to 1952 and president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Earl was elected an honorary member of the Central Council in 1937 and remained so at the time of his death.

**GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS****Mid-Devon Branch**

On March 18th the Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Tor Parish Church, Torquay. Over 40 ringers attended from the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches, including ringers from Babbacombe, Buckfast Abbey, Dean Prior, Emmanuel, Plymouth, Paignton, Plympton St. Maurice, St. Andrew's, Plymouth, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Tavistock, Torre, Townstal and Upton. The six bells were kept going during the afternoon with ringing to suit all tastes and under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. E. Porter, who gave the address. The organist was Mr. K. P. Ward, and the choir, which led the singing, was formed from the regular Tor Church choristers and a number of the visiting ringers.

After the service an excellent tea was provided by the Tor ladies' sewing group. A business meeting followed, with Mr. W. J. Harvey in the chair owing to the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood. In the evening, further ringing took place at Tor and on the eight bells of Upton Parish Church.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

Visitors were present from as far afield as Hitcham, Bucks, and Bradford-on-Avon for the quarterly meeting of the Andover District held at Goodworth Clatford, on March 18th. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise on the pretty ring of six.

At the business meeting Mr. A. W. Alliston was elected chairman until the annual meeting, as both the chairman and vice-chairman had resigned. New members elected included three ladies from Highclere, one from Sydmon-ton and the fifth from this previously unringable tower.

Next meeting, May 27th, Sydmon-ton, with Burghclere after tea. It is hoped that all towers in the Branch will compete for the Aird Challenge Cup in August.

**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION****Southern District**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association was held in Limerick, on St. Patrick's Day. Every tower in the District was represented and also in attendance were Mr. F. E. Dukes (general secretary) and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (Ringing Master).

The bells of St. Mary's Cathedral were put to plenty of use during the day, by the visitors and locals. During the afternoon six teams competed for the R. R. Cherry Cup for good striking. It was won by St. Mary's Cathedral 'A' team, who had 27 faults. Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, were second, with 38 faults. The judges, Messrs. Dukes and Dunwoody, favourably commented upon the high standard of all teams. Based upon the number of blows struck, the maximum percentage of faults was 5.8 per cent., the winners having only 1.34 per cent. Mr. Roy McCormack acted as District Ringing Master for both the contest and for the day's ringing.

The business meeting was held after lunch in the National Hotel, Limerick. It was presided over by Mr. C. Galbraith, District chairman. The Dean of Limerick, the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot—himself a ringer—welcomed all the visitors to the ancient city. Before business was dealt with a tribute was paid to the late Mr. Ernest Harris, of Waterford, a life member.

A well deserved tribute was paid to Mr. Pratt, who, because of health, has decided not to seek re-election as president. Good wishes were sent from the meeting to Mr. Pratt and to Mrs. Dukes, who by the time this report appears will have undergone an operation.

A prolonged discussion took place as to the 'open-hand' stroke lead being used for call changes and in competitions. The meeting asked for clarification on the 'open-lead.' The rule in regard to judging the striking states that the basis should be as laid down in Snowdon's 'Ropesight.'

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president of Executive Council and chairman of District, Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith (Limerick); District Ringing Master, Mr. Tom McDonald (Cork); District secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, Mr. Paddy Hanley (Limerick); to Executive Council, Messrs. G. H. Ellis and R. McCormack.

After tea the results of the Cherry Cup competition were announced and the cup presented to Mr. G. H. Ellis, captain of the winners, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. They now compete in the all-Ireland final for the Murphy Cup on April 22nd.

The attendance shield was presented to the captains of Bandon and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, who scored 100 per cent. for 1960, along with St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, by Rev. Canon McCann.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****Newark District**

The meeting at North Muskham on March 18th attracted a good number of ringers, with visitors from the North Notts, Nottingham and Mansfield Districts, and also from Lincolnshire. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a wide variety of Doubles and Minor methods.

At the service, the Rev. Mr. Snow, new Vicar of North Muskham, welcomed the company to the church, and apologised for not coming in the ringing room as he was in the midst of a Sunday school party. An excellent tea was served in the Newcastle Arms, overlooking the River Trent, and the business meeting was held afterwards in the church. Four new members were elected from Balderton and one from Newark, and the Rev. Mr. Snow was elected a vice-president. Orston was confirmed for the May meeting, where it is proposed to hold the District elimination contest for the Crawford Cup.

B. N. R.



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THOUGHT for the week.—'Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.' (Matt. iii, 8.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—Owing to renovation of the tower, no ringing will be possible after April 3rd, 1961. Recommencement will be announced after completion of repairs. 7926

SCOTLAND.—If you will be in Scotland, May 21st-28th, and are interested in ringing during your stay, please write to H. Oglesby, 25, Taplow Road, Taplow, Bucks, as soon as possible. 7915

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 1st, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: April 4th, St. Paul's Cathedral 6.30 p.m.; April 11th, St. Lawrence, Jewry, 6.30; April 18th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; April 25th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chikcott.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Evercreech. Service 12 noon. Lunch and tea at Bell Hotel. Ringing arrangements: Evercreech (10) before service. Castle Cary, Ditchat, Shepton Mallet (8), Bruton, Douling, Pilton, Pyllie and West Pennard (6) all from 10.30-11.30 a.m. and after tea, Wincanton (8), Batcombe, Henstridge, Horsington and Templecombe (6) after tea.—G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 7930

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 3rd, at Trumpington. Ringing arrangements: Great Grandsen (6) 10-12 noon, Gamlingay (6) 10-12, Bourne (8) 11-1 p.m., Orwell (5) 12-2, Melbourn (6) 12-2, Meldreth (6) 1-3, Haslingfield (5) 2-3.30, Harston (6) 2-3.30, Trumpington (8) 3.15-4.15. Service Trumpington Church 4.15. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Trumpington 6.15-7.15, Great St. Mary's, Cambridge (12) 7-8.30, St. Bene't's (6) 7-8.30, Histon (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m.—The Corn Exchange (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 3rd. Service at All Saints', 11 a.m. Meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15, and tea arranged at 5, for all who notify me. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.55 a.m. and 7.30-9 p.m., Claines (10) 3-4.30, St. John's (8), St. Swithun's (6) and Powick (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7848

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting, Bedale (8), Easter Monday. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Dalton, c/o Bucktrout and Firth, Bedale.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7912

BARNSLAY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7920

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston, Saturday, April 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to S. Carter, Tower Lodge, Kelston.—Alan Lee, Sec. 7897

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 8th, at Blunham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London and Double Court. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7922

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bowdon, April 8th, with Grappenhall Branch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, before Tuesday, April 4th.—C. K. Lewis. 7951

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Alkmund's (8) 2.15-3.15 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3.15-4.15, St. Peter's (8) 4-4.30 and after meeting. Committee meet, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 3.45. Service in St. Peter's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Note: Have a thought for the caterers and send in names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby, by Tuesday, April 4th.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7925

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 8th, meeting at Merstham. Tea at the Golden Wheel Cafe. Names to Mr. A. Cheasley, 20, High Street, Merstham, by 6th. Nutfield in evening.—C. A. Bassett. 7933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 5.30 until 8.30 p.m.—D. F. Mufet, Dis. Sec. 7936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Trendell, Manor House, Pebmarsh. 7889

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. McClelland, 1, Beulah Road, Epping. 7898

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 8th, at Moreton-in-Marsh, 2.15 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea (reasonable charge), to G. H. Harper, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, by Monday, April 3rd. No name no tea. Bells available:

Bourton-on-the-Hill, Bourton-on-the-Water, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, all 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Other towers in the area may be open on application to the incumbents. In conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Committee, a course on bell ringing will be held at The County Farm Institute, Hartpury, Gloucester, September 8th/10th. Charge will be £2 7s., including accommodation, meals and tuition.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 7874

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at Cullompton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous, to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 7882

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. 7945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, April 8th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Nicholas' Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Special business: resolution to alter Rules 8 and 13. Ringing arrangements: Aston (6), Benington (8) 9.30-11.30 a.m.; Little Munden (6) 10.30-12 noon; Braughing (8) 11-1 p.m.; Great Amwell (6), Widford (6), Hunsdon (8) 2-3.45; Hertingfordbury (6), Bengoe (8), All Saints' (10) 2.30-4; St. Andrew's (8) 3-4.30, All Saints', St. Andrew's, Bengoe, Hertingfordbury and Great Amwell after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. (Telephone 3612.) 7863

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, on Saturday, April 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. Metham, 11, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, April 4th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 7884

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields, by Thursday, April 6th. All welcome. 7909

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 7913

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley, on April 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Business to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 7919

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Melling, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Sec. 7937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, April 8th. Bring own food. Buses 142 and 145 from Preston, 1.50 and 2.20 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 7953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, April 8th, at St. Mary's, Oldham. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m., in belfry. Annual trip final details. Cafes near by.—Hudson, Sec. 7954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 8th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 1.2-3 p.m., Humberstone (6) 2-3, St. John-the-Divine (10) 2-3.15, Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.55, South Wigston (8) 7-7.45; Aylestone (8) 7-8.30. Service at Cathedral 4. A special bus will convey members (free) from the Cathedral to tea in Aylestone Parish Church Hall. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Important business affecting alteration to rules regarding quarterly meetings and raising of subscriptions. Please send names for tea and bus by Thursday, April 6th (none accepted after first post) to undersigned. General Committee meet Wednesday, April 5th, 7.45 p.m. in vestry of St. John-the-Divine.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 7879



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—(General body).—Saturday, April 8th, St. Mary's Church Road, Leyton. (Central London Underground—Leyton Station.) Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 7873

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at West Malling, April 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mr. P. Carter, Ringers, Newtown, West Malling.—P. J. Osborne, Sec. 7877

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Garboldisham. Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7885

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, April 8th. Cheadle (R.C.). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 5th, to Mr. A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 7870

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes. Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7927

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting, Oxendon. Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7928

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warkton (5), April 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. D. Porter, 41, Warkton. 7923

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Devizes St. John. Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hutchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7355

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Poole, April 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by April 5th.—I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 7934

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, April 8th. Kingsbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 4th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7888

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 7910

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Extraordinary general meeting at Hinstock, on April 8th. Business: badges, six bells; ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Whittaker, Shrubbery Cottage, Hinstock, Market Drayton, by Wednesday, April 5th. 7947

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 8th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Rooms, for those notifying Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by April 5th. Business meeting follows tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 7899

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Ipswich. Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 2.15-3.45 and 7-9 p.m.; St. Margaret's 3-4.30 and 7-9, Rushmere 3.15-4.15, St. Matthew's 7-9. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5.15. Business meeting, Diocesan House, immediately after tea. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower Room, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by first post Friday, April 7th.—J. W. Blythe (Gen. Sec.), 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 7942

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper. Saturday, April 8th, not April 1st, as advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify, by Wednesday April 5th. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 7893

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wimbrough Green (6), on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 7931

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore. Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 7924

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford, on April 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than April 4th, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 7935

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements: St. Ebbe's (8) 10.30-12 noon, All Saints' (8) 11-12.30 p.m., New College (10) 11-12.30, Magdalen College (10) 2.30-4, Merton College (8) 2.30-3.30, St. Mary-the-Virgin (6) 3.30-5, Christ Church (12) 3.30-5, St. Giles' (8) 3.45-5.15. Luncheon 12.45 for 1 p.m., at the 'Forum Restaurant', High Street, for those who notify Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th. Please remit cash (10s.) with application. Business meeting in St. Giles' Parish Room, Woodstock Road, 5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7892

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, St. Peter's (8), Macclesfield. Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7918

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 15th, at Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. The agenda contains important matters which concern you so please attend. Names for tea would be appreciated (as this is at a cafe), by April 12th, to L. J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7904

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham. Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. F. C. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham. 7938

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker. Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th, to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston. 7917

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—Dedication, by the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, of the 'Flo Field' Memorial Treble on Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Lewis, The Forge, Long Sutton, Langport (L.S. 301). Definitely no name no tea. National buses 12.30 p.m. ex Taunton and 12.30 p.m. ex Yeovil stop at Church. 7745

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Avisham (10), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice, Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea by the 11th to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Avisham, Norwich (NOR 07 Y).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7929

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Great Ryburgh, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. Please note alteration of date.—C. Tovell, Sec. 7932

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Meeting, Shenington, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th to C. Clarke, Deddington, Oxford. 7921

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch and new Branch.—Ringing course at Monks Risborough, Saturday, April 15th, starting in the White Cross Hall, 3 p.m. Talks by Messrs. A. D. Barker and W. Wilson. All ringers welcome. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. No name, no tea guaranteed. 7939

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, Wolstanton.**—On Saturday, April 15th, an open invitation is extended to all ringers to ring the bells of the above church from 6 to 9 p.m. Convenient buses to all parts from the church.—D. R. W. 7914

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 7940

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea by April 11th, to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec. 7940

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Revelstoke, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7944

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Armitage Bridge, Saturday April 22nd. No cafes—bring own teas.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7908

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting: change of date. Due to local circumstances, the aforesaid meeting will now be held at York on Saturday, May 13th, instead of May 6th. Full details later. The Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Bradford on October 14th. Please reserve date.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7955

## QUARTER PEALS

**GUILDFORD.**—On March 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. R. Warner 1, D. A. Hughes 2, Anne C. Garnett 3, D. Tubbs 4, S. G. Pouting (cond.) 5, A. W. G. Oliver 6. For Matins. Also on March 18th, at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. G. Pouting 1, Anne C. Garnett 2, E. Warner 3, D. Tubbs 4, H. A. May (cond.) 5, R. W. Lee 6. For adult Confirmation service for diocese.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At the Church of St. Mark, on Feb. 18th, 1,280 Wessex Surprise Major: I. Goulter 1, Miss S. R. Parsons 2, A. T. Collins 3, E. Sutton 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, P. T. Hurcombe 6, A. R. Peake 7, G. R. Drew 8. First in method by all the band and on the bells.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**—On March 10th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Peck 1, H. W. Barrett 2, J. Pilgrim 3, C. J. Gibson 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, P. S. Bedford 6.

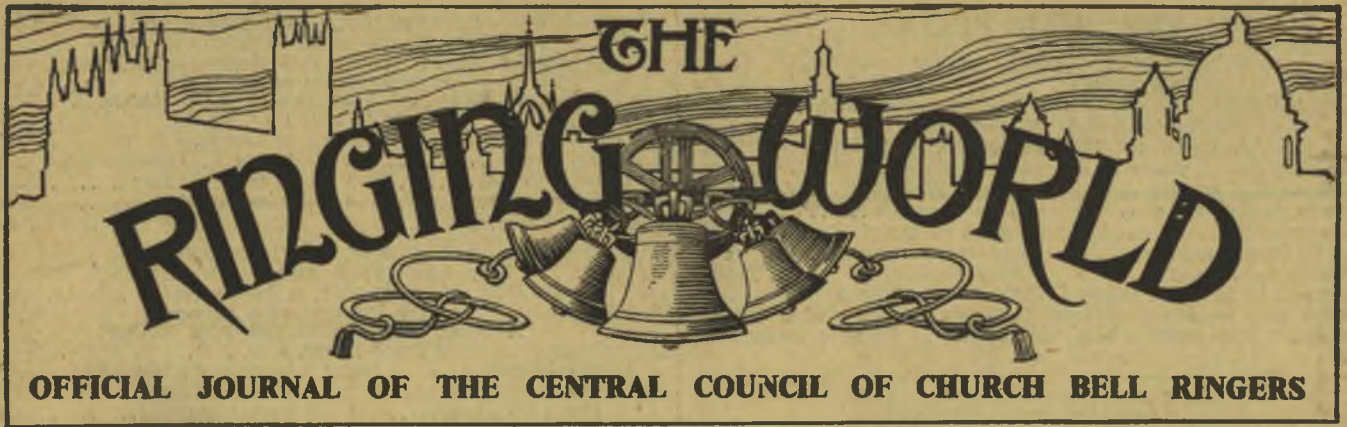
**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge 4, W. A. Yates 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Judith M. Atkinson 1, I. C. Maycock 2, M. J. Austin 3, Jane B. Tuffin 4, Christine Collett 5, J. A. Bennett 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, C. T. Biscoe 8. First of Triples for 1, 4, 5 and 8. Ring half-muffled in memoriam Harry Tovey, one time churchwarden in this parish, by the U.B.S.C.R.









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## SURVIVAL

**T**HE history of ringing journalism, if such a work were ever written, would have to start away back in the 18th century, where snippets of bellringing news occupied the sporting columns of various papers. Before the middle of the 19th century 'The Era' was publishing short accounts of peals and of prize ringing, and later on 'Bell's Life' was much used by ringers for the recording of their doings. 'Church Bells,' a weekly Church paper, devoted a whole page each week to ringing matters, under the direction of H. T. Ellacombe, but with the coming of 'The Bell News' as a monthly paper in 1881 the Exercise saw for the first time a journal devoted entirely to its work in all its aspects.

During the closing years of the 19th century, and well into the first decade of the 1900's, Harvey Reeves conducted 'The Bell News' with great vigour and enterprise. The paper provided excellent service for its readers, a splendid medium for their discussions and disputes, and it had an important influence on the growth of the Central Council. With the illness and final incapacitation of Harvey Reeves 'The Bell News' rapidly declined. By 1911 its service (and with it, of course, its circulation) had so deteriorated that but for the financial support of Sir Arthur Heywood there would have been no ringing journal at all.

At this moment John Goldsmith set before the Exercise the kind of paper everyone was waiting for. Goldsmith was a highly-trained journalist and a skilled ringer, and he had qualities of vigour, tenacity, directness and commonsense that were to make him the representative, as it were, of the best type of ringer of his day—or, indeed, of any other age. 'The Ringing World' did not, however, immediately commend itself to all the leaders of the Exercise. Within a few weeks of its birth it was the subject of a fierce debate at the Central Council meeting in Leicester, an angry discussion in which the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, after expressing the view that it would have been better if the paper had not been started, threatened to resign. The reasons for the president's strange attitude, although certainly not inspired by selfishness, are difficult

to trace; but the incident as a whole was extremely beneficial to 'The Ringing World,' and Goldsmith was sufficiently alert to make the most of the free advertisement.

But when Goldsmith launched his frail bark into the sunshine of 1911, with the coronation of George V close at hand and a brilliant summer to follow, neither he nor any man foresaw the stupendous international disasters that were to disrupt the nations, or could forecast the mighty social revolution that should transform the pattern of our lives and sweep even well-known and reputable newspapers and journals into oblivion. Through these 50 years of world-staggering events 'The Ringing World' has persisted; a miracle of survival it may well be called. In its infancy it survived the first Great War and the shortages of paper and news; incredibly it persisted from 1940 onwards when there was no ringing; it might have perished when Goldsmith died in 1942, but it lived; and during the last ten years it might have succumbed to economic persecution, yet it is still with us.

To what do we owe this preservation of what is so vital to the unity and welfare of the Exercise? First, undoubtedly, to the affection for his paper that John Goldsmith inspired in his readers, an inspiration that brought together those determined men at the graveside of the beloved Editor to pay him the supreme tribute of saving his creation from extinction. Secondly, to the devotion of succeeding editors and 'The Ringing World' Committee, backed by a body of subscribers determined to lend all the support possible.

'The Ringing World' is not perfect, nor can it universally please. Man can do only what it is given him to do, and few can doubt that the planning and production of the paper are based on a sincere desire to present the best possible offering. We may, indeed, with profit at this time, recall the prayer of the old Indian craftsman:—

'If there be good in that I wrought,  
Thy Hand compelled it Master, Thine;  
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought,  
I know, through Thee, the fault was mine.'

This provides a sobering thought, and may well urge us once again to consider, on this occasion of rejoicing, whether our own offering has been worthy, and what we may yet do to serve more fully the journal that has done so much for us.

E. C. S.



## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 6
FRANCES A. THRELFALL .. 2	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7
R. JAMES COOK .. .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 8
JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 9
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. 5	ALAN BAGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Judith Goodman, of Kingston, and Roger Ward-Jackson, who were married at Kingston earlier this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Mon., March 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	HAROLD MARCON .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 9
†RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
Witness: JOHN A. ACRES.

\* First peal on ten 'inside.' † First of Grandsire Caters.  
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 6
*PATRICIA DOORN .. .. 2	GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 7
†STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 8
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOIT .. 4	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 9
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Royal. ‡ First on ten bells.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

DONALD E. COBB .. Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 6
*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 7
F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 8
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. .. 9
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Royal. First of Kent Royal by all the band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Wembley, Eastcote, Cray and New Gloucester; with 139 changes of method.

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

RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Whitehead.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HAROLD ROBERTS .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 5
HAROLD WHITE .. .. 2	ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 6
PHILIP J. EVANS .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. TALBOT .. .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., March 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 qr. 3 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	PATRICIA A. WARDLE .. .. 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	TERRY I. ROPER .. .. 6
*S. MARIE DAVENPORT .. 3	PAUL MARTIN .. .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SANDRA E. CHESTERTON.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' First as conductor in the method.  
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, E.C.,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MICHAEL R. ROSE .. Treble	*GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 5
*†MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
*E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. 25th peal together of ringers of treble and 7, and 4 and 7.

Rung as a compliment to Marilyn March and Marcus P. Barton, who were married at this church earlier this day.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,  
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

STANLEY WALMSLEY .. Treble	*DONALD LAWSON .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	PHILIP MORGAN .. .. 6
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. .. 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WORSLEY. Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.  
Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Fred Robinson, who was a member of this Association since 1900 and a ringer at this church.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE WATCH TOWER,  
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

CHARLES N. LEA .. Treble	NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. 5
*MICHAEL J. TODD .. .. 2	THOMAS SEWELL .. .. 6
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal 'inside,' and of Major.  
Specially arranged to celebrate the baptism of Hilary Jane Arthur, infant daughter of the conductor and god-daughter of the ringer of the fifth

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., March 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
*PETER D. TAYLOR .. .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 7
*DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

\* First peal in the method.

A 'Ringing World' birthday peal.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.  
\*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH Treble JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5  
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2 †MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6  
‡CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3 ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7  
§PETER DALE .. .. 4 FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' § First in the method.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.  
FRED HODGSON .. .. Treble †FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5  
\*ROHILLA M. COOKE .. 2 †THOMAS COOKE .. .. 6  
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 3 GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7  
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 4 J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.  
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Brown on the birth of a daughter (Suzan Elizabeth).

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.  
RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble †ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5  
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6  
\*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3 JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7  
†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOE HOBBS, President, 1954 .. .. Treble  
RICHARD G. BELL, President, 1950 .. .. 2  
ARTHUR DAY, President, 1939 .. .. 3  
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD, President, 1949 .. .. 4  
WILLIAM C. HUGHES, President, 1960 .. .. 5  
EDWIN G. BUCK, President, 1957 .. .. 6  
WALTER AYRE, President, 1935 .. .. 7  
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM, President, 1951 .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also a Golden Jubilee peal for 'The Ringing World' in memory of the founder.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Hopgood's Six-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.  
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. Treble A. TERENCE COLLINS .. 5  
\*JENNIFER SCEENY (14) .. 2 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6  
DENNIS C. BOWEN .. 3 CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 7  
RONALD K. RUSS .. 4 HOWARD OGLESBY .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

\* First peal of Major and first 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.  
AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5  
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .. 2 ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6  
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. 3 ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 7  
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4 STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Treble CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5  
\*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 2 \*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 6  
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3 GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7  
\*PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE 4 GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* 100th peal of Surprise; has now 'completed the circle' at this tower. † First of Lincolnshire.

Rung to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Thurstan's Five-Part. Tenor 18½ cwt.  
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. Treble STANLEY ANDERTON .. 5  
\*MAYRL R. CROSTHWAITE 2 PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6  
\*MARGARET CROSTHWAITE 3 CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7  
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4 JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN

\* First peal of Grandsire.

Rung to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World,' and the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. P. Hollinrake.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

AND

THE DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

SALLIE BUCHANAN (St. Hilda's) Treble BRUCE PIPER (St. John's) .. 4  
JANET E. CLEEVE (St. Aidan's) 2 CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT (St. John's) .. 5  
MARY J. MARSHALL (St. Hilda's) 3 BRYAN PATTISON (Bede) .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Tewkesbury Branch.)

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*DAVID PENN .. .. Treble ARTHUR HALLING .. 4  
MARTYN HAWKES .. 2 ERNEST W. PENN .. 5  
ANNE M. BROXTON .. 3 \*DONALD J. DEVEREUX .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

\* First peal.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.  
JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. Treble SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 4  
WALTER H. POOLE .. 2 H. DENNIS BISHOP .. 5  
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 3 WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

First peal on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, nine each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten extents and one 240 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

JAMES S. BAKER .. Treble FRANK R. MORTON .. 4  
JOHN E. BROUGH .. 2 †STANLEY SUTTON .. 5  
\*HERBERT SUTTON .. 3 R. J. ANTHONY HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

\* 50th peal. † First 'inside' in four methods.

Rung to commemorate the induction on March 2nd of the Rector, Rev. W. Stanley Walker. Also as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving to join the Merchant Navy.



## ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.  
 THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. Treble | NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3  
 \*JOHN W. SAMPSON .. .. 2 | RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

\* First peal 'inside.'  
 For Passion Sunday.

## MISTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and 720 of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
 \*PHILLIP SPEARMAN .. .. Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4  
 NOEL K. FOAKES .. .. 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5  
 ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3 | MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal.

## DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., March 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HAUGHTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.  
 ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble | A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4  
 NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2 | EDWARD JENKINS .. 5  
 BASIL JONES .. .. 3 | BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.  
 WILLIAM E. GREEN .. .. Treble | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 4  
 \*DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 2 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. 5  
 AMOS INGALL .. .. 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Minor.

## BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER Treble | IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4  
 ANNE EDWARDS .. .. 2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5  
 JAMES L. FOWLER .. .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College and Norbury T.B.; (2) Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston T.B.; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4 and 5) Beverley Surprise; (6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MISS M. SMITH .. .. Treble | RICHARD CLIFTON .. 4  
 G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 2 | FRANK CHAMBERS .. 5  
 C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3 | ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

## REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Treble | HUBERT A. MITSON .. 4  
 ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5  
 BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## STOCKBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and St. Martin's, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

\*MARTIN L. HOWE .. Treble | TREVOR A. CROSS .. 3  
 †JOHN D. NIXON .. .. 2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4

ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Patricia Cross.

## CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

\*JUDY-ANN ESHELBY .. Treble | EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 4  
 ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2 | †TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 5  
 J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 3 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal.

Rung for the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Roderick.

## HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble | DONALD F. MURFET .. 4  
 \*CHARLES W. COOK .. .. 2 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. 5  
 †ALAN W. PAYNE .. .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* 100th peal. † First of Minor in the method.

## SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble | IVOR JENKINS .. .. 4  
 EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2 | BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 5  
 BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3 | SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.

A wedding compliment to Hilary Kirkman and Peter Horne, married at this church prior to the peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 1-2 | JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6  
 GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3-4 | \*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7-8  
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Double Bob.

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# CLAVERLEY'S PHANTOM BELLRINGER.

By GODFREY BOOTH

[With acknowledgment to the  
'Bridgnorth Journal'.]

At a recent practice at Claverley there were the names given of seven ringers taking part in a touch of Grandshire Triples, as mentioned in a local newspaper. Now there is nothing in that to interest the average man, but to a bell-ringer it has special significance.

You see, it takes eight bells to ring Grandshire Triples, but, if you count, there are only seven names. Yet nevertheless it is quite right, and that is what I was going to tell you about.

Claverley bells go back many centuries, but the biggest, the tenor, was recast and rehung in 1702. It was taken over immediately by John Dovey, captain of the team.

He was a fine type—the village notary, cobbler and saddler. He and he only rang the tenor bell during his lifetime, and he and only he has rung it since. He rang it last Sunday!

Dovey died at 78, of heart failure, still captain of the band of ringers, with his rope in his hands, as he would have wished.

## 'DEAD MAN'S RAGGED PEAL'

Ringers are a close-knit brotherhood with some ancient but little-known customs. When a ringer dies, his rope is detached from his bell, coiled in his coffin and goes to the grave with him, while overhead his comrades ring what is called the 'Dead Man's Ragged Peal'—a half-muffled peal with a gap where the dead man's bell should come in.

So it was for Dovey, but with a difference. Where the gap should be there was no gap! The ropeless tenor had come in, and continued to come in as true as a hare on its appointed courses.

The ringers stared at each other wildly and stopped the peal. Later, in conference, they decided they must have been mistaken, and repeated the peal on the Sunday.

Once again Dovey's bell came in, and this time there was no vestige of doubt. Ringers have recognisable individual touches, just as, say, cricketers or pianists have, and every man there recognised Dovey's technique unquestionably. They would have known him from a thousand.

Once having got over the initial shock, and having liked Dovey all his life, they soon accepted the idea of his continuing bellringing from his grave. (You can see it on the left, halfway from the lych gate to the church.)

They were simple, God-fearing men, and seven ringers, and Dovey became a matter of course; and as the older men died younger men came in, with Dovey on the tenor an accepted institution and no longer a matter even for comment.

## NEVER LATE!

They are a close-mouthed fraternity, and so Dovey has continued down the centuries, never late or absent, or a fraction out of timing, while generations of ringers passed by, right down to the present day.

Dovey has been threatened with disturbance once—in 1909, when the Rev. Mr. Bates became uneasy and got the 'Poltergeists and Occult Review' magazine to send an investigating committee down. This was headed by an Oxford professor of philosophy.

He knew it all, the lot. He said that a ghost, if there was one, could ring a ghostly bell, and if he did, it would give a ghostly note: but no ghost could exert the positive fact-pounds of energy even to ring an actual handbell, let alone a 16 cwt. tenor.

He took his motley committee crew up the tower and put them on the bell ropes and climbed the ladder to the bell chamber trapdoor to watch the tenor while they started a frightful jangle. Nothing happened for a bit, probably because Dovey couldn't sort out his place in that disorganised ringing.

But come in he did, eventually, and very tragically, too.

You see, the professor, being a professor, was a bit absent-minded; in fact it's almost a condition of being a professor in one thing

that you are a bit barmy in something else; he forgot, however, how many fact-pounds of energy it took to swing the bell up. It came down with the same number, and as it only cleared the trapdoor by three inches on its downward sweep, when the professor popped his head through—the bell took it off!

The bloodstains are still in the sandstone walls, and some odd teeth on the bell loft floor.

## HEADLESS CORPSE

The bells fell silent as the ropes slipped from nerveless hands when the headless corpse sagged back down the ladder, spouting blood at every rung.

Of course there was a furore, but it was kept local. The inquest, with a village jury, was glossed over and hushed up, and the committee departed, never to return.

The ringers, however, were furious, particularly when they found the Rev. Mr. Bates was considering the ceremony of exorcism, with bell, book and candle.

It was a brave thing in those days for villagers to defy one of the omnipotent trio—the squire, the doctor or the parson. But they plucked up their courage, and a few pints of home-brewed, and told Bates that if he interfered with their star ringer they would shove him up the ladder like the professor.

This really frightened Bates, and he left, being followed in 1910 by the Rev. Mr. Guy, a broadminded man, who said: 'Be he man, ghost or devil, if he rings my church bell at the right time I shan't interfere.'

So Dovey continued undisturbed. He rang alone during the 1914-18 war, with the ringers in the K.S.L.I., and was in the band when it restarted, right up to World War II, when church bells were stopped.

They didn't know how to stop Dovey, but Ernie Drew, the postmaster, removed the clapper, and Dovey continued to swing his bell, silent except for the faint creaking of the pintles.

He was on the job for V.E. Day and has never missed since. So next Sunday, when you hear Claverley's bells across our smiling Shropshire countryside, remember there are seven ringers—and Dovey on the tenor, where he always has been and, I suppose, always will be.

## COVENTRY GUILD'S RINGING MASTER MARRIED

For the first time in the history of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, members of the Guild were able to witness the marriage of their Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Windsor. His marriage to Miss Joyce Elliman, a ringing member of Holy Trinity, Hatton, took place at this church on March 25th.

There was a very large assembly of ringers present for the happy occasion. Mr. F. W. Perrens, the president, and all the officers of the Guild, together with some 76 Guild members and visiting ringers, made a memorable gathering.

The bride was attired in a pale blue full-length dress and her bridesmaids were in pink. A joint team of Hatton and Wolvey ringers rang the newly-married couple out of church, after which the bells were 'fired.' Throughout the reception the bells were rung.

Before going on their honeymoon the bride and bridegroom visited the ringers at tea, where they were congratulated and given a rousing send-off to the tune of 'For they are jolly good fellows.' To the pleasure of everyone, the happy couple returned to the church to ring for the first time as Mr. and Mrs. Windsor.

Mr. Windsor, as Ringing Master, has proved to be an adept instructor. He has introduced many young ringers to the mysteries of method ringing, and many of them are now proficient in ringing and conducting.

A special word of thanks is due to Hatton ringers and friends of the church in organising a tea for over 30 visitors, particularly Mrs. Holcroft and Mrs. Adams for their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor will be living at Wolvey in about two months' time. P. A. O.

## REV. JOHN SCOTT CHAMPIONS RINGERS

The Rev. John G. M. Scott, Vicar of Clawton, Holsworthy, Devon, has worthily championed the cause of ringers in reply to a letter from Mr. G. R. Hall, Stapleford, Cambridge, that appeared in 'The Church Times.'

Mr. Hall wrote: 'With the coming of the better weather, those churches fortunate enough to possess a "ringable" peal of bells await the arrival of those bands of itinerant ringers who prowl the countryside, more particularly on Saturday afternoons, in search of a tower wherein they can exercise their art.'

'Let me hasten to add that I am much in favour of keeping alive any worthwhile ancient art, including bellringing; but what annoys me greatly is the attitude, so common today even among ringers, that they expect to find the bells and ropes in good order (in fact, everything laid on) so that they can disturb the peace of a Saturday afternoon, often for hours at a time. One presumes that these itinerant bands at least have the decency to drop a coin in the church "expenses" box.'

'On the other hand, those churches who receive these visitations might well consider imposing a levy of, say, £1 per hour upon these ringers; they would then have to pay for their sport, and perhaps appreciate it more than having it "on the cheap," as seems the practice today. When one takes into account the cost of such necessities as bell ropes, and the fantastic sums expended by parishes in rehanging their bells, one wonders how any Diocesan Ringers' Association would react if approached for a contribution towards such heavy expenses incurred by a church whose tower their members had visited.'

## THE REPLY

Mr. Scott, in his reply, wrote: 'Very few ringers in these days are paid. Even fewer of those who disturb Mr. G. R. Hall on Saturdays do not ring for service in their home towers. It has been for many years thought reasonable by the Church for such men and women to practise their art (or, if you prefer it, their "sport") at other towers and places without having to hire bells.'

'The fact is that ringers are felt to pay the Church in service, and it is my belief that with very few exceptions they do. If they express disappointment at finding the bells or ropes in bad condition might it not be the sort of dis-appointment Mr. Hall might feel at finding a sanctuary with brass dirty, carvings worm-eaten and fabrics moth-eaten through neglect?'

'But most of all, Mr. Hall is unjust to the Diocesan Ringers' Associations. So far as my experience goes, these bodies almost invariably put the collections at their services and meetings into a fund for the very purpose of making grants to parishes in their area which need help for their bell restorations.'

## THE BELL

Have any of our readers met this song before? Mrs. Mary E. Simpson, of 33, Dorset Street, Leicester, who is now 73, recalls learning and singing this song while at school. It is forwarded to us by Mr. Ernest Morris.

I was hung in my place when the village was young.

And the houses were scattered and few,  
In the old dingy belfry for ages I've swung,  
Yet my song is the same as when new.

Chorus:

And so I sing ding dong, dong ding.

Or utter a solemn tone.

Ding dong, dong ding, for the bride I ring  
(sung quickly).

Ding dong for the passing soul (very slowly).  
Sextons five who have served here have  
aged and died.

And the sixth now is tugging at me,  
But he'll soon be so worn he'll be hustled  
aside.

Making room for a younger than he.

Chorus.

So I watch from my tower as the pageant  
moves by.

With its joys and its sorrows and fears.

But it's all one to me in my solid truth.

Aye, if the world is in gladness or tears.

Chorus.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Guntripp 1, M. Sayers 2, H. L. Roper 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, B. J. Davis 5, M. W. Coleman 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, C. Guntripp 8. First of Triples by the Sunday service band. For service of Confirmation.

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On March 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Thomas 1, E. A. Haines 2, R. Haines 3, Janice Williamson 4, D. J. Hunt 5, D. C. Exell 6, J. Brain 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

**ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On March 20th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (Northumberland, Carlisle, Newcastle, Alnwick, Chester, Munden, Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Durham): J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the father of the tenor ringer.

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain and Little Bob Spliced: Christine Sanders 1, S. Marie Davenport 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Patricia A. Wardle 4, R. S. Morris 5, T. I. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, Christine Sanders 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Patricia A. Wardle 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. I. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. S. Morris 8. For Ash Wednesday Evensong. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine Sanders 1, Sandra E. Chesterton 2, S. Marie Davenport 3, Patricia A. Wardle (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. I. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. S. Morris 8. For the visit of Canon F. W. Pratt, also a birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. Ayre (first quarter) 1, W. Dowler 2, Miss K. A. Rivett 3, R. B. Mitchell 4, S. Ivin 5, F. W. Rivett (first as cond.) 6.

**BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Davies 1, A. Lawrence 2, D. Field 3, A. Paton 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, P. Mustoe 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to the curate, Rev. D. A. Bates, and his wife on the birth of a son.

**BORDEN, KENT.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Patricia Robinson 1, J. Grensted 2, Rev. P. T. Robins 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, E. C. Barton 5, L. Mason (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael, on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Busch 1, Judi White (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, Ian C. Maycock 4, Jennifer M. Gambling 5, John C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also at St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Lampard (first off tenor) 1, Kathleen M. Exell (first of Doubles) 2, Jacqueline A. Purnell (first of Bob Doubles) 3, D. C. Exell 4, P. Bride 5, D. J. Hunt 6. Conducted by 4 and 6. Also at St. Michael's, on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Pearce 1, F. W. E. Carter (first in method) 2, P. J. Bird (cond.) 3, P. M. T. Owen (first 'inside') 4, I. C. Buckland 5, R. Algate 6. By the Cathedral School Guild, as a farewell to Mr. Frank Carter, founder of the Society.

**BUCKINGHAM.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Townsend 1, R. A. Vickers 2, C. Stopps 3, G. W. Holland (cond.) 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. Thatcher 6. First of Stedman for 1 and 3.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. Dean 1, C. Blundell 2, Mary R. Jaycock 3, G. W. Limmer 4, H. Oglesby 5, W. G. Wilson 6, G. Coussins 7, G. Riglar 8.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, C. Cook 2, T. Clark 3, C. Evans 4, E. Ashby 5, J. Rootes 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary this day of Mr. H. Hodgetts.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): P. S. Chapman (cond.) 1, Gillian Taverner 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, Patricia F. Curtis 4, H. M. Johnson 5, M. R. Bennett 6. For family service on Mothering Sunday.

**EDMONTON, MIDD.**—On March 23rd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Trudy Newcombe 1, Audrey Beauchamp 2, W. George 3, J. Weeks 4, R. Durrant (first in method) 5, T. Hawkins 6. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's): D. Langdon 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. George 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Durrant 6. First in five methods for all. For Evensong.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Dewe 1, Marion March 2, Bridget Sanger 3, A. J. Sanger 4, D. M. C. Hill 5, A. J. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, P. March 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Field, for many years a faithful member of the local band, interred this day at Preston Plucknett.

**GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): Pamela Todhunter 1, Jocelyn Thomas 2, Elizabeth Macmillan 3, P. Mainwaring 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, G. Thomas 6, W. Dobbins 7, Mary Batchelor 8. First quarter for all except 5, 6, 7. Rung for Confirmation service.

**HALLOW, WORCS.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Smele 1, C. Davis 2, P. Bullock 3, F. C. Pugh 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, R. Vivian 6. For the wedding of Alan Hermon, a ringer at this church.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. A. Smith 1, C. Webb 2, Joan A. Smith 3, J. F. Maybrey 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. First in method for 1, 3, 6 and 8. For the Consecration of the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, as Bishop of Guildford.

**HESSLE, E. YORKS.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. Sharp 1, K. Kirk 2, R. H. Sharp 3, J. A. Singleton 4, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 5, G. R. West 6. First quarter 1 and 6. To mark the birth of a daughter to the wife and ringer of the third.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury and Single Oxford): M. Sceny (first of Minor) 1, Jennifer Sceny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5, A. R. Mann 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Blackshaw and C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, A. Larkin 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Passion Sunday.

**HOUSLOW, MIDD.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Shea 1, Miss W. Smith 2, Miss J. Hitchcock 3, D. Howell 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Winterson 6. For the visit of the Bishop of London, for Confirmation service.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDD.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Summerlin 1, M. Sprackling 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Miss J. Creak 4, F. Ranson 5, C. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. J. Way 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

**KILBURN, LONDON.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Bradburn 1, M. Bland 2, A. Herbert 3, Enid Towne 4, D. Birkinshaw (cond.) 5, J. Wilkins 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of John Wilkins.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Shaw (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Farrow 2, Judith A. Harding 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, E. W. Taylor 5, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 6.

**LAMAS, NORFOLK.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. T. Miller 1, I. G. Smithson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, D. E. Rustondrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5. For the induction of the Rev. A. K. Birch.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Cox 1, P. Bridle 2, J. H. Gilbert 3, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 4, N. H. Yeo 5, E. Abraham 6, A. E. Cox 7, F. Bridle 8. For Evensong, and with bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. Sally Randall, wife of the people's warden, who died March 17th.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At 23, Ash Grove, on March 21st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. E. Stamp 1-2, C. B. Dove (cond.) 3-4, S. J. Corson 5-6. Birthday compliments to Gael Brown and Barrie Dove.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Davies 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, E. L. Taylor 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Owen (first of Minor) 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, T. Phillips 4, P. Black 5, J. Brain (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. Soper (first in method) 4, C. Ward 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Matins.

**NEWENT, GLOS.**—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: May Stevens 1, W. Jenkins 2, Joy Smith 3, J. J. Webb (cond.) 4, F. Turnes 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Kinsey, ringer of this church, and Arthur Williams, who were fatally injured in a road accident.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On March 19th, 1,299 Doubles (Stedman, All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 3, H. G. Goddard 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 5 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Hills.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On March 22nd, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth W. Pierce 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, H. N. Evans 4, J. R. Goodenough 5, G. R. Crisp 6, D. J. Forder (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral in the Cathedral of Mrs. A. E. York-Bramble.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Mann 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Haines 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, J. D. Coleman (first quarter on eight) 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Hardy 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, J. D. Chamberlain (first of Doubles 'inside') 3, A. T. Hawkins (first of Doubles 'inside') 4, K. J. Darvill (first as cond.) 5, G. T. Ridgway (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. W. Hedges, a former Sandridge tower captain, who died earlier in the week.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Carter (first quarter) 1, P. Gray (cond.) 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, J. Laver 4, R. Brocklehurst 5, R. Carstairs (first quarter) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on March 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Drewett (first of Caters on working bell) 1, Miss M. Wright 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Mrs. H. J. Sutton 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, R. G. Townsend 6, Rev. R. G. Bryant 7, A. T. Collins (first of Caters) 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, G. E. Vincent 10. For Confirmation service.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. G. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, D. Gambling 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to H. Shire, ringer of 4.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—On March 19th, at 121, Lillingston Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Hughes 1-2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3-4, C. Simpson 5-6. First quarter by the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

**WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Sharland 1, A. T. Truman 2, J. Carter 3, J. H. Glanville 4, F. Wreford 5, G. Skinner 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, P. Gatter 8. For Evensong.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Looker 1, L. Parris 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, R. J. Fox 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, C. Wyatt (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to C. Wyatt.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On March 19th. 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: M. G. Ingram 1. Mrs. J. Atherley 2. A. S. Burbidge 3. D. R. Ingram 4. J. L. Gray 5. B. Downie 6. R. C. Ingram 7. D. T. Finnemore 8. A. Short 9. E. J. Franklin (cond.) 10. First of Plain Bob Royal for all except 5, 7 and 9. Rung for Evensong, and a 13th birthday compliment to A. S. Burbidge.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On March 26th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Penfold 1. J. Carrott 2. F. G. Richardson 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. T. East 5. F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**CLAINES, WORCS.**—On March 26th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Budd (first quarter) 1. L. Palfrey (first quarter) 2. Gillian Blackwell (first quarter) 3. J. Whittall (first quarter of Doubles) 4. R. Woodyatt (cond.) 5. Linda J. Roff (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. All are members of the Sunday service band.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, on March 25th. 1.504 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Collins 1. Elizabeth A. Negus 2. C. Mew 3. A. Bishop 4. Christine Harbott 5. S. Huckle 6. M. W. Harbott 7. A. P. Cannon 8. Rung for the consecration of the Very Rev. G. Reindorp, as Bishop of Guildford, this day in Southwark Cathedral.

**DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On March 17th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Loake 1. G. Wright 2. D. Loake 3. A. E. York 4. Miss S. Feakin 5. B. Yeomans 6. M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7. Rev. T. R. Bonsey 8. A wedding compliment to Miss G. Dimbleby and Mr. B. Haycock, both local ringers.

**DOWNE, KENT.**—On March 19th. 1.200 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Tong 1. J. C. Bowers (longest length 'inside') 2. A. S. Richards 3. R. E. Finch 4. A. M. Macve (cond.) 5. M. Pound 6.

**FILTON, GLOS.**—On March 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Parry 1. W. Trueman (cond.) 2. D. Voss 3. A. V. Bennett 4. C. Rouse 5. F. Hussey 6. Rung for Evensong, as a Thanksgiving to God for the consecration this day of the extension to the church and the augmentation of the bells from 5 to 6.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On March 11th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: G. Fisher (first on eight) 1. G. E. Foster 2. W. L. Exton (cond.) 3. P. R. Horne 4. P. E. Horne (first 'inside') 5. W. Nicholls 6. S. Adams 7. A. Foster 8.

**GRETTON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 26th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine W. Woolston 1. Maureen K. Easton (first 'inside') 2. G. W. Reynolds 3. P. S. Heath 4. J. Woolley 5. Conducted in turn by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. First as conductor for 1, 2, 3. Rung for Evensong.

**HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, on March 25th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burt 1. Joan Woolgar (first quarter) 2. Jennifer Cook (first quarter) 3. A. Stubbs 4. D. Harrabin 5. M. Hall (cond.) 6. For the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On March 26th. 1.224 Kent T.B. Minor: Susan Bell 1. A. H. Winch 2. G. Marriner 3. Rev. E. Wood 4. A. H. Smith (cond.) 5. W. Oatway 6. Rung to mark the consecration of the Bishop-elect of Guildford, and an 81st birthday compliment to A. H. Winch.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on March 26th. 1.040 Plain Bob Major: W. Hurst 1. G. W. Mason 2. T. Still 3. T. H. Bent 4. C. V. Cattell 5. E. Morris (cond.) 6. H. Bray 7. R. K. Mason 8. For morning service, on the heavy eight.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes, on March 19th. 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1. S. Penfold 2. J. Carrott 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. F. G. Richardson 5. A. J. Salisbury 6. Dr. C. E. Wright 7. J. McPhail 8. T. East 9. F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On March 22nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. A. Glue 1. Jill M. Lane 2. B. A. Todd 3. P. G. Smart (cond.) 4. R. I. Vaughan 5. D. J. Tubbs 6. For Evensong.

**PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On March 16th. 1.260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss P. Mason 1. T. Sansom 2. L. Berridge 3. F. Crosier 4. M. Coleman (cond.) 5

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On March 26th. 1.296 Grandsire Caters: R. Young 1. Mrs. N. Chaddock 2. Miss M. Atkinson 3. Mrs. M. Burns 4. S. Armeson 5. Miss S. Chaddock 6. R. Woodward 7. J. N. D. Chaddock 8. N. Chaddock (cond.) 9. P. Walker 10. First of Caters 1 and 5. For Confirmation service.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On March 26th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Bowler (first of Major) 1. Pamela M. Jervis 2. J. K. Ward (cond.) 3. D. P. Hilling 4. A. K. Fortin 5. W. D. Ward 6. W. Birmingham 7. F. R. Scott 8. Rung for Palm Sunday, and as a 15th birthday compliment (March 25th) to David Hilling.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On March 26th. 1.440 Double Court Bob Minor: W. A. Hughes 1. L. W. G. Skinner 2. J. E. Cannell 3. J. D. Fairecloth 4. A. S. Richards (cond.) 5. R. E. Finch 6. First quarter in the method for all.

**WHATTON, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 12th. 1.260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. P. C. Clarke 1. W. L. Exton (cond.) 2. T. Goodwin 3. T. Greasley 4. J. D. Clarke 5. A. Foster 6.

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We express our special thanks to Mr. Gerald C. Hemming and his band who rang the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Salford Priors on March 25th, to celebrate the golden jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' The peal was also memorable for Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming as it was his 100th peal of Surprise and he completed the 'circle of the tower' to peals. Similar appreciation is expressed to our friends at Darley Dale for our birthday peal and also to Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, who conducted a peal at Scorton in honour of 'The Ringing World.'

An error occurs in the list of handbell peals rung by Mr. Ernest Morris. There were only two of Surprise Major (Cambridge 2).

Congratulations to Mr. C. W. Cook, who after 40 years of ringing has completed his century of peals. The 100th peal was rung at Harston, Cambs.

The new Society at St. Stephen's, Westminster, rang a quarter peal on handbells recently, the first quarter by the Society, writes Mr. Michael P. Moreton.

The founder of 'The Bell News' was Mr. Harvey Reeves. We regret that this name had been altered to 'Hervey Reeves' in the jubilee issue.

Miss Sandra E. Chesterton is to be congratulated on her 16th birthday and in conducting for the occasion her first peal of Plain Bob Major at Aylestone on March 15th. Her friend, Marie Davenport, conducted her first quarter on March 26th, also for her 16th birthday.

A life member of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Fred Robinson, who joined the Association in 1900, has died. To his memory a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in his tower, St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, on March 18th.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Harold Chant is in hospital undergoing treatment for jaundice, but hopes to be out the week after Easter. 'Professor Dodge,' despite his mathematical complexities, has found time to visit one who has so often been interviewed by him.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

In the Guildford Guild library there is a book presented by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith entitled 'The Church Bells of Sussex,' by Amherst Daniel-Tyssen, published in 1864. The book contains the name of Thomas Goldsmith, grandfather of the founder of 'The Ringing World,' and is followed by the words 'With the Editor's compliments.' This book was the first of the series of county histories of bells.

The ringers of the quarter peal at Hands-worth, Birmingham, would like Miss Elizabeth Yardley to accept their effort as good wishes for a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

A presidents' peal is unusual. The Hertford County Association rang one at Hemel Hempstead on March 25th. The peal was the idea of the present president, Mr. W. C. Hughes, who tried to arrange such a peal at the back end of 1960. Circumstances prevented it; March 25th was a much more suitable date, with very good results.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, of Helford, Helston, Cornwall, although 79 years of age, is engaged in teaching a band of six whose total years amount to 354. Three of them are over 70 and he commends septuagenarians to those who cannot get youngsters to stick to ringing. Col. Jerram's name headed the list of ringers serving in the 1914 war mentioned by Mr. J. P. Fidler in his article in the jubilee issue. He is a first subscriber, but has not been continuous for 50 years.

The dedication of the augmented ring to six bells at Filton, near Bristol, on Lady Day, was an occasion for which the Rector had waited 21 years. It would not have been possible for the band to ring at the service if the nine learners had not received such great help from Messrs. Tony Bennett, A. V. Bennett, P. Parry and S. Riches in instruction or for the use of bells in various towers, before Filton bells were available. A word of thanks is also due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for a fine ring of six.

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## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE'S WELCOME TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—Once again the annual meeting of the Central Council is imminent, and this time it has fallen to the lot of one of the smaller Associations to act as hosts.

On behalf of the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers, I extend a very hearty invitation to all the representatives to visit us in the City of Stoke-on-Trent. I am sure that this district, which has not previously had the privilege of entertaining the Council, will show something of the hospitality for which North Staffordshire is noted.

The Bishop of Lichfield has very kindly consented to officiate at the Communion service, and the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent will extend a civic welcome to the Council in the Town Hall.

It is quite possible that not many members of the Council have previously been in this district, therefore I hope that the new experience will be very gratifying.

The Association is making plans for the entertainment of its visitors. Tours are being arranged, of which details will be published separately, and there will be a great number of towers available to satisfy even the most ardent 'grabber.'

We in North Staffordshire trust, therefore, that on Whit Tuesday next we shall have the pleasure of meeting a record number of representatives.—  
Yours faithfully,

G. W. BIDDULPH,  
Chairman,

The North Staffs Association.

## GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will make the County Hotel, Hulse Road, Southampton, their headquarters for their annual 'week,' which starts on April 10th. Details of the week are:—

MONDAY, April 10th.—Hursley, St. Michael's, Southampton.

TUESDAY, 11th.—Curdridge, Shedfield. Soberton, East Meon, Upham, Bishopstoke, St. Mary's, Southampton.

WEDNESDAY, 12th.—Isle of Wight: Carisbrooke, Newport, Godshill, Brading, All Saints', Ryde.

THURSDAY, 13th.—Sherfield English (peal attempt), East Tytherley, Lockerley, Romsey, Winchester Cathedral, Bitterne Park.

FRIDAY, 14th.—North Stoneham, Twyford. Annual meeting: Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Party: The Revs. J. H. B. Andrews, E. G. Benson (Presteigne), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), Canon C. Carew Cox (Whitechurch Canoncorum), Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster), S. M. Evans (Ramsgate), K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), R. Fry (Yeovil), J. B. T. Homfray (Cheltenham), R. N. Longridge (Bourton), C. J. B. Marshall (Crewkerne), J. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Lower Halstow), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), Canon B. F. Sheppard (North Petherton), R. D. St. J. Smith (Astley Bridge), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Leatherhead), and for part of the time C. R. C. Coussmaker (Southampton), K. C. Davis (Nateley Scures).

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 14



MR. PATRICK I. CHAPMAN,  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild, since its foundation in 1924, has always had a nucleus of good ringers available, and an interesting point is that these keen members, in addition to being active peal ringers, have always managed to find time to do their share of instruction work. The present popular Master of the Guild, Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, of Daventry, Northants, is one of the most enthusiastic of these ringers, and the excellent progress of the Daventry band, under his leadership since 1957, has given him much pleasure. He is particularly proud of the achievements of two of his pupils, Alan Frost, of Kettering, who rang in the peal of Scientific Triples and frequently rings at St. Paul's Cathedral, and also David Marshall, aged 15, of Daventry, who recently called a peal of Cambridge Major, and rings London.

Pat was born at Kettering on December 30th, 1931, and was educated locally. He was taught to ring at the Parish Church by

Messrs. C. W. Bird and R. F. Turner in 1945. He rang his first peal at Rothwell, being Bob Major, on December 26th, 1946, a few days before his 15th birthday. His total of peals to date is 297 (including 28 on handbells), and he has conducted 10. He does not enjoy conducting, but has been interested in composition, and has composed several good peals, mainly Yorkshire. Of his peals, 142 have been Surprise peals, including up to 10 Spliced Major, and Maximus up to 4 spliced. He took part in the record peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry in December, 1957, conducted by Stephen Ivin, and also 10,080 Minor on handbells. He has rung over 94,000 changes on the 4th at Loughborough Bell Foundry, in five attempts for the elusive 40,320 Bob Major, one attempt lasting for 28,850 changes.

Pat is a very good heavy-bell ringer, and has rung tenors at Sherborne Abbey to New Cambridge, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to Kent Royal, Buckfast Abbey to Cambridge Royal, Hoar Cross to Minor, and Wellingborough to Cambridge (regarded as the toughest job in Northants!).

In 1956, he moved to Daventry, and became a work study engineer, employed by British Tinkem Ltd., and is now a section leader. In addition to teaching a lot of ringers, he has been Ringing Master of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild, Guild auditor, and a member of the Central Council since 1954.

Pat has always been a keen Church worker, and while living at Kettering was a member of the P.C.C., and helped to get the bells rehung in 1955. He is now churchwarden at Daventry Parish Church, and a member of the Diocesan Conference. On October 27th, 1955, he married Joan Morris at Kettering. Joan can do a little ringing, but her main contribution is providing coffee, meals and accommodation to ringers, often whole peal bands, and sometimes without notice! Indeed it could be accurately said that they both keep 'open-house' to all ringers. Everyone will wish them good luck in the impending arrival of their firstborn.

Pat will always be grateful to those who initiated him into the art, and helped him in his early stages. He has made many friends all over the country, and feels duty bound to pass on his knowledge to others, and indeed loves doing this, so that his learners may also enjoy the same pleasures of belfry comradeship. He regards peal ringing as serving a dual purpose. Apart from the pleasure he derives, he considers it the best possible practice for service ringing. In this opinion, many ringers would agree with him.

APACE.

## LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

After a lapse of ten years, some 30 members of the Leeds and District Society visited the Church of St. Matthias, Burley, on March 25th, when the eight bells were kept going in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the church. At the business meeting the Rev. H. H. Huxham welcomed the Society, and hoped the members were enjoying the ringing. Two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. David Cowman and Mr. John Barrow, both of Idle Parish Church. The vote of thanks on behalf of the Society to the Vicar, the ladies and churchwardens was ably proposed by Miss Grace Beardow.

The officers for 1961/62 were elected as follows: Messrs. T. Strangeway, president; A. Smith, L. Drake and J. Gibson, vice-presidents; D. Thorp, secretary/treasurer; I. Slack, Ringing Master; R. Lumley and I. North, auditors.

The next meeting—the annual—it is hoped will be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 29th.

## CASTING PULLING MEMORIAL BELL

Although Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, announced at the annual general meeting that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were to cast the Alfred Pulling Bell on Friday, March 17th, due to unforeseen difficulties at the foundry the date was changed to Wednesday, 15th. As far as possible this information was passed on but apologies are offered to all who were disappointed at being unable to attend.

At mid-day on the 15th, four members of the Guild were met at the Whitechapel Foundry by Mr. W. A. Hughes and conducted through the works to the casting shed, where the mould stood ready. In a short while the crucible furnaces were tapped, and at a temperature more than ten times that of boiling water, the molten metal flowed into the large ladle in which it was conveyed the short distance to the mould.

Hoisted to its pouring position the foundry proceeded to remove the dross and when satisfied of the purity the molten metal was poured into the mould. In a few minutes the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell, for the new Guildford Cathedral, had been cast and was now left to cool, before being tuned, fitted with clapper, etc., and transported to and hung in its place of duty, a tribute to a great ringer, W. F. O.



## TO THESE WE ACCORD OUR SINCERE THANKS

### GOOD WISHES FROM IRELAND

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the Irish Association of Change Ringers and the 'Irish Bell News,' I write to congratulate 'The Ringing World' on achieving its golden jubilee and also to you, sir, on the wonderful golden jubilee number just received.

We wish the journal every success and look forward to it attaining its centenary with greater circulation.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.  
Honorary Secretary,  
Irish Association.

Julianstown, Co. Meath.

'Many congratulations on an excellent, most interesting Jubilee number, and best wishes for continued growth.'—Ian H. ORAM, Orpington, Kent.

'A splendid production—congratulations to all concerned.'—A. J. PITMAN, Lillington, Leamington Spa.

'May I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the Jubilee issue? It is an extremely interesting one.'—A. S. RICHARDS, 6, Links Road, West Wickham, Kent.

'Please accept my heartiest congratulations on an absolutely first-class issue to mark the 50th anniversary. In this issue we see the last 50 years synthesised in a masterly way.'—H. W. ROGERS, Isleworth.

'May I take the opportunity of complimenting you and your staff on the Jubilee issue, which is a very fine production.'—Derek E. SIBSON, London.

The officers and members of the Southampton District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, congratulate the editor and staff on the Golden Jubilee issue and wish 'The Ringing World' the best of luck for the next 50 years.

'I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the Golden Jubilee number of "The Ringing World"—not sullied by "modern journalism" and readable from the title to publishers' name.'—W. F. STENSON, Crewe.

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'To-day's "R.W." is a smasher.'—J. P. F.

'May we, at Stepney, offer our sincere congratulations to all concerned for the wonderful golden jubilee issue. We are looking forward to the diamond jubilee issue!'—L. J. FOX.

'With continued success to "The Ringing World" and congratulations to you, sir, and the editorial staff on producing a very interesting Golden Jubilee number.'—Gerald C. HEMMING, Hampton, Evesham.

'May I take this opportunity of congratulating and indeed thanking you for the excellent Golden Jubilee issue.'—S. F. KIMBER, Sutton, Surrey.

'Every possible congratulation.'—A. A. HUGHES.

'What a splendid issue for the Jubilee.'—Stephen IVIN, Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

'Hearty congratulations and thanks to "The Ringing World" Editor and Committee on the Golden Jubilee number, and best wishes for the future.'—Frank B. LUFKIN, Holland-by-Sea, Essex.

'Congratulations on a very finely produced "Ringing World"; it will make a memorable copy to keep.'—F. MORRIS, Bushey Heath, Herts.

'A grand job. The articles were most interesting and worth rereading.'—N. F. MOXON, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.

'May I congratulate you on the Jubilee issue; very nice effort and a memento well worth keeping.'—P. G. W. NEWSTEAD, Great Yarmouth.

'Congratulations on a first-class Golden Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World." There must be many people like myself who will treasure this copy for many years.'—B. J. ONGLEY, Goostrey, Crewe.

### Mr. Goldsmith As An Example

'The Bell News,' of January 1st, 1898, under the heading 'Current Topics,' by Plain Speaker, had this tribute to John S. Goldsmith, who was then only 19 years of age:—

'The peal record of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of Lewes, given in the last number, is one which that gentleman can look upon with complacency. He is only 19 years of age but has rung 50 peals! Performances in which figure Superlative, Cambridge and London. I think this very noteworthy indeed. Mr. Goldsmith is an example of the most unflinching perseverance. Now, my young friends all over the world, here is a pattern for you. Determine to excel.

'You must not suppose for one moment that this grand record was obtained easily and without great application. By no means. Mr. Goldsmith was one who strove to do his best under all circumstances. If you are ringing rounds only, or call-changes maybe, ring well: do your best always. Then you will find by-and-by that it is difficult for you to ring badly. The lessons of perseverance will make you efficient. I must compliment Mr. Goldsmith upon such an excellent record.'

### BASILDON BELLS

On February 4th, on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the organist, the four bells of Basildon Church, Berkshire, a stone's throw from the River Thames, rang out for the first time for four years.

Preliminary work beforehand consisted of greasing and oiling the bearings, tightening up sundry bolts, fitting a new stay to the treble, and in the ground floor ringing room the removal of a large and very heavy oak cupboard, a table, motor mower, and a guard gate to a trapdoor on which the ringer of the third has to stand.

The bells hang in a wooden frame, remarkably sound considering the years of neglect, placed diagonally across the square tower, leaving room for two more bells should augmentation ever become a financial possibility.

Treble and second were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1876, and weigh 5.0.14 and 5.2.25 respectively.

Third is inscribed 'ISAAC MATHEW, FRANCES RIGGS W H K 1665' and is given as approximately 7 cwt.

Tenor is inscribed 'THE LADY LY GOT GAVE THIS BELL HK 1621 IN TRUE DESIER FOR TO DO WELL' and is given as approximately 10 cwt.

(The Y is actually an X with a horizontal line through.)

These bells have a pleasing tone, and their 'go' is not bad considering the little use they have had. That they are 'pealable' under the new ruling is for the experts to decide.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Eight towers, apart from local ringers, were represented at the Mansfield District meeting at Kirkby on March 25th. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. and continued until 7, when a short business meeting was held in the belfry.

Mr. H. T. Rooke presided and four new ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected. These were Messrs. N. Kirk, J. Harrison, A. Harrison and Miss G. Harrison, all of Kirkby, and Mr. D. Kirk, of Ruskington, Leics.

Final arrangements were made for the District cup contest to be held at Selston on May 27th. A collection for the bell fund realised 12s. The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Reverse Stedman.

D. H. R.

### Birmingham University Society

At the A.G.M. of the Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers, held on Tuesday, March 14th, the following officers were elected for the year 1961-62: Chairman and Ringing Master, Geoffrey Davies; secretary and treasurer, Charles A. S. Webb (address: term time c/o Union, Edgbaston; vacation, 4, Baxter Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent).

### First Readers

AYRE, Walter, Hemel Hempstead. Conventurer of the Peals Analysis Committee, who had the first issue, could not say with certainty whether he had all during the 1914-18 war, when he was on active service. He writes: 'At first some people received "The Ringing World" instead, as roller skating was the fashion at that time.'

FLINT, T. R. (82), Lynwood Cottage, 17, Central Avenue, Worksop.—Learned to handle Warsop bells in 1897 and became leader the same year. Joined the Midland Counties in 1906 and rang his first peal that year. Peal total 36. Obligated to retire in 1954 through acute rheumatism.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### JACK GOLDSMITH'S LAST PEAL

Dear Sir.—In the homage to John Sparkes Goldsmith, mention is made of his last ringing being on December 14th, 1941, but nothing was said of the date on which he rang his last peal. In these circumstances I have wondered if his last peal was on September 20th, 1941, details of which are below.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Chardstock, Axminster, Devon.

### HANDBELL PEAL

London.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.  
On Sat., Sept. 20th, 1941, in 2 hrs. 34 mins.,  
In the Crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,  
A Peal of 5024 Plain Bob Major  
Tenor size 14 in D.

George W. Steere 1-2 George H. Cross 5-6  
Alfred H. Pulling 3-4 John S. Goldsmith 7-8  
Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.  
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of  
William H. Fussell, and of his completion of  
60 years' membership of the Society.

### TWO NELSON BOBS

Dear Sir.—With regard to the 'Nelson' (?) letter, the method on the left is C.C.C. No. 132 and was first rung at Accrington, Lancs, on June 24th, 1960, and named Nelson Bob. The method on the right was rung in the 29 methods peal at Heptonstall on October 29th, 1960, and was named Nelson College Bob after F. John Nelson, a member of the band.

When I wrote my first letter on the subject I mentioned that only seven methods were named after members of the band, having assumed that Nelson as reported was Nelson Bob C.C.C. 132. However, this erroneous impression was corrected by Derek Ogden a few days later, who gave me the 'gen' on the methods, a long time before the figures were published.—Yours, etc.,

'FARMER.'

Manchester.

### THE LATE MR. E. PRIOR

Dear Sir.—The quarter peal rung at Finchley on March 12th in memoriam the late Ernie Prior was the outcome of a rather embarrassing experience. Ernie had been, of late years, in the habit of coming up to ring with us whenever he was able; also he was invaluable in helping to make up a band for weddings. We used to see him every few weeks, and he last rang with us around Christmas time.

Imagine my embarrassment and complete surprise when I rang his home on March 10th to book him for a wedding when his daughter who answered, after some little pause, said: 'I'm terribly sorry to have to tell you that Dad died on January 28th.' I also learned that Mrs. Prior was very ill at that time, so much so that she was unable to attend the funeral, which took place at Golders Green Crematorium. Under these circumstances it is clear why no one in the ringing world was informed.

Ernie was one of a strong family of ringers. He was one of the old Hampstead and Gospel Oak bands. He also had happy associations with the Holloway band at the time of George and Reuben Charge. Latterly his ringing was done mostly at Finchley, as he had to take great care due to a weak heart, and so only did a little at a time; but he always enjoyed his ringing.

I feel that not only on behalf of the Finchley ringers, but on behalf of all his ringing friends, I would like to offer to Mrs. Prior and her family our deepest sympathies.—Yours, etc.,

L. E. T.

### 24 TOWERS IN A DAY

Dear Sir.—In answer to your recent inquiry as to the present record for number of towers in a day (Belfry Gossip, page 144), I believe the record is 24 towers. I was responsible for organising an outing when it was hoped to visit 25 towers, but we were unable to locate the key at one church; a brief account of the outing appeared in the 'R.W.' of May 13th, 1955, page 295. There were about 20 ringers in our party, and of these about 14 participated in ringing at every tower. A reasonable standard was maintained throughout the day, ranging from Grandsire to Bristol.—Yours faithfully,

IAN H. ORAM.

Orpington, Kent.

### TO SPRING POETS!

Dear Sir.—

A not uncommon sight to see  
Your columns filled with poetry;  
Sometimes lengthy, sometimes terse,  
Mostly rather boring verse.

But cannot ringers spare the time  
To make quite sure their poems rhyme?  
Can't they make a stanza scan,  
And avoid putting as many words in the last  
line as they possible can?

—Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

King's College, Taunton.

### 1914 PEAL AT SHENSTONE

Dear Sir.—In 'The Ringing World' for March 17th, page 178—St. John's Church, Shenstone, Staffs—C.M.S. refers to a peal of Stedman Triples which was rung on Whit Tuesday, June 2nd, 1914. The band was E. Marlow, T. Hill, F. J. Cope, C. Wallater, C. Waihtman, Thomas Bloore (cond.), E. J. Tyler, J. H. Gallimore. The ringers of 1, 2 and 7 were from Wood Green, Wednesbury. 3rd and tenor from Lichfield Cathedral, 4th from Willenhall, 5th and 6th from Sutton Coldfield.—Yours, etc.,

C. WALLATER.

Willenhall, Staffs.

### CALL CHANGE FESTIVALS

Dear Sir.—It has been suggested that information regarding our call-change festivals will be welcomed by those whose holidays bring them to this part of the country. I am pleased, therefore, to append details of a few of the competitions which will be held in Devon during the current year.

Devon Association.—Eight-bell for 12 teams at Chittlehampton, April 22nd; Six-bell: North at Stoke Hartland, May 13th; South at Broadhempston (near Totnes), May 27th; Final at Shirwell (near Barnstaple), June 10th.

Inter-Deanery for the South Deaneries of Plympton, Woodleigh, Totnes, Ipplepen and Moretonhampstead at Stoke Gabriel (near Totnes), April 15th (for the first three teams in the previous year's Deanery competitions).

Ipplepen Deanery Six-bell at Paignton (back six), April 29th.

My own annual invitation festival—this year in aid of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust—at Modbury, June 24th, when 20 teams will compete in the presence of the Bishop of Plymouth and the secretary of the Trust.

The Association's annual 8-bell festival on Paignton bells, October 7th.—Yours faithfully,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Secretary,  
South Devon Ringers' Association.

### GRAMOPHONE RECORDS SALE

Dear Sir.—You may be interested to know that all but a few of the 200 of the reissue of the gramophone record of 5-Spliced Surprise Major methods, made by Messrs. Hodgetts, Woolley, Cashmore and Brinklow some 25 years ago, have now been disposed of, in just under 12 months. I am grateful to all who have supported this venture, and hope that they will continue to derive much pleasure from hearing this superb exhibition of handbell ringing.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,  
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.', APRIL 3RD, 1931

Peals Analysis shows a big increase in peal ringing.

First 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung took place at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, and was rung on Saturday, April 6th, 1897.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.', APRIL 7TH, 1901.

One sees from time to time some curious records in belfries, but that in one of the Manchester towers will take some beating. In the belfry are many marble tablets, recording past performances in the Art, among them being the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in the City. In contrast is a board written in chalk recording that:—

On Tuesday, January 31st, 1911,  
was rung in this Tower

A PEAL OF SMALL BOB MINOR,  
Consisting of 12 changes,  
in a few minutes.

### The Late William Pye's Peals

In view of the outstanding performance of Mr. Ernest Morris, a correspondent sends us a list of 1,969 peals rung by the late William Pye.

### TOWER BELLS

Minor.—2.

Triples.—Grandsire 12 (conducted 3), Stedman 195 (148).

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich 79 (59), Double Oxford 1, Duffield 1, Kent Treble Bob 24 (17), Oxford 7 (6), New Cumberland 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 111 (68), New Cambridge 23 (16), Superlative 288 (193), London 271 (222), Bristol 211 (155), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Londonderry 1 (1), Pudsey 1 (1), Rutland 1 (1), 3 Spliced 1 (1), 4 Spliced 20 (19), 5 Spliced 1 (1), 6-12 Spliced 1 (1) of each.

Caters.—Grandsire 5 (3), Stedman 183 (128).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 30 (21), Oxford 3 (1), Cambridge Surprise 82 (61), New Cambridge 3 (3), Middlesex 5 (5), 3 Spliced 1 (1).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 127 (74).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 10 (7), Cambridge Surprise 74 (55), Superlative 5 (5), Yorkshire 1 (1), 2 Spliced 2 (2).

Total: 1,797 (1,290).

### HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 42 (27).

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 6 (4), Double Norwich 8 (6).

Surprise Major.—New Cambridge 3 (3), Superlative 8 (5), London 5 (4), Bristol 3 (2).

Caters.—Stedman 48 (46).

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 4 (2).

Cinques.—Stedman 41 (37).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 2 (2).

Total: 172 (138). Grand total: 1,969 (1,428).

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# THE TOWER OF JACK GOLDSMITH'S EARLY RINGING AND HIS COMPANIONS

By **GEORGE P. ELPHICK**

(Continued from page 190)

OUR last instalment concluded with the formation of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild and the appointment of Jack Goldsmith as hon. secretary. The deputy captain was William Pelling, who came from a family of ringers. Like Jack Goldsmith, 'Bill' Pelling's father was a ringer and parish clerk of Chailey, about eight miles north of Lewes. He was born in 1862, and as a lad learned to chime a bell and eventually could chime three—one in each hand and one by a foot. About this time Chailey had a strong change-ringing band. He left Chailey at the end of September, 1891. The following year he joined the College Youths and came to Lewes about 1895. He rang one peal for the College Youths and 80 for the Sussex County Association.

Of the other first members, Tom Moppett was brother to the late George Moppett, who was elected two years later. George was the local baker, and long after he gave up active ringing he always occupied the position of chief carver at the Guild's annual dinners.

S. W. Shoesmith, or 'Steve' as he was usually known, rang his first peal on February 2nd, 1901, and another peal in the same method (Grandsire Triples) the following year. Alf Stedman was an odd-job man working for the Rector, William Baker a postman, George Richardson kept a confectioner's and general shop and Jack Hillman was a blacksmith.

## MAYOR'S DAY

The Mayor's Day was the highlight of the civic year, and it transpires that by 1898 it was the established custom to ring the bells when the Mayor was elected. We are told that the bells were rung at mid-day and in the evening, and that the ringers were paid two guineas for doing so.

The first recorded outing of the newly-formed Guild was in 1899, when in July the towers of Hurstpierpoint and Steyning were visited, Seaford being visited the following year.

The next recorded outing was in 1906. A brake was hired from Chapmans and another from the old Bear Hotel. The towers of Wivelsfield, Burgess Hill, Hurstpierpoint and Ditchling were visited. Ditchling bells having been silent for several years, the ropes became decayed and resented the long pulls and the strong pulls of the Southover men, for they broke four out of the six ropes. Loughton, Hellingly and Hailsham were visited the following year by the same means. The series continued until 1913.

The annual outing as an institution was revived in 1919. In 1939 the foundry from which the bells came was visited as part of the centenary celebrations.

One of the best means of measuring the virility of a Guild is by the number of new ringers that join. In 1900 eight ringers were elected, among whom was W. H. Paris, an organist, who became master of the Chailey Union Workhouse. Also at the same time was H. H. Ebrall, a clerk by profession, who became hon. secretary in 1902, holding this office until he emigrated to Perth, Western Australia.

## BAD ATTENDANCE

There are many references to the irregular attendance of members in the minute book. Things came to a head in 1900, for a special meeting was called on March 5th to consider the case of Mr. C. Parker, who only attended five times out of 43 possible attendances for service ringing between November and March. He was asked to resign. From the number of possible attendances given it would appear that the bells were rung more often than not three times on each Sunday. This would suggest morning, afternoon and evening services.

The first record of the Guild's annual meeting being opened with prayer occurred on October 8th, 1900, this being done by the recently-

appointed Rector, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott. During a discussion on reviving interest in change-ringing, the Rector offered to provide each member with a copy of 'Ropesight' if he did not already possess it, and also promised to award a medal to each ringer if a local band could ring a peal before the end of the year. This they failed to accomplish until 1902. The meeting passed a rule that the ringers should attend church at least once on a Sunday. Ringers, being what they are, did not fit in with the rule, and by January, 1901, the secretary was instructed to affix a paper on the notice board so that those attending service could enter their names. This rule appears to have wisely faded into the background.

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

A custom that has now lapsed was the collection of Christmas boxes for the ringers, the collector invariably being given 5s. for his trouble. The object of the collection was to secure a better attendance of members. We read that the Christmas boxes collected in December, 1902, were shared out with great exactness, for members received six and one-seventh farthings for each attendance they had made. The Guild's register of attendance appears to have been commenced about this time. The collections continued until 1914; they were revived in 1919 and finally lapsed in 1923.

The year 1902 saw the young Guild on the top of its form, partly due, no doubt, to the encouragement it received from the Rector. On March 15th they rang the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. It was conducted by R. J. Dawe, who called Parker's Twelve-Part of Grandsire Triples. The ringers were Stephen W. Shoesmith 1, John S. Goldsmith 2, Alfred S. Langridge 3, William Pelling 4, Richard W. Hoather 5, Alfred J. Turner 6, Robert J. Dawe 7, John F. Stedman tenor.

Southover ringers apparently were not going to rest on their laurels, for in the same year eight members were admitted to the Guild. Among them were the brothers Sturt—George and Frank—who were bakers. Frank rang his first peal on Boxing Day, 1902, his brother George on February 2nd the following year, both peals being Grandsire Triples.

In 1902 the new ringing floor was erected. The old wooden staircase was removed and an iron spiral staircase substituted. The first peal in the new ringing chamber was called on June 21st, 1902. To take off the bareness of the walls matchboard panelling was erected, also the peal boards rehung.

## BEST SUITS SPOILED

The Guild's handbells had many adventures, for it is recorded that one Christmas, as the custom was, Jack Goldsmith and Alf Turner with others went to various villages calling on the gentry and ringing tunes and carols. For some reason or other, Jack and Alf became separated from the rest and found great difficulty in carrying the box containing the bells along the river bank in attempting to take a short cut home. What they did not know was that a day or so before the sludge had been dredged up on the bank. Of course the night was dark, the box was heavy, and to cap it all they had to wade through the mud and rushes deposited on the path, arriving home with their best suits ruined almost beyond repair.

By 1905 the bells were causing great anxiety to the steeplekeeper. A meeting was called, and Mr. John Thornton Rickman suggested that it would be a good opportunity to add two bells, making Southover the second tower in Sussex to possess a ring of ten. Mr. Rickman said it would cost £355 to carry out the suggested improvement, and that he and his mother would give the two trebles, leaving £120 to be raised by the parish. In the event of difficulty in raising this sum they would contribute between them another £60.

The order was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who made an excellent splice with the two trebles. They were rehung in a new

oak frame and the back eight bells were quarter turned. It was on Friday, February 23rd, 1906, that the bells were dedicated after Evening-song, there being a good company of ringers from surrounding towers present. Three weeks later a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung—the first 10-bell peal in the tower.

## WOMEN RINGERS

The bell ropes were requiring attention in 1914, and at a meeting in September the churchwardens disclaimed responsibility. The ringers persisted in their request for new ropes, which were eventually supplied by the wardens in November, 1919. The war years of 1914-18 saw many changes. David Turner became steeplekeeper for a short time and was killed on active service, as well as Walter Moor and Wilfred Anson, son of the late rector. Lady ringers were introduced in 1916. They were the Misses Alice, A. and R. Ward, and they progressed as far as ringing rounds and call-changes.

On the announcement of the Armistice, Charlie Errey was the first ringer to reach the tower. He pulled all the bells off and let them lower themselves. It must have been a rather awe-inspiring sight with ten bell ropes uncontrollably flying through the air, as well as the din of clashing bells. Jack's mother became treasurer of the Guild in 1919 and held office until her death on March 3rd, 1931.

Charlie Errey resigned the post of secretary on account of 'Old Father Time' in 1922, and in August was presented with a gold bell watch pendant, inscribed 'Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild; Charles Errey, hon. secretary, 1914-22.' In the same year Bob Dawe became captain, a position he held until his death, and William Ward secretary for the next six years. Mr. C. J. Rugg, son of the late Ald. Rugg, a past Mayor of Lewes, was elected secretary in 1928, and it was he who revived the annual outings in 1930. The third local peal was rung on January 27th, 1932.—Grandsire Triples. The ringers were Alfred J. Turner treble, Cecil J. Rugg 2, John H. Crees 3, Alfred J. Morris 4, Douglas H. S. White 5, Richard C. Hide 6, Robert J. Dawe (conductor) 7, George P. Elphick tenor.

The Guild maintained its position through the years that followed, the two great events of the year being the annual dinner at the King's Head and the annual outing; until 1939, when the centenary of the back eight bells was celebrated by a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry where they were cast; and by special permission of the police, 100 leads of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Jack Goldsmith, the founder of the Guild, followed, of course, by a dinner which was attended by many well-known members of the Exercise, the local ringers and their friends.

The Guild prepared for the difficult times that lay ahead by an intensive drive for new ringers. A band of ladies came forward and were taught both tower- and handbell ringing. By their aid the tower bells were kept going until the ban on tower bell ringing came. But Southover still kept the lamp alight, for change-ringing on handbells became part of the evening service until brighter days returned.

## SAMUEL KNIGHT

Dear Sir,—The sixth paragraph of the article dealing with Southover bells in our Jubilee issue should read: 'Samuel Knight at his celebrated foundry.' The words: 'took over the Whitechapel Foundry' should never have been written. My apologies, especially to Mr. A. A. Hughes.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes.

Miss Mikaela Erik has rung each of her 25 peals with Mr. Derek E. Sibson. Her 25th peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on March 18th, was also the 25th together by Mr. Sibson and Mr. Michael R. Rose.



## OBITUARY

## THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY

Since the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, in 1882, the Guild has had only three presidents: the Earl Nelson, Capt Acland (earlier known as John E. Troyte, editor of the revised edition of Troyte's 'Change Ringing,' and the Earl of Shaftesbury, who held the office for just over forty years.

The death of the last-named on Lady Day, at the ripe age of 91, will be keenly felt by all members of the Guild. No one could have graced the presidency with more dignity than he. A fine type of English gentleman of the old school his aristocratic bearing—in which no trace of patronage was ever met—and the sincerity of his eloquence, backed by a devout churchmanship, left everyone easy and happy in his presence. Up to 12 years ago until illness intervened he was no sleeping partner in the Guild's activities. With all his manifold commitments he was to be seen at many of the annual festivals and found time to be present at some Branch meetings. Nothing would satisfy him until he had mastered the handling of a bell himself and it was our joy, no less than his, when he could share in the ringing with us. The ring of eight at his own tower, Wimborne St. Giles', was his especial pride.

To such a personality the Guild owes a volume of gratitude and it is safe to say that the inspiration received from him has sustained it through many adversities and been the—perhaps unrealised—background of its progress.

We commend his soul to the keeping of his beloved Master and pray that he may be granted the reward of life and light eternal.

C. CAREW COX.

Shaftesbury. Master, Salisbury Guild.

## MR. CHARLES W. BIRD

The death occurred, at St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering, on March 15th, of Charles W. Bird, after a short illness, at the age of 74.

Mr. Bird was a ringer at Kettering Parish Church for 58 years and a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild since its formation. He was one of the last remaining members of the band which, under the leadership of the late David J. Nichols, became one of the best in the Midlands between 1900 and 1930, ringing many peals at Kettering and surrounding towers on eight and ten bells.

His first peal was one of Bob Minor at Kellmarsh on December 20th, 1905, and his final total was about 160, all on tower bells, and ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Major and Cambridge Royal. He was not a conductor, and possibly never called a bob in his life, for, as he used to say, there were plenty of others keen to call in his young days and he never needed to bother.

In 1912 he became a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and rang a peal with the Society in that year at St. Anne's, Highgate.

Being a farmer until 1940, for many years he made an annual visit to the Smithfield Show, and invariably managed to get in a peal, or other ringing, with the late William Pye or Charles Coles. One of which he was particularly proud was Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes' in 1925, and he never tired of telling of his visits to the belfry at St. Paul's Cathedral.

A man of great patience, he was particularly good with beginners in the early stages, and the writer remembers with gratitude the help given to him when he first embarked upon learning to handle a bell. Though he never became reconciled to the Catholic teaching and practice at Kettering after 1911, Mr. Bird was always to be seen at Evensong on Sundays and was a sidesman for many years.

His beloved wife predeceased him by about ten years, and having had no children his last years were years of loneliness, when ringing was his greatest pleasure.

Several of his former colleagues were present at his funeral on March 20th, and the bells he cared for as steeplekeeper for so many years were rung half-muffled to his memory in the evening.

May he rest in peace.

P. I. C.

## AN INSIDE STORY OF EARLY ISSUES

By JOHN H. GOLDSMITH

(son of the founder)

I was delighted to have the golden jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World' and I am very grateful to you for sending me a copy. It took me back to the milestones on the 'R.W.' road, between 1911 and 1942.

I can remember quite clearly, even at this distance in time, the launching of the first issue, when as a small boy barely seven years old the pile of wrapped copies ready for the post seemed a mountain of at least a million. And I remember even before that—it must have been a Sunday, I think—when my father and mother spent the whole day addressing envelopes to potential subscribers, announcing the new journal. And, as small children often do, I sensed that something was afoot that was supremely important to my parents. I still remember those milestones.

I remember, too, that when I was about 12 years old I began to address the postal wrappers for the 'R.W.' and was paid sixpence a week for the job. What a job it was! The book of addresses, arranged alphabetically, seemed as long and as large as the family Bible. I remember what a tremendous effort of will it was to settle down at the kitchen table with address book, a pile of wrappers and some pen carbons (I did two weeks' supply at a time) knowing that I simply had to finish the lot 'before bed-time tomorrow night.'

My handwriting was never good: it became unreadable by the time reached letter 'S.' I hated the 'S' list because there were more subscribers under this letter than any other, although 'W' ran it close. I can still recall the heart-lightening relief with which I reached the 'free list,' which came last in the book.

## 'THE MOOR'

Denis—

We know you're very poor,  
You'd have shouted, your greetings  
Up to 'The Moor.'

From 'Three Well-upholstered Friends,' St. John's, Cumberland.

My friends, I read your message well,  
And wondered who had sent it;  
I fancy 'twas Miss Vera Bell—  
She thought I'd ne'er ha' kent it!

And Eleanor, too, was in the scheme,  
And also there was Edna;  
But, though I understood your theme,  
A point or two I didna.

Ye sent it frae 'The Moor,' ye say,  
But leave to folks' opinion  
Whether ye mean up Cleator way,  
Or Princeton's dark dominion!

Another thought has just occurred—  
Perhaps 'the Mare' ye're thinkin',  
Where ye went back upon your word,  
And didna join our drinkin'.

Does 'well-upholstered' mean a girth  
(I trust he will excuse it)  
To equal that of auld John W.—?  
Right well then could ye lose it!

Farewell then, friends, my kind regards,  
Pray think me not a menace:  
Nae doubt ye've guessed what sent these  
words:  
'Twas rhyming, rantin' Denis.

## JENKINS DELIGHT

As I cam' down frae Oldham town,  
I chanced to meet wi' Teddy:  
Said I to he: 'Are ye for a brie?'  
Said he: 'I'm always ready.'  
(brie=brew)

My father was obliged, as you may well understand, to check my work. This was usually done late on Wednesday night—publishing day was Thursday—and what he had to say to me next morning was both private and very much to the point. But, as you and hundreds of his friends will recollect, he was a man of almost infinite patience: he always paid up.

I well remember some of the names you print in the golden jubilee number—the first issue subscribers—and I used to know their addresses by heart. For example, the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, A. W. Coles, J. T. Dyke, Frank Hairs, A. C. Hazelden, A. B. Peck and Ernest Morris, and Albert Walker (the first of the 'Ws'). And, of course, others, for example, Jim Trollope, Bert Hughes and Rupert Richardson. And then, of course, there was that slightly remote, elevated and august hierarchy known as the College Youths. As a boy, I could never quite see why they were called 'Youths'; they all looked very old to me.

As I grew older—and by the age of 16 or 17, one begins to know and understand adult motives—I saw that the 'R.W.' and all it stood for was my father's consuming passion: other events, his livelihood and the pattern of living were moulded above all by the requirements of 'The Ringing World.' Only a single-minded devotion to his paper and to the Exercise could have overcome the difficulties—both private and professional—which constantly took toll of his energies. He had a very good mind; but I suppose the qualities which brought him so many warm friendships were his humanity, tolerance and sympathy. He was a respecter of persons, whoever they were, and he himself was untainted by so much as a thread of false dignity.

He cared little for his outward appearance and usually had his hair cut only when we had told him that he simply could not go to a meeting 'with his hair as long as that.' But what did that matter: he loved ringing. Not least among the sacrifices he made on account of my mother's health—and I never once heard him utter a word of complaint—was that he was obliged to forgo many of the peals in which he could have taken part. And this was so for as long as I can remember.

I was never really interested in ringing. If this was ever a disappointment to my father he never said so nor did he ever try to persuade me to take it up; that he took a liberal view of other people's inclinations was obvious in his relations both with his family and with the great variety of people and opinions with whom he dealt as editor of the 'R.W.'

One's private recollections of a lifetime range over the whole spectrum of feeling—proud, happy, sad, poignant—but at this moment of writing to you I am both proud and grateful that my father's memory is still so widely and so affectionately held among ringers. Every good wish to them and to 'The Ringing World.'

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The March meeting was held at All Souls', Haley Hill, a tower not visited by the Guild for many years. Ringing began at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 8.30, with a break for a service, tea and a business meeting, and ring-from rounds for the numerous learners present, to Surprise Major. The ringing was reasonably good.

At the meeting, tribute was paid to the work of the Rev. Arthur Minns, who died recently at Chester. While living in Halifax he gave a great deal of time and effort to the work of the Guild and was, in fact, a strong force in its foundation.

Next meeting at Cross Stones, Todmorden, May 6th.

D. S.



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### BIRTHS

CHAPMAN.—On April 1st, 1961, at 50, High Street, Daventry, to Pat and Joan, a son (Dominic Julian). 7982

ECCLES.—On Saturday, March 25th, 1961, to Roland and Dorothy (nee Schofield), of 53, Alexandra Road, Sale, a daughter (Alison Karen). 7957

### ENGAGEMENTS

HARRIS—MAYES.—The engagement is announced between Peter Richard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mayes, Clifton, Beds. 7971

ROAF—HUGHES.—The engagement is announced between Dermot, eldest son of Dr. D. Roaf, of Oxford, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Hughes, of Gerrards Cross. 7978

VERNON—WILCOX.—The engagement is announced between Elizabeth Anne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilcox, of Priesthills Road, Hinckley, and John, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. 7943

### DEATH

LINTERN.—On March 23rd, 1961, at St. Peter's Hospital, Shepton Mallet, Albert James Lintern, aged 82. 8001

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of John A. Smith, secretary of the National Police Guild, is now Police House, Leicester Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, telephone Anstey 2614. 7987

From March 31st the address of George Roobottom, Newchurch, will be Mackley House Farm, Sudbury, Derby. Phone Sudbury 283. All ringers welcome as usual. 8002

### PERSONAL

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### MISCELLANEOUS

SURPRISE PRACTICES.—Ash, April 10th, methods: Canterbury, Carlisle, Cuneastre, Flamstead, Sedlescombe, Wells, Holy Trinity, Guildford, April 20th, methods: Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire. 7981

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### MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bowdon, April 8th, with Grappenhall Branch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon.—C. K. Lewis. 7951

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Alkmund's (8) 2.15-3.15 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3.15-4.15. St. Peter's (8) 4.4-30 and after meeting. Committee meet, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 3.45. Service in St. Peter's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Note: Have a thought for the caterers and send in names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, 22, Silver Lane, Elvaston, Derby.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7925

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, April 8th, meeting at Merstham. Tea at the Golden Wheel Cafe. Names to Mr. A. Cheasley, 20, High Street, Merstham, by 6th. Nutfield in evening.—C. A. Bassett. 7933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 5.30 until 8.30 p.m.—D. F. Murfit, Dis. Sec. 7936

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Peabmarsh (6), on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Trendell, Manor House, Peabmarsh. 7889

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Epping, April 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss B. McClelland, 1, Beulah Road, Epping. 7898

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Drury, 2, Manor Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. 7945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hertford, on Saturday, April 8th. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Nicholas' Hall (adjoining) 5 p.m. Special business: resolution to alter Rules 8 and 13. Ringing arrangements: Aston (6), Benington (8) 9.30-11.30 a.m.; Little Munden (6) 10.30-12 noon; Braughing (8) 11-1 p.m.; Great Amwell (6), Widford (6), Hunsdon (8) 2-3.45; Hertingfordbury (6), Bengeo (8), All Saints' (10) 2.30-4; St. Andrew's (8) 3-4.30. All Saints', St. Andrew's, Bengeo, Hertingfordbury and Great Amwell after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. (Telephone 3612.) 7863

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(General body).—Saturday, April 8th, St. Mary's Church Road, Leyton. (Central London Underground—Leyton Station.) Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7885

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock (5), April 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 7956

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, April 8th, Kingsbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7888

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 7910

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 8th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Rooms, for those notifying Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Business meeting follows tea.—J. W. Rathby, Gen. Sec. 7899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 8th. Bells: St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 2.15-3.45 and 7-9 p.m., St. Margaret's 3-4.30 and 7-9, Rushmere 3.15-4.15, St. Matthew's 7-9. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, Ipswich Co-op, 5.15. Business meeting, Diocesan House, immediately after tea. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower Room, 3 p.m. Names for tea.—J. W. Blythe (Gen. Sec.), 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 7942

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ruspur, Saturday, April 8th, not April 1st, as advertised. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 7893

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green (6), on Saturday, April 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 7931

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 7924

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Alresford, on April 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 7935

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Oxford, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements: St. Ebbe's (8) 10.30-12 noon. All Saints' (8) 11-12.30 p.m., New College (10) 11-12.30, Magdalen College (10) 2.30-4, Merton College (8) 2.30-3.30, St. Mary-the-Virgin (6) 3.30-5, Christ Church (12) 3.30-5, St. Giles' (8) 3.45-5.15. Luncheon 12.45 for 1 p.m., at the 'Forum Restaurant,' High Street, for those who notify Mr. Philip Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford, by April 8th. Please remit cash (10s.) with application. Business meeting in St. Giles' Parish Room, Woodstock Road, 5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7892

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Backwell, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names by April 13th, please.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 7958

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 7967

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Radstock (6), Saturday, April 15th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7979

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 11th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 7984



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Meeting, Husbome Crawley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 13th to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbome Crawley. 7973

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, North Ferriby, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 13th, to Rev. J. H. Armstrong, The Vicarage, North Ferriby. 7962

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, St. Peter's (8). Macclesfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Loryon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7918

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Church Minshull, April 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 12th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7972

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's (8). West Kirby, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7998

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, St. Oswald's (10). West Hartlepool, Saturday, April 15th.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 8000

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 15th, at Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. The agenda contains important matters which concern you so please attend. Names for tea would be appreciated (as this is at a cafe), by April 12th, to L. J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7904

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 7994

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 15th. Lanchester. All Saints' 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester. 7966

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own food), cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7993

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Parish Room, Eynesbury), followed by meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8003

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and service.—B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 7975

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8), St. Albans, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7976

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. F. C. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham. 7938

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. John's Parish Church (8), Blackpool, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 7996

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 7960

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for outing on June 17th and deposit of 10s.—L. W. Allen. 7986

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th, to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston. 7917

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—Dedication, by the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, of the 'Flo Field' Memorial Treble on Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4. Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Lewis, The Forge, Long Sutton, Langport (L.S. 301). Definitely no name no tea. National buses 12.30 p.m. ex Taunton and 12.30 p.m. ex Yeovil stop at Church. 7745

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Aylsham (10), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice, Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea by the 13th to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich (NOR 07 Y).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7929

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting to be held at Great Ryburgh, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. Please note alteration of date.—C. Tovell, Sec. 7932

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, April 15th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Double Norwich.—B. C. Castle. 7990

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Meeting, Shenington, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by April 11th to C. Clarke, Deddington, Oxford. 7921

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, April 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 7977

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, Wolstanton.**—On Saturday, April 15th, an open invitation is extended to all ringers to ring the bells of the above church from 6 to 9 p.m. Convenient buses to all parts from the church.—D. R. W. 7914

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock (6), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor, Dorset. 7980

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 7940

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea by April 11th, to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec. 7944

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Wednesday, April 12th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7970

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Revelstoke, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7944

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Armitage Bridge, Saturday April 22nd. No cafes—bring own teas.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7908

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, 'Kenora,' London Road, Hythe, by previous Thursday. Annual reports, certificates of memberships, badges, programmes, etc., all then available.—C. T. H. 7941

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—The District annual dinner will be held at the Village Hall, Thurnby, on Saturday, April 22nd, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Thurnby and Stoughton (4) from 4.15 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, price 5s., by April 17th, please, from Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 17th, to Rev. C. F. Ward, The Vicarage, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7991

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Ranworth, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, April 19th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7952

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yattendon, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 18th, to C. Kent, Church Cottage, Yattendon. Ringing after tea: Hampstead Norris and Compton. 7997

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, Codford St. Peter's. Bells 3-4.45 p.m. Tea 5. The George, for those who notify by 18th. Service 6.30 p.m.—Heytesbury, and ringing after.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7989

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Sydling bells available after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 19th, to Mr. F. J. Watts, 3, Church Lane, Frampton, Dorchester, Dorset. 7999

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Inclusive charge for tea and transport from church to Village Hall 2s. 6d. Names, together with cash, please, by April 25th to Mr. S. F. J. Harris, Bridge Cottages, Brenley, Boughton, Faversham. 7974

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Liverpool, April 29th. Towers available: Liverpool Cathedral (12) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Lady and St. Nicholas' (12) 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8 p.m., St. Francis Xavier (R.C.) (8) 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Walton (8) 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Emmanuel, Everton (8) 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service to be held in Liverpool Cathedral at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. (4s. per head) at the Cathedral. Names for tea, together with money, to Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30, North Linkside Road, Woolton, Liverpool, by Tuesday, April 25th. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers and to send stamped, addressed envelopes with their requests. Note: Tea will only be available to persons in possession of a ticket. Meeting to follow at approximately 5 p.m. at the Cathedral. 7963

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 13th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. T. Clarke. Tea 5 p.m., in the Stanley Hall Annexe, Castle Street, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 4s. each if purchased before May 8th. 4s. 6d. afterwards, obtainable from Mr. H. C. Loryon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield and Branch secretaries. Towers available: St. Michael's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting, Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton (6) 2-3 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7965

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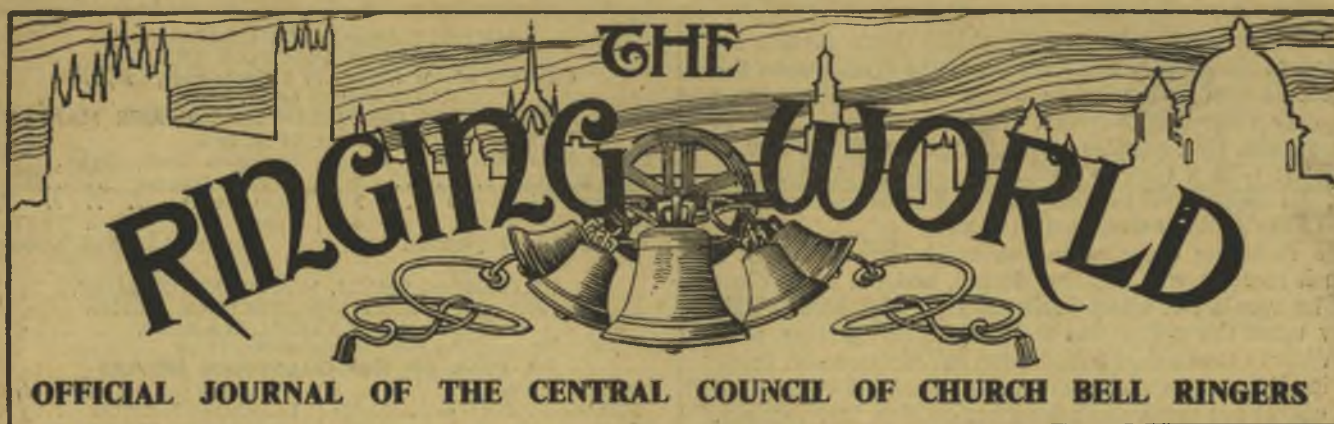
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## LADIES IN THE BELFRY

**T**HE belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place... The belfry is not, in the strict sense of the term, part of the church.'

Who said those words? The Rev. J. Ferguson, Curate-in-charge of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, during the absence of the Vicar.

Now, ladies, what do you think of that opinion? Before you 'go into action,' however, we must tell you it was said nearly 50 years ago.

In 'The Ringing World' of September 15th, 1911, appeared a letter stating that the Vicar's deputy absolutely forbade their only lady ringer entering the belfry under any circumstance, and gave the above as his reason, notwithstanding her father was captain and she also had a brother who was a member of the band.

The ladies of that day, represented by Miss E. M. G. and Mrs. Whittington, expressed their opinion in no uncertain manner. They saw no more harm in ringing with young men than in doing any other church work where young men and young women had to work together, nor had they seen any conduct that any lady need be ashamed of.

Of course, there were letters from the men, the majority supporting the ladies, but one from Arthur Cox supports the curate. He wrote: 'I think the Vicar is in the right and the ringers are wrong. . . . Because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground floor are part of the church; but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church—it is all nonsense. What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objection to lady ringers are these:—

- '(1) They will do men out of their hobby.
- '(2) They will be given all the privileges, while the gentlemen ringers will have to "take a back seat" and look on.
- '(3) They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said, "Cause all the trouble".'

The leading article of September 29th, 1911, deals with the subject, and one paragraph says:—

'As to whether church bellringing is a suitable hobby for ladies to follow is a question upon which there may be, perhaps, some divergence of opinion, but in these modern days the fair sex enter so largely into pursuits which were once looked upon as the exclusive domain of mere men that there is no need to make a special exception of our art.'

Later, Mr. Goldsmith says:—

'Among all the correspondence which we publish this week there is only one letter which supports the view that the belfry is not a place for ladies, and the reasons given are certainly not very serious ones. . . . and ends his article by:—

'The belfry is no place for snobbery. There is no class distinction in the ringing chamber; and equally, it may be said that, in the practice of change-ringing in the perfectly decorous atmosphere of the belfry, there is nothing that is unfit for a lady.'

In the issue of October 6th, 1911, more men enter the fray. Mr. Thos. V. Horner writes: 'In what condition can a man's mind be in to make such a statement as this? How about having females in the choir and also female organists? As the clergyman in question contends that the belfry is not part of the church, would he please let us know what is?' Then we have Mr. H. Hoskins' comment: 'When one pauses to think what St. Alfege's, Greenwich, would have done without Miss Christabel Airey and her sister, the daughters of the late Astronomer Royal, one can only suggest to the objecting cleric concerned "evil be to him who evil thinks".'

Mr. H. Sharp and Mr. F. J. Parker take Mr. Cox to task. Mr. Sharp says: 'If Mr. Cox himself is of the class he would introduce to the Exercise, I should say that the sooner the ladies oust them the better, as such snobbery will not assist in improving the quality of the ringing, nor the morals of ringers. I would like to see many more added to the ranks of lady ringers, and would like nothing better than to take a back seat occasionally and see them ringing touches and peals entirely on their own, without the aid of mere men.' Mr. F. J. Parker is a man of very few words, and asks: 'He wants a better class of men to ring, but why on earth does he wish to exclude women? There is room for all in the ringing world, and what is wanted is more men and women, not snobs, but good ringers, whatever their station of life.'

In the issue of October 20th, 1911, there is a long, rambling letter, signed by 'Inconsistent.' In it he says: 'On the principle of admitting and welcoming ladies to the belfry there is, I imagine, no difference of opinion, or very little. And yet there may be circumstances which render it advisable, and even necessary in the interests of the ringers and possibly of the ladies themselves, to say "No" to their being admitted. Consequently, strange as it sounds, while welcoming lady ringers on principle, I have recently made a rule that they shall not be allowed in the belfry under my control.' You may wonder why he took this line; well, my opinion is he was afraid of what the neighbours would say.

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By this time 'The Essex Times' had devoted some attention to the matter, and referred to the article upon the subject as well as the letters which were published from two lady ringers. The Rev. H. Drake, then Rector at Braiseworth, Eye, got into communication with the Rev. J. Ferguson with a view to getting a statement for publication. As no statement ever appeared, one can assume that Mr. Drake's efforts were not successful.

We recall an occasion in the early 'twenties when a Branch meeting was held at Marple, and the then Vicar said he would not allow ladies to ring with men. This fairly upset the party, and at the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft fairly let rip; if we remember rightly, Mrs. R. Deal (then Miss E. Tongre) was there, and added her opinion very forcibly.

The Vicar had been a missionary and this was the first church he had been in charge of that possessed bells, and it had been a shock to him that afternoon to see mixed bands ringing. When he realised his mistake he was man enough to apologise to the members for his action, which he saw was uncalled for: J. P. F.

## TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Treble	ALAN A. POTTS .. .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. .. 3	BASIL JONES .. .. 8
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 9
ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.  
On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

JOHN M. HARROP .. .. Treble	JOHN R. PERRETT .. .. 6
JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2	*RICHARD D. GIBSON .. .. 7
KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. .. 3	JOHN S. RANK .. .. 8
JOHN G. HOBSON .. .. 4	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. .. 9
*JAMES I. BOOTH .. .. 5	RONALD DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

\* First peal. First of Royal for all except 4 and 6. First of Plain Bob Royal for 4 and 6. First touch of Royal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,320 Cambridge, 1,320 Yorkshire, 1,200 London and 1,200 Lincolnshire; with 77 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 6
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 8
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5	*DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First in four Royal methods for the Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5
†DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 6
CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

\* 50th peal. † First 'inside.' 200th peal on the bells.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne P. Smith and Alec Osbaldiston, of Marple.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., March 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 3	BASIL JONES .. .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 11, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	†A. LESLIE PRIESTLEY .. 5
*FRANK E. CROSIER .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 3	JOHN E. SKERRIT .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 4	HARRY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. DIXON .. Treble	PETER BEEDIE .. .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. 2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 6
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 7
*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 4	*THOMAS W. TIMMS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung in honour of the wedding at Claverdon, Warwicks, on March 25th, 1961, of Miss Jean M. Knight and Mr. David J. Smith, both members of the Witney Ringing Society.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

F. JOHN NELSON .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 3	*EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JONES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* 1,000th peal.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 5
*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 2	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 6
*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
*CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 4	*LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY .. Treble	*JOHN S. RANK .. .. 5
*MRS. J. RENDER .. .. 2	*DAVID S. JOHNSON .. .. 6
*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	G. FRED TERRY .. .. 7
*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.



COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*ALBERT DALE .. .. Treble	†KENNETH SMITH .. .. 5
†HERBERT WEBB .. .. 2	*ERIC PIPER .. .. 6
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 7
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## DERBY.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK BAILEY .. .. Treble	ERNEST JOHNSON .. .. 5
NOREEN WICKHAM .. .. 2	*MICHAEL LARKIN .. .. 6
*JEAN LARKIN .. .. 3	*MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. .. 7
†ROSAMUND BULL .. .. 4	ALFRED MOULD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.'

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

## WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*P. ROGER MASON .. .. Treble	DAVID W. JAMES .. .. 4
MARGARET ROSS .. .. 2	FRANK E. CROSER .. .. 5
†ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'

Rung in memoriam Charles W. Bird, for many years a faithful member of the Kettering belfry, a loyal supporter of the Central Northants Association, and later the Peterborough Guild.

## WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALAN RICHARDSON (12) .. Treble	GEORGE HANCOCK .. .. 4
†FRANK COOKE .. .. 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

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

## BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., March 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, College, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	*MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven plain methods.

## BECKWITHSHAW, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER COPLEY .. .. Treble	ALAN EVANS .. .. 4
*DAVID SHEPPARD .. .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 5
MRS. J. R. RENDER .. .. 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## EAST WITTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in C.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 4
PETER WISCHART .. .. 2	PETER W. B. SEMMENS .. 5
RODNEY PAGDIN .. .. 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

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## KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandshire (ten callings).

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RONALD J. SMITH .. .. Treble	JOHN DOWDESWELL .. .. 4
PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 5
MICHAEL J. COOK .. .. 3	PETER W. BARTLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) St. Clement's, (5 to 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

BARRIE HENDRY .. .. Treble	*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 4
JEFFREY B. WEBB .. .. 2	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 5
ANN BARR .. .. 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

\* First peal in more than one method. First of three methods as conductor.

Rung after the Holy Communion service for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being an extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

JACK RILEY .. .. Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	PHILIP A. MASON .. .. 5
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor on the bells.

## PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being five extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, New Grandshire, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 12 six-scores of Grandshire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 4
*JOY SMITH .. .. 2	†REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 3	*TONY STEVENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a compliment to the Virgin Mary on Lady Day.

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# WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., March 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 variations: One of Wollaston Bob, two each of Oldswinford Bob, Southrepps, Broadwas Bob, St. Columb, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob, Kennington, Windrush and Salwarpe; and three each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Seighford, Newbrough and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*JOHN E. LAWLEY .. .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMORE .. .. 4
JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 3	PETER J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMORE.

\* First peal. Most variations by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung on half-muffled bells to commemorate Holy Week.

# ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., March 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in ten methods.

# HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Selby and District Society.)

On Good Friday, March 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

G. FRED TERRY .. .. Treble	*ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5
*JOHN POTTS .. .. 3	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † 100th peal on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

# LOWDHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

RUTH M. BLACKSHAW .. Treble	MAURICE HARRISON .. .. 3
BRIAN R. MILLS .. .. 2	JOHN HIGGS .. .. 4

WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung as a compliment to Sydney Hill (a ringer at East Bridgford) and Doreen Isaacs, whose wedding took place at this church prior to the peal.

# MARCH BALDON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 of All Saints', Old, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, 480 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 each of Northrepps Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*PETER J. HERITAGE .. Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 3
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 4

EDWARD R. VENN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal on a working bell.

# NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 4
*JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH .. .. 5
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Peggy Morgan, of Newdigate, a working colleague of the ringer of the fourth.

# CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 4
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	*KENNETH RUTLAND .. .. 5
*†CAROLYN COLLIER .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

# DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

# LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 4
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

# OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. Treble	ROBERT J. PLUMMER .. .. 4
*CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 2	HARRY B. FULLER .. .. 5
ALBERT LAWES .. .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Minor.

In memoriam William Stannard, of Bury St. Edmunds, late of Oakley.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDATE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.  
 \*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. Treble ROY H. JONES .. .. 4  
 \*JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 2 SIDNEY D. EDWARDS .. .. 5  
 \*REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH 3 EDWARD R. VENN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

MINIMUS PEAL

TOWERSEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Consisting of 212 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
 ELIZABETH MILLER .. .. Treble \*HELEN WILLIAMS .. .. 3  
 JULIA A. CHANDLER .. .. 2 ROY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung as birthday compliments to Margaret J. Cozier and Sydney D. Edwards.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.W.

On Mon., March 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 1-2 ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7-8  
 JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 3-4 ALAN ROGERS .. .. 9-10  
 MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 5-6 MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 11-12

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

In two methods, being 3,920 Plain Bob and 1,080 Little Bob; with 245 changes of method.

\*T. DAVID SPENCER .. .. 1-2 HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 5-6  
 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3-4 \*STANLEY BIRDSALL .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.  
 \* First peal of Spliced.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

AT THE UNION, EDGBASTON.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 12 in G.

\*J. DAVID ATKINSON .. .. 1-2 CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3-4  
 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT 170, HEADSTONE LANE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 1-2 \*JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5-6  
 \*JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3-4 \*FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 \* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(Syston District)

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes.

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1-2 B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3-4

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

MR. FREDERICK BRUNNING

The funeral service took place at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk, on Maundy Thursday, of Mr. Frederick Brunning, who had been steeple-keeper for many years. He died on March 26th, aged 77, having been in indifferent health for about six years. Nevertheless, it was not until about a year ago that he relinquished the post of clock winder.

On page 174 of 'The Ringing World' of March 12th, 1954, may be seen a fairly full list of the towers in which he worked for over twenty years on hanging, frame building and tower strengthening as an employee of George Day and Sons, bellhangers of Eye—firm now defunct. It shows that he went to 15 counties to do this work.

As a ringer he was primarily a service man. His peaks numbered but twelve and he had not rung one since July 16th, 1922—half-muffled at the death of Frederick Day.

He rang in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Eye in 1906, 'a funeral peal' for Dr. J. J. Raven, the Suffolk bell historian, and he was the sole survivor of the band.

On February 20th, 1954, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (Robert E. Lester conducting) was rung on Eye bells for Fred's 70th birthday, and for his golden wedding on May 18th, 1957, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (conductor Nolan Golden) was rung—the first Spliced Surprise on the bells.

Canon Rea (Vicar) officiated at the service, and the organ was played by David Jones, one of the local ringers. Other ringers were present amongst the congregation.

What might he termed the shadow of George Day and Sons was provided by the four occupants of a pew—Miss Ella Day and Mrs. Dorothy Penson (daughters of Frederick Day). Mrs. Hubert Day, whose husband was one of Frederick's sons; and Mr. Penson, Dorothy's husband.

Mrs. Brunning, the widow, was present with her two sons—William and Frederick; she has tolled the tenor at Eye many times for funerals when that custom was live.

OBITUARY

The reason for no bells at the funeral was that the eight are still at the Whitechapel Foundry for general overhaul, the founders having been waiting for definite orders. It is sad to think that Fred will not be with us when his bells are rehung and rededicated. He had lived with them all his life. But it is hoped that the work will be finished by the end of this year. Work on the repair of the old frame is to begin on May 9th.

C. R.

MR. ALBERT J. LINTERN

His many friends in Ditcheat and in other parts of the country will learn with regret of the passing on March 23rd at St. Peter's Hospital, Shepton Mallet, of Mr. Albert James Lintern, aged 82 years.

Albert, although never having practised method ringing, will be remembered for his mastery covering with the tenor for many peals by local and visiting bands. He started ringing in 1901, under the captaincy of Thomas Vincent, at Ditcheat, and continued until he was forced to retire, due to ill-health, in 1957.

As well as being a keen ringer, Albert was a faithful church worker, being verger and sexton at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ditcheat, from 1917-1955. To commemorate his loyal service, a plaque was placed in his regular seat in the church on his retirement.

Interment took place at the Parish Church on March 28th, where handbells were rung at the graveside by Miss Beryl D. Mundy and Mr. David M. C. Hill, of the local band, and Messrs. H. F. Creed (Castle Cary) and W. Osborn (North Cadbury).

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

D. M. C. H.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On April 2nd, 1.320 Southrepps Pleasure: Elizabeth Miller 1, S. D. Edwards 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn.

MR. A. J. BEES

The death occurred on March 17th, at Clevedon Hospital, of Alfred John Bees, for many years captain of the ringers at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Clevedon. He was a member of the choir for over 50 years and also served as a sidesman.

A large and representative congregation attended his funeral at St. John's on March 22nd, the service being conducted by Fr. Torrance, sometime Vicar of Frome, in the absence of the incumbent of the parish through illness. That evening, ringers from the parish church (St. Andrew's) rang half-muffled touches on the five bells at St. John's.

Alf Bees was a plumber by trade, a familiar and well-liked figure to everyone in the town, and by his death the church has lost a faithful son, a regular and devout worshipper with his family, and one who had the interests of the church very much at heart. We give thanks to God for his example. We pray to God for his soul, and we commend to God his widow and family at this time. E. G. C.

LATE OBITUARY NEWS

We regret to learn of the death on April 6th of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Fern-down, who was Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from 1910 to 1913.

Mr. Ernest Marriott, of Wymondham, Leics, died on April 1st. Took part in many peals in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire in his younger days.

Mrs. Harrison, mother of Mr. S. Harrison, Leicester, on April 8th, aged 79.

On April 1st, at Bishopstone, Mr. Joe Durham, aged 68.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On March 20th, 1.260 Grandisle Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Fry 6. A farewell to F. J. Fry, secretary of the tower and a ringing member for 24 years, on his leaving the parish.



## HALF PEALS

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On April 3rd. 2,520 Doubles, in seven methods (360 each of Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, All Saints); S. D. Edwards 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5. A tribute to the late Raymond Haynes.

**OXFORD.**—On March 21st, at the Church of St. Thomas. 2,520 Doubles, in eight methods (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington and April Day): Catherine Chapman 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5, S. D. Edwards 6. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones (brother-in-law and sister of the conductor) on their return from Singapore. First half peal for all the band except the ringer of 5.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Hayne 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For morning service.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lewsey (first of Minor) 1, Ruth Perrin 2, P. J. Milton 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. H. Maceve 5, A. M. Maceve (cond.) 6.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On April 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J. Cuss 1, A. Keen 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, H. Palmer 6. Rung for the wedding of Dudley Bowles (a ringer at this church) and Miss Sally Alder.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On March 25th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. Williamson 1, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell 2, Miss E. Stewart 3, K. Williamson 4, C. Denyer 5, T. Denyer 6, T. Page 7, E. Bragg (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major for 1 and 2. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, as Bishop of Guildford.

**AMERSHAM, BUCKS.**—On March 26th. 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Beynon 1, Miss D. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Miss R. Hicks 3, G. Orchard 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, A. Presdee 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday, and as a compliment to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On March 26th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine Saunders 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Sandra Chesterton 3, Marie Davenport (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. Morris 8. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On March 26th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Dear (first of Major) 1, Miss J. Dear 2, M. Hopkins 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, R. Castledine 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

**BARNSELY, YORKS.**—On Mar. 25th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. W. Carbatt 1, L. Crossland 2, T. Tarbatt 3, H. Rusby 4, P. Carbatt 5, G. Townend 6, N. F. Moxon 7, E. Stainrod (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Andrew Hoyle, of Shelley.

**BECKLEY, OXON.**—On April 1st. 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Julia A. Chandler 1, R. H. Jones 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Anne Tilbury and Mr. David Fenwick, who were married this day. Also on April 2nd. 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. Heritage 1, R. H. Jones 2, S. D. Edwards 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On March 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hearne 1, Miss S. A. Peake 2, Mrs. G. Swain 3, J. Vincent 4, W. H. Trueman 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On April 2nd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Humphries 1, R. Humphries 2, G. Parsons 3, R. Lovelock 4, P. Gaisford 5, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 6. First of Minor for all the band.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, T. Bowden 2, W. Chilwell 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Trewin 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, T. Sangwin 7, W. Bond 8. Rung for the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.'

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Oakshett 1, Miss M. E. Kirby 2, M. G. Foster (first quarter) 3, G. Foster 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. Oakshett (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Michael Foster.

**BURNLEY, LANCS.**—On April 4th, at the Church of St. Peter. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bolt (first quarter) 1, R. J. Parker (first quarter) 2, Mary J. Smith 3, Sheila M. Smith 4, Pamela Blakeley 5, N. Smith (cond.) 6, E. J. F. Wall (first quarter) 7.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On March 5th. 1,260 Minor (Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob): D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, W. F. Slaughter 3, G. Charlton 4, H. H. Parsons 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2. For Matins.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—At the Norman Tower, on March 22nd. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Stannard 1, J. G. Stannard 2, P. Everett 2, D. Rowlands 4, C. Stannard (cond.) 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, G. Jenning 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to William Stannard, who was interred at Ingham church this day.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On March 31st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Lumley 1, P. M. Dawson 2, J. M. Dixon (first quarter) 3, J. Rhodes (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5, R. Waddington 6, R. J. Lumley 7, P. Taylor (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for evening prayer, also in memory of Samuel Wheatley, former member of the company, who died earlier in the day.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on April 2nd. 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford): Miss O. Gant (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Chatfield 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, J. Stockbridge 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6.

**CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**—On March 11th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, G. D. Carter (first in method) 2, G. W. Taysom 3, A. Locke (first 'inside' of Major) 4, D. Burnett 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson (first in method) 7, Rev. A. S. Roberts 8.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Williams 1, Miss D. Williams 2, R. Watts 3, Miss A. Bryant 4, B. Williams (cond.) 5, C. Webber 6. For morning service.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On March 12th. 1,380 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Beynon 1, Miss R. Hicks 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. Shepherd 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong on Mothering Sunday, and as a farewell compliment to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On March 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shaw (14. first quarter) 1, T. Marriott 2, D. Eames 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, A. J. Marriott 5. Rung fully muffled for Holy Communion on Good Friday.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On April 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell (Cumberland Youths) 1, F. J. Lewis sen. (cond.) 2, H. L. Cooke 3, F. J. Lewis jun. 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, P. Morgans 8. For evening service, and also as a compliment for F. J. Lewis sen., to mark his 80th birthday, which took place on March 27th.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On April 2nd. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. J. Seabrook (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. G. Perry (first quarter) 2, O. G. Ballard 3, P. Mayle 4, H. Honeyball 5, S. J. Twitchett 6, S. Honeyball 7, W. G. Perry 8. For Evensong.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rogers 1, Miss S. Percival 2, A. Dille 3, P. Tompkins 4, J. Church 5, D. Newis 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dille 8. For Evensong.

**CLITHEROE, LANCS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 1, Miss P. M. Bourn 2, Miss S. Wignall 3, Miss R. Parkinson 4, E. J. Gower 5, F. Price 6, V. J. C. Wood 7, P. Jenkinson (first quarter) 8.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On March 19th, at St. Peter's Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dale 1, C. Bower 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, C. Warner (first quarter) 8. First in method by all except 2nd ringer. For Evensong.

**CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On March 23rd. 1,240 Minor (Hereward Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Susan Mason 1, A. D. Sansom 2, L. G. Berridge 3, M. A. Coleman 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5, F. E. Crosier 6.

**DERBY.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Hilary Mason 2, J. Harrison 3, Rosamund Bull 4, E. Johnson 5, M. Larkin 6, F. Stone 7, F. Murfin 8.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—At the Abbey, on April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Butler 1, Peggie Exon 2, Jean Exon 3, Helen Butler 4, Margaret Thewlis (17. cond.) 5, D. Exon 6. For evening service.

**DROITWICH, WORCS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell 1, M. D. Fellows 2, R. Skerratt 3, P. Cattermole 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, Sylvia Cater (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**DUNHOLME, LINCS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Smith 1, P. Burton 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, P. Coddington 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**EPHING UPLAND, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd. 1,280 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, T. East 5, A. J. Salisbury 6. For Matins.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—On April 1st. 1,280 Bob Major: A. Hubble (cond.) 1, J. Clarke 2, C. Southgate (first of Major) 3, F. White 4, Ann Vowles (first 'inside') 5, J. Towler 6, S. Easter 7, H. Appleton 8. A compliment to Roger Everiss and Marion White, married in St. Peter's this day.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Double Court Minor: Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, R. French 3, C. Lean 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Deborah Hopkins 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, J. H. Edwards 3, Marian Clarke 4, R. French (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. G. Corby 6.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. J. Hall 1, E. R. Lambert 2, F. E. Hall 3, G. A. Atkins 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung to the Glory of God, for a service of Easter lessons and hymns, also as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled the tower' twice to quarter peals.

**HANBURY, WORCS.**—On March 26th. 1,260 Broadwas Bob Doubles (four callings): M. Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, B. M. Gittins 6. First in variation by all. A birthday compliment to Jennifer Stone-Wigg, of St. Peter's, Droitwich. Guild of Ringers.

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, E. Hotine 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—On Easter Sunday. 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Heather Barrett 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On April 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss J. Drury 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, B. Priestley 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. For family service.

**KEMBLE, GLOS.**—On March 25th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth): Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, M. J. Stanley 3, R. T. Wakefield 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, P. Law (first quarter) 6. First of mixed Doubles 1, 2 and 3. First using Dedworth Doubles by all the band.



# QUARTER PEALS

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pryke 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, L. Pryke 3, A. Knight 4, F. Mortlock 5, S. Smith 6, F. Turner 7, L. Offord 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to L. Offord.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1, Gillian Walsh 2, H. N. Evans 3, P. Kirby 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World'.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Earl (first quarter) 1, C. Willmington 2, Miss J. Cook 3, C. Hughes 4, F. Mills 5, Miss V. Hester 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on March 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. M. Lane 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. A. R. May 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 7, G. Pratt 8, D. E. Sibson 9, P. Cattermole 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9. For Evensong. Also on March 25th, at Southwark Cathedral, S.E., 1,311 Stedman Cinques: R. F. Overington 1, J. Phillips 2, J. H. Crampion 3, W. Hibbert 4, J. G. A. Prior 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, W. T. Cook 7, A. Rogers 8, R. G. Burton 9, M. V. Chilcott 10, M. P. Moreton 11, F. A. White 12. Rung in honour of the consecration, as Bishop of Guildford (Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp, Provost of Southwark), at the Cathedral this day.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. G. Grover 1, Patricia Laycock (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Angela J. Martin 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Guildford, whose consecration took place this day at Southwark Cathedral. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): R. F. Warren 1, G. L. Grover 2, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 3, Janet E. Cleeve 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, W. Savill (first quarter) 6.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Verona Naylor 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. Harland 4, C. Carter (first quarter as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. First quarter by the present Sunday service band. Fastest quarter on the bells. For morning service, and a second wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On March 26th, 720 Double Court Bob and 552 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, Miss J. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6. Rung as a compliment to R. Rose on his 50th birthday.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Baker (first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. A birthday compliment to A. D. Leach. For Confirmation service.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's): Lucy Allen 1, Jill V. Morgan 2, Penelope Sedgwick 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First in four methods by 2 and 3. Rung prior to Evensong, on the Dedication Day of the two trebles, being the first quarter on the bells.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, J. C. Birt 3, W. D. Ward 4, D. P. Hilling 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. K. Ward (cond.) 7, F. R. Scott 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 8. For the Easter Festival.

**STEPNEY.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): R. E. Weedon (first quarter) 1, J. Scotcher 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, Hazel Weedon 4, H. G. Weedon 5, P. M. Tarling 6. For Evensong.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Atkins 1, D. Wight 2, A. D. Barker 3, A. R. Crawford 4, R. Hartley 5, W. G. Wilson 6, D. P. Hilling (first quarter as cond.) 7, C. Tovey 8.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Cook 1, Pauline Lansley (first 'inside') 2, Christine Lansley (cond.) 3, H. Austin 4, V. Griffin 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Lenten service. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Lansley 1, Miss J. Cook (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, H. Austin 4, S. J. Withey 5, V. Griffin 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Denny to Miss B. G. Oran. Also on March 26th, 1,344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: H. Austin 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, V. Griffin 3, R. J. Purnell 4, S. J. Withey 5, W. H. Trueman 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, A. T. Collins 8. First in method 2, 4 and 5. For Palm Sunday children's service.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On March 18th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,440 Wooler Surprise Minor: D. Taylor 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, C. A. Wratten 3, R. A. Wright 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. R. Drew 6. First in method by all. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Pettiford.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Bull 1, C. J. Fooks (first 'inside') 2, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 3, C. G. Cherrett 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**WENDOVER, BUCKS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Stephens 1, Miss S. Howard 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, B. Evans 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Floyd 6. For Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bagworth 4, C. Walters (first of Stedman, first on eight) 5, Susan Rawlings 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, R. Mayes (first on eight) 8. Rung as a farewell to M. Sinden, tower captain, who is leaving the district.

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Congratulations to Mr. Edward Jenkins on ringing his 1,000th peal. The happy occasion was at Worsley on March 25th—one of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. John Worth. His list of peals should make interesting reading.

Two Wallington boys, Charles Adam and Robert Cartridge, rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus on March 23rd.

The new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is Mr. Albert Bennett, secretary of the City of Bristol Branch.

The footnote to the peal rung at St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancs (page 214), was to honour the promotion of Mr. Arthur Burton to serving officer in the Order of St. John.

The Editor blushes:— 'For one so relatively uninformed in our art, you handle "The Ringing World" very well.'—A congratulation from a Co. Durham reader.

Mr. K. G. Spavins, of Woburn, inquires whether there would be enough support for a reprint of the first issue of 'The Ringing World.'

David Hilling, of Slough, celebrated his 15th birthday by calling his first quarter of Stedman at Stoke Poges without any hesitation or trips and at his first attempt.

'Walter Ayre: his eyes glow, with the love of his art.' What a delightful caption to his photograph that appeared in 'The Observer.' when John Stobbs wrote entertainingly on bellringing in his 'Leisure for Living' series. The material for his article was obtained from a ringing meeting at Wheathampstead, where Frank Ivory, head gardener at Rothamsted Agricultural Experimental Station is head ringers.

Interviewed by John Stobbs, Walter Ayre said he wanted no half-muffled ringing for his passing. 'When your time is finished here it should be an occasion for rejoicing. I've told them down at Apsley that if they ever ring half-muffled for me, I'll come back and haunt them!'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Fifty years ago (on April 17th, 1911) the record length peal of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. The band consisted of Charles Bower 1, George Garnett 2, Joseph Mellor 3, Samuel Wood (composer and conductor) 4, James Wood 5, Walter Wolstencroft 6, Benjamin Thorp 7, Benjamin Gill 8, Samuel Booth 9, Albert Adams 10, Harry Chapman 11, James George 12.

Among those who had No. 1 of 'The Ringing World' was Major J. Howard Freeborn, of Sunnymede, Oxford, who is now 73 years of age.

The secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has a silver cross and chain, which was found in Moreton-in-Marsh churchyard last Saturday. Will the owner please claim it from Mr. C. Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos.

With the quarter peal at Droitwich on Palm Sunday, Mr. Robin Skerratt made a return to ringing after a spell in hospital. Hopes are entertained that Mr. Walter Raxter will soon be in action again. He is the third Droitwich ringer to be silenced recently, the fashion being started last summer by Paul Cattermole, after a cycle accident!

The members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, from their annual general meeting, sent 'their congratulations to the editor and staff on producing such an excellent Golden Jubilee number.' Thank you all very much. There are still copies of this issue for sale.

When H.R.H. Princess Margaret, as president of the Church of England Youth Council, paid an informal visit to Harpenden on April 6th, Miss Ann Smallborne, as representing the Harpenden tower, was presented to her. Later, at Hemel Hempstead, other ringers were presented to H.R.H., including Mr. W. C. Hughes, president of the Hertford County Association. A quarter peal attempt at Harpenden unfortunately came to grief after some good ringing.

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MR. ALFRED H. WINCH and MR. GEORGE MARRINER,  
Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey Association.

Every Association has some towers within its boundaries, where those who want to progress can be sure of a welcome, and an opportunity to practise something which they cannot ring in their own belfry. Such a tower in Surrey is Leatherhead, and Messrs. A. H. Winch and G. Marriner have both been Sunday service ringers at this tower for close on 60 years. They have seen the local band progress from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Royal, and the bells have always been rung twice a day for most Sundays. Their story is mainly the history of Leatherhead ringing and it is fitting that they should be taken together.

George Marriner was born on August 5th, 1883, at East Peckham, Kent, moved into Surrey in the late 1880's, and came to Leatherhead in 1892. A plumber by trade, he was taught to handle a bell by Alfred Winch, in October, 1903, and who rang in his first peal on November 5th, 1904, being Grandsire Triples at Ashted. He has rung 288 peals in various methods, including 12 different Surprise Major and Royal, and conducted one peal of Bob Major.

Having no ambition to be a conductor, he became interested in composition, both peals and methods. He learnt quite a lot from Snowden's Treble Bob, and also corresponded with the late George Baker, of Brighton, but in 1926 he admits he got rather a shock when Gabriel Lindoff produced his wonderful system, whereby he could turn out 278.828 peals of London, each with the 6th 12 courses at home at the course-end, in various lengths of 5,024, 5,056 and 5,088 changes! However, he has composed several musical peals for various Surprise methods, including Ashted, Cobham and Leatherhead, all three being rung for the first time. Regarding the peal of Cobham Major, after the peal had been rung in April, 1947, at Ashted, the band could not decide what to call it. However, someone had a happy idea, and it was named Cobham in memory of William James, captain of Cobham ringers, who died a few weeks earlier. Painswick and Cobham Surprise Royal were rung for the first time at Leatherhead, and indeed regarding the latter, the **only** peal. This is quite a difficult method, and would test the skill of any 10 bell company.

A peal of which George is very proud was one of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church, Epsom, about 1908, at the finish of which the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter stepped into the circle and said, 'Gentlemen, that was

a peal of Stedman.' Another more recent peal was Cambridge Royal at Leatherhead on November 6th, 1954, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal, Alfred Winch again taking part.

For the last 25 years George has been captain of his local band, and his friendly welcome to all visitors, whether beginner or more advanced, puts them quite at ease. Many well-known Southern ringers have been initiated into Surprise ringing at Leatherhead, and have just cause to thank George for his unfailing helpfulness and courtesy.

#### 'AS JOLLY AS EVER'

Whereas George Marriner has been of a retiring disposition, Alfred H. Winch ('Winchy' to his many friends) has always been noted for his keen sense of humour, and a fund of stories. Although he was born on March 21st, 1880, at Acton Green, Middlesex, being now 81, he is still as jolly as ever! Leaving school before he was 13, his introduction to bellringing was somewhat unusual! He can remember hearing St. Paul's Cathedral bells in December, 1886, and was first attracted to ringing in 1894, through reading articles by A. H. Browne in the then popular 'Church Monthly.' He had no encouragement from the local ringers at Weybridge, where he lived from 1890-1902, but whilst on a 'brass-rubbing' expedition in 1897 he met some ringers at a Middlesex Association meeting at Isleworth, and was told to take the 'Bell News,' thus taking a ringer's paper before learning to ring! He attended several meetings, and eventually, at a meeting at Monken Hadley, Middlesex, one Saturday in 1898, he was told that if he lived there he could learn to ring. By the Wednesday morning, he had got a job at Barnett—he has been a house decorator most of his working life—and was taught to handle a bell by William Dell. In February, 1892, he came to live at Leatherhead, being still only in the 'tenor-behind' stage, but within three months he was ringing 'inside' to Grandsire Caters. He soon mastered the standard methods, but beyond this he had to travel to get practice in Surprise methods, mostly to Beddington and Guildford. His first peal was on July 12th, 1902, at Ashted, the tenor to Stedman, conducted by Challis F. Winney, the band including Alfred Pulling, Charles Hazelden and James Hunt.

In company with George Marriner, he agitated for years to break through the rut of continuous odd-bell ringing. Eventually they

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, WHITSUN, 1961

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### CIVIC RECEPTION AND TEA

Members and their wives are being invited to a civic reception and tea after the meeting at Stoke-on-Trent. Invitations and a reply card will be sent to all who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

#### HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE—

##### BREAKFAST INVITATION

The Rector of Stoke has kindly invited those attending the service in St. Peter's Parish Church at 8 a.m. on Whitsun Tuesday to breakfast in the Town Hall afterwards. A bus will be available to take members to the church from various points. Invitations will be sent to those who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY MEMBER WHOSE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 9th.

#### AFFILIATION FEES

These became due on January 1st, 1961 (Rule 8 (as renumbered)). Fees for the following Societies have not yet been paid:—Cumberland and North Westmorland, Derbyshire Association, Dudley and District, Durham and Newcastle, East Derbyshire, Lancashire, London County, National Police Guild, New South Wales, St. David's, St. Martin's, Birmingham, Sheffield and District, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Districts, Yorkshire.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,  
Crayford, Kent.

got Bob Major for every practice, to the disgust of the numerous 'tenor-men' only! In 1920, Albert Harman came to live at Leatherhead, and with his enthusiasm and ability as a Surprise conductor they advanced locally beyond all their expectations. Alfred has taken part in 351 peals, on all numbers from 5-12 bells, including a dozen different Surprise methods. Of these he has conducted 44, including Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, and mostly called from a working bell.

In 1912 he was one of the umpires to the long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford. He well remembers this peal as, missing the last train, he decided to walk home! Feeling tired he rested under a haystack at Clandon, and woke up to find it pouring with rain, and rats for company! He then came back on the milk train from Clandon, and arriving at Leatherhead looking rather dishevelled, was greeted by several good natured jibes by his friends, as to where he had spent the night! He took part in 11,200 Double Norwich at Hackington, Kent, just before 1910, but he thinks his most satisfying performance was to ring a peal of D.N. at Weybridge, in 1954, 60 years after he had been discouraged from learning to ring there!

Both these fine old gentlemen served their country in the First War. George Marriner visited Mesopotamia, and Alfred was in the Labour Corps on Home Service, 1916-19 (no stripes and no medals, he says!). They are both very good strikers, and have had a lot of enjoyment from peals, tours, and meetings, but the chief object of their long ringing life together has been loyalty to the Sunday service band, at the tower which encouraged them to improve their ringing in their early days, after what seemed, from Alfred's point of view, a hopeless struggle before. These two worthies have gained the respect and friendship of many South Country ringers, and everyone will wish them continued good health in the eve of a long career.

APACE.



## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SECRETARY AND AN INADEQUATE SUBSCRIPTION

TO receive the 81st annual report and conduct the annual business of the K.C.A., Kent ringers, numbering some 200, went to Maidstone on Easter Monday. There were some who even made the journey by motor scooter. Resplendent with Easter flowers, Maidstone Parish Church looked beautiful at service time. The new Vicar (Canon N. K. Nye) conducted the service and gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. John Willis.

Attending the service and also the luncheon at the Corn Exchange was the Mayor of Maidstone (Cclr. Arthur H. Clark), who gave to the assembly a civic welcome. Six years ago, when the K.C.A. last held their annual meeting at Maidstone, Cclr. Clark was Mayor, but he assured the gathering that he would not be Mayor when they came there six years hence. He recalled his choirboy days at Boston, when it seemed to him that then the main qualification of a change-ringer was 'to knock back' a pint of beer.

### JUBILEE ISSUE

As is usual on these occasions, Mr. John Willis was in the chair. He welcomed the Mayor and also the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Willis had a word of congratulation for the Editor and 'The Ringing World' Committee over the Jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World.' ('A very fine number considering that it only appeals to a small, select and wise body of people.') Nevertheless, he found that that number contained some gems of information—a fine historical article by E. A. B. on ringing papers, and another on Mr. P. A. Corby, now a Kentish man and one of their finest conductors.

Mr. White replied, and mentioned the help he had received from many people over the Jubilee issue. His work was largely that of a co-ordinator. Copies of the Jubilee issue were still available.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

The annual report was presented by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. secretary), and the company stood as he announced the names of those members who had died: Messrs. F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, a vice-president who had also served as general secretary, treasurer and peal secretary; A. C. Whiting (Ospringe), Mrs. M. Gatehouse (Canterbury), both life members; Messrs. W. Weller (Teynham), J. Hurrell (Eltham), W. J. Henniker and E. J. Shoebridge (both of Charing), R. Affleck (Aylesford), L. J. Honess (East Peckham), Miss M. Scoones (Borden), Mrs. A. Taylor (Milford-next-Gravesend).

Also with regret was recorded the loss of non-resident life members: G. Gilbert (Burnham, formerly Rainham), C. W. R. Grimwood (Mitcham), J. Parker (Caister-on-Sea), J. R. Sharman (Cogenhoe) and A. D. Stone (Brighton).

'Each week in 1960,' stated the report, 'The Ringing World' contained a biographical sketch of a ringing personality from the pen of Jafus (the convener of the Editorial Committee, Mr. Smallwood). Included in this series were four members of the Kent County Association—Mr. John Willis, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, all of whom have and are serving the Exercise well.

'I think 1960 both ended an epoch and witnessed the stirrings of new enthusiasms. We symbolise this by introducing today a colourful new membership certificate, designed in open competition by a young member, Lawrence Mitchell, and beautifully produced by Alec Waddington on his Egerton Press.'

### SUBSCRIPTION HINT

'Let this also be a moment of challenge. We are apt to be complacent about the Association's assets of some £1,200. In fact they have for many years been artificially pegged at this figure by restrictive spending. The value of our reserves are worth less than one-third their pre-war value, and this wasting away of our assets will continue unless we boldly face the challenge. Before any other steps, our subscriptions ought to be increased sharply. Surely we value a year's membership more than a single visit to the cinema!'

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Peter Carter, seconded by Mr. Cheal.

Mr. B. W. May, in presenting the accounts, said that on the income and expenditure account their balance had increased from £151 to £171, which was accounted for by the fact that last year they bought no badges. From the Belfry Repair Fund grants of £15 each had been made to Sellindge, Great Chart, Kilndown and West Malling, and £5 to Cliffe-at-Hoo. The Belfry Repair Fund had a balance of £304 10s. 10d. (last year, £266 19s. 3d.). There had been no requests for grants from the Benevolent Fund.

At the committee meeting that morning he called attention to their expenditure. That morning they had only a balance in hand of £150, and he was committed to spend during the next seven weeks over £70.

Mr. Arthur Richards (hon. auditor) said he noticed in the audit that some District secretaries had been selling brooches and reports at less than the price. Some reports were sold at 2s. instead of 2s. 6d. and brooches at 3s. instead of 3s. 6d.

In reply to Mr. C. T. Hillis, Mr. May said he had had no acknowledgment from Great Chart of the donation of £15 sent to them.

The report was then adopted on the proposition of Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Cheal.

### MORE PEALS RUNG

The peal secretary's report for 1960 stated that 140 peals were rung for the Association during 1960, 34 more than last year. The increase could be accounted for to some extent by two royal events and the visit of the Central Council to Folkestone at Whitsun; two peals were rung for the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, four for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones, and six were arranged for Council members.

Two peals were rung outside the county, one of these being the only handbell peal of the year. A peal of Cinques was rung in both the 12-bell towers. Twenty-six members rang their first peal, eight more than last year. There were 33 conductors, two more than last year, and two members were conducting a peal for the first time. The peal secretary (Mr. Ian H. Oram) headed the list of conductors with 22, followed by Messrs. P. A. Corby with 19 and Crawford T. Hillis and Ralph Bird with 14 each.

London Surprise Royal was rung for the Association for the first time, as were Double Dublin and Wembley Surprise Major, and Spiced Surprise Major in 11 methods. The peals at Chislet and Thanington were the first on the bells, those at Birchington and Sellindge the first since restoration, and peals had been rung at Rochester Cathedral since the installation of the new frame. One peal worthy of special mention was that at West Malling on July 2nd, in which all the band had been members of the Association for 50 years or more.

In addition to the peals rung in the county by the Association there were six peals—five

for the Cumberlands and one for the College Youths. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Oram and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arising from the election of the president, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. P. A. Corby said in view of his retirement at the end of May, ought they to consider electing for the remainder of the year the Archbishop of York.

It was explained that the election was of the Archbishop of Canterbury and not of the individual.

The officers were then re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; peal secretary, Mr. I. H. Oram; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May; trustees, Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis; extra members of the committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, P. A. Corby, E. J. Ladd, A. S. Richards (hon. auditor), A. J. Russell and T. E. Sone.

The presentation of the new certificates followed, and among the recipients was Lawrence Mitchell, the designer of the certificate, who was heartily applauded as he went forward to receive his certificate.

It was announced that the annual dinner this year would be held in the Ashford district at Tenterden, the arrangements being in the hands of Miss V. Relf.

### ARCHBISHOP'S RETIREMENT

The chairman said the retirement of Dr. Fisher as Archbishop was announced at the committee meeting, and the question of some presentation was mooted. Following a letter from Mr. E. A. Barnett, the committee decided that they would ask the Districts to make a contribution to the fund which had been formed to make a presentation to the Archbishop, and that the General Fund of the Association would round up the sum to £15 15s. when the contributions were received. Contributions would have to be received before June 15th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, who mentioned the Vicar of Maidstone for taking the service and permission to ring, the incumbents and local ringers of churches open, Mr. Reg Sills, the secretary of the Maidstone District, Dr. Hatcher and Mr. John Willis.

Replying, Mr. Willis said during a fairly long life he had held several positions, some with responsibility, but the one he thought he had enjoyed most was being their chairman, and he hoped he might be long spared to do so. His wife, who was now practically a helpless invalid, sent her kind regards to those members of the Association she knew.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### STOWMARKET BELLS: MAJOR OVERHAUL

Dear Sir,—Stowmarket, Suffolk, has been notably absent from your peal and quarter peal columns for some time, the reason being that these famous and historic bells are in need of overhaul. We just manage to keep them going for short touches on Sundays and for weekly practices, but the physical effort of anything longer is too great.

The last rehang was by the late Alfred Bowell in 1894, being his first major job, and it is to his credit to say that the present condition of the bells is only the result of fair wear and tear. The bells themselves are a mixed lot, there being no two of the same date and only two from the same foundry. There were five in 1461, but only one, the fourth, now remains in its original form and, happily, is sound.

Reports show that the bells require rehang on metal headstocks and ball-bearings, wheels, etc., to be renewed or rebuilt, the bells tuned and fitted with new clappers and eighth- or quarter-turned. The second, which is a soft bell, needs recasting, also the fifth, which has been mutilated by unskilful tuning (?) and is still a poor bell. It is understood that the work will cost between £1,100 and £1,200, and when completed the bells will be in good order for—to quote one of the reporting authorities—generations to come. What a lovely expression!

Now we are not a wealthy parish, and in any event have been faced with heavy expenses for church repairs. Although, therefore, I feel that there will be a good response to the appeal which is about to be launched for funds, additional help will be welcomed. May I, sir, through the courtesy of your columns, invite my many ringing friends up and down the country, particularly those who have had the pleasure of ringing these bells to peals, and any others who may feel generously disposed, to send me a donation.

All amounts, great or small, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours faithfully,

OLIVER G. BARNARD.

33, Recreation Road,  
Stowmarket, Suffolk

### DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—The following variations were introduced in a peal at Wychbold on March 29th. Unless they have been previously rung and named, we would like to name them as in the peal report:—

Plain Course.—Reverse Canterbury, calls Grandsire Singles and R.C. Bobs, named Wollaston Rev. Canterbury; with R.C. bobs and All Saints' plain leads, called Oldswinford. Plain Bob plain leads substituted for R.C. plain leads in Oldswinford gives Windrush. In Wollaston to give Salwarpe, called PBPS repeat twice (four callings, care being taken to start correctly with different callings).—Yours, etc.,

P. CATTERMOLLE.

Droitwich Spa.

### PARODIES—BAD TASTE

Dear Sir,—Are we alone among your readers in objecting to the recent appearance in your columns of parodies of the Ten Commandments and a Psalm? At the risk of being thought lacking in a sense of humour (which we are quite content to leave to the judgment of our friends), we consider such things to be in the worst possible taste.—Yours faithfully,

O. D. BARNETT.  
E. A. BARNETT.

Note.—We have also received another protest, not to the body of 'The Psalm' but to the last two verses.—Ed.

### PEAL RINGING SHOULD BE LIMITED

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, through the medium of your paper, to air a grievance which I have nursed for some time, namely, excessive peal ringing.

First, let me make it clear. I enjoy ordinary odd peal ringing for a special public occasion, such as a royal wedding, or to enable a young band to score a peal. But when people ring two or three peals in the same week, often ringing methods which they and the rest of the band have rung to peals on countless previous occasions, I, and others I'm sure, really 'see red.' There is no virtue in these performances and they are rung, more often than not, so that the participants can increase their peal totals.

Also, I cannot understand ringers who attempt these long lengths, often disturbing and generally annoying the public for any length of time up to 24 hours. They are always rung for the sake of the length itself, except in one case—the attempt made last year by Stephen Ivyn and his band, which reached 28,000 changes. Stephen called 'Stand' because he felt that otherwise the performance would be second best, and because he was aiming at quality not quantity. I have no quarrel with him and in fact congratulate him on his sound judgment and masterly ringing, qualities possessed by a very few.

Lastly, the Exercise is full of Spliced Surprise Maximus ringing snobs, who look down their noses at Doubles bands. To the former I say that their performances are no more worthy, and to the latter, especially the odd 5-bell tower which I know and admire, I say keep it up!

Anyway, why can't these peal-mad fools go and man some of the silent towers on Sundays, and they would then, and only then, become of value to our art.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool.  
Co. Durham.

### A Peal Is Lost

Miss Daphne Brown, of Sleaford, tells this story. 'About a third of the way through a peal attempt at Great Hale, Lincs, on March 18th, a rumbling was heard, then a voice shouted "Bob, go rounds." On looking up one could see the face of the clock winder peering down through a hole in the ceiling.

'Despite the notice on the door he had gone to wind up the clock. The ringing continued until the clock winder came down and said, "Are you going to stop? I thought you might like a rest!"

'Sounds funny, but at the time the band didn't think so as the peal was lost.'

### SOUTHREPPS PLEASURE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The claim to the first peal of Southrepps Pleasure Doubles at Marston on March 4th is six years too late, as this was rung at St. Martin's, East Woodhay, on August 23rd, 1955, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Also, first peals in the method for the Guild were April Day Doubles at Woolton Hill, Hants, on June 15th, 1954; Reverse Canterbury Doubles at Goodworth Slatford, July 11th, 1954; Place Bob Doubles at Midgham, Berks, July 29th, 1954; and London Doubles (a variation of Grandsire) at Tangle, Hants, December 16th, 1956.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.  
Newbury.

### PEAL COURTESIES

Dear Sir,—You will no doubt shortly receive notice of a peal which was rung at St. James' Church, Sutton, on March 25th.

As tower leader of that church, I had no knowledge that such a peal was to be rung nor do I yet know who conducted it or who took part in it. I have spoken to the Vicar about it—he was equally surprised that a peal had been rung during the afternoon though, like myself, he had known that the bells were to be rung during the morning at the wedding of two local ringers.

I can only conceive that the peal was rung by visiting ringers as a wedding compliment to the two members of our tower. I am glad that such a compliment was paid, especially since my own duties as president of a large professional organisation compelled me to be away that day at its annual general meeting.

I regret, however, the very grave discourtesy which was offered by the way in which the peal was arranged and rung. All visitors to our tower are always given the warmest of welcomes, and had I known of this peal my wife—a ringer for 27 years—would have given those taking part in it the usual welcome. We should, too, have given a special check to ropes, etc.

If we as an Exercise cannot observe the proper courtesies in arranging peals then the availability of bells for such purposes will suffer.

Should youthful enthusiasm lie behind the present incident, a courteous amend would solve the problem.—Yours faithfully,

Sutton Lane End,  
near Macclesfield.  
C. LAWTON.

### DEDICATIONS ARE NEWS

Dear Sir,—From time to time you have asked your readers to suggest ways and means of making 'The Ringing World' more interesting and therefore of greater appeal to a wider circle of readers.

Different opinions have been expressed in regard to the reports of meetings, which are published from time to time. Some readers like them, other do not; but I have not seen any expressed criticism of reports of bell dedications. We are all interested in bells, and yet I think there are many instances of augmentation of existing rings or the provision of new bells which are never reported by you.

For example, the current issue of 'The Church Times' carries the report of the restoration of three old bells and the provision of three new ones at Barwick-in-Elmet, near Leeds. We may yet see a report of the dedication service and details of the bells, but I want to make the point that this is not the first time I have brought my 'Dove' up to date by means of information culled from other newspapers. Moreover, an intelligent study of the peal footnotes, notices of meetings and the reports of ringing outings sometimes brings to light the odd augmentation which was never reported at the time.

I feel it would increase the value of 'The Ringing World' if we could have a better 'bell intelligence service.' Guild or District secretaries must know about these events, but we have to assume that it is no one's particular job to send a report to 'The Ringing World' and your readers are the poorer in consequence. I wonder if it would be possible for a news service link to be established between 'The Ringing World' office and the Bell Foundries, etc. In this way advance information could be given through your columns of forthcoming services of dedication, together with accurate details of new bells. We could still have our reports of the services at a later date, but if for some reason they were not forthcoming at least we should have known of the existence of new bells.—Yours sincerely,

Oxford.  
ALAN R. PINK.

Note.—We always welcome reports of dedications, even if only briefly given.—Ed.

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## SECOND RINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL

**E**NCOURAGED by the success of the 1960 course, the Adult Education Committee of the West Riding County Council agreed to include a course in 'The Art of Bellingring' in its 1961 programme. Although the number of students attending was fewer than in 1960, some 24 persons assembled on Friday evening, March 17th, for what proved to be a most interesting, profitable and pleasant week-end.

Grantley Hall is a large Georgian house, built by the Norton family; before it passed into the hands of the County Council it was during this century the home firstly of the Furness family and later of Sir William Aykroyd, Bart. Nestling in the wooded valley of the River Skell, the house is splendidly equipped and breathes the atmosphere of tranquillity and gracious living characteristic of the country life of the 18th century.

It was not inappropriate that our party of ringers should share the hospitality of the Hall with members of the Department of Philosophy of Leeds University. It is the practice of the authority to arrange that the two parallel courses held at any one time at the Hall are on widely divergent subjects. Last year ringers fraternised with Irish country dancers, many of them killed; this year we found ourselves discussing KANT at one end of the dining table whilst the philosophers discussed KANT at the other end. The writer began to find himself during the course wondering if the philosophers could express any views about the falseness of KARL MARXISM. We had with us a real, live and genuine professor, possibly a kinsman of the writer. Late on Saturday evening we rang handbells and sang, thereby discovering that although the professor could 'chant' he was not able to 'dodge'.

Our students ranged from some who had never seen a bell rung to some capable of ringing London Surprise Major. This diversity of interests tested the versatility of our two lecturers, Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. Wilfrid Moreton; their response was complete, adequate and above all, lively. The wide range of subjects dealt with in a very limited space of time included bell control, bell maintenance, change-ringing on handbells, conducting, method structure and composition. Armed with an adequate number of handbells, film-strips, tape-recordings, diagrams, books and handouts, our lecturers made full use of every minute of lecture time. A very competent and charming additional tutor was found in the person of Miss Susan Chaddock who, at short notice, undertook to give instruction to those desiring an introduction to tune ringing on handbells.

On Saturday morning a small party of beginners was taken to the nearby church at Winkley to receive practical instruction in bell handling. The church, in the tiny moorland village of Winkley, was built in 1917 by members of the Furness family; it occupies a commanding hilltop site and is, in the writer's opinion, a perfect village church. The substantial stone tower contains four fine bells by Taylors in a loft large enough for a good light ten. These bells are hung for ringing in a straight line frame, and when a return was made to this tower on Sunday morning for a lecture by Norman on bell and belfry maintenance these bells were rung in changes, ending with an extent of Double Bob Minimus.

### A NORTH YORKSHIRE CUSTOM

During Saturday afternoon some of the party travelled to Wath, some ten miles from Grantley Hall, to ring on the light six and to provide the ringers for a local wedding. At this wedding a North Yorkshire custom was witnessed in which the newly-married couple were held to ransom by the tying up of the church gate, and were only released after the bridegroom had thrown a handful of coins to the waiting village children.

Meanwhile the remainder of the party visited the Church of St. Andrew, Kirkby Malzeard. This church, severely damaged by fire in 1906, had been most tastefully restored and possesses a fine-toned ring of six bells, recast from the metal of a rather moderate ring. We received a cordial greeting from the very active octogenarian Vicar, who expressed his regret in being unable to join us in a course (he learnt to ring at Ripon Cathedral some 40 years ago).

Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before the party left in the college bus to join the other section of the party at Birstwith.

Standing on a hillside, the 19th century church at Birstwith possesses a grand light eight rung from the ground floor. Touches of Little Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung and, appropriately in this lovely Yorkshire dale, a course of Yorkshire.

After a picnic tea, a return was made to Grantley Hall for a lecture and evening meal before we again took to the road, this time to visit Ripon Cathedral, where the fine ring of ten was available until 9 p.m. Stedman Caters, Bob Major, Little Bob Royal and a course of London were rung, together with rounds for the novices, and some of the uninitiated climbed to the roomy bell loft to see the bells in action.

It was pleasing to find a small boy and a small girl joining the party at the Cathedral, and these two lively youngsters created some astonishment in the mind of one lady, as yet a non-ringer, when they told her rather proudly that they were two of seven children, all under 14 years of age, who are at the present time receiving instruction in the Cathedral tower.

### RANG THROUGHOUT THE BAN

The ringing ended with the curfew at 9 p.m. at Ripon; the curfew is rung each evening, and at the same hour the city hornblower sounds his horn in the Market Place. The latter custom has been carried out since Saxon times, and it is interesting to note that the ringing of the curfew was continued on a temporary but consecrated bell when the ring was removed for recasting in 1932. Furthermore, the custom continued when the wartime ban on ringing was imposed. The then Dean of Ripon, loath to abandon an old custom, asked the local inspector of police if there would be any objection to the continuance of the custom with the curfew bell muffled. The inspector replied: 'It depends on whether or not I hear anything.' Although the Court House is less than a hundred yards from the Cathedral, the inspector remained obligingly deaf.

Before lectures on Sunday morning the ringers, together with some members of the resident staff, attended a short service in one of the lecture rooms. Four of the company rang a good course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, a student played the piano, and a ringer who is also a diocesan reader conducted the service. The volume and quality of the ringing was much above the generally poor average of ringers' services. The recently-published New English Bible was used at this service, and it was interesting to find that this new publication was much discussed by the ringers during the week-end.

After tea on Sunday the course ended: reluctantly the party dispersed, with a few staying a little longer in the district to assist in the evening ringing at Ripon Cathedral. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World', we would like to express and record our thanks to the permanent staff at Grantley Hall for their kindness towards us, to the lecturers for their preparatory work and excellent lectures, and to the president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers who travelled specially from Leeds to welcome and dine with the party on Friday evening.

One question must be answered: Are such ventures worth while? The writer would answer in an emphatic affirmative, because (a) it created an interest in the art and Exercise amongst some hitherto outside ringing circles, (b) it helped some go-ahead young ringers to increase their knowledge and to learn something about imparting such knowledge to others, (c) it gave those interested in the question of teaching the art of ringing an opportunity to exchange ideas, and (d) it helped to increase the good spirit that exists amongst the goodly fellowship of ringers.

**HESTON, MIDD.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Smith (first quarter) 1. J. Sansom 2, Miss P. Smith (first 'inside') 3. P. Ruch 4, G. W. Golding 5, C. Wratten (cond.) 6, J. Moore 7, S. Porter 8. For Evensong.

## PRACTICAL SERVICE—BY SOME ITINERANT RINGERS

We referred in a recent issue to the reply of the Rev. John G. M. Scott in 'The Church Times' to a letter from Mr. G. R. Hall, of Stapleford, Cambridge, suggesting that a levy should be imposed on itinerant bellringers.

The services of the itinerant ringer are very well publicised in the following letter that appeared in 'The Church Times' of March 30th, from Mr. Frank Lewis, of Reading, who is hon. secretary of the Reading Branch, O.D.G.:—

'As a keenly "itinerant" bellringer, I was very interested to read Mr. Hall's recent letter on levies for bellringers in "The Church Times." However, I should like to clear up one or two points that might mislead the non-campanological.

'It is just these itinerant ringers in many cases who keep the bells from complete dereliction. If there is no local band of ringers at a tower the belfry soon becomes full of all manner of rubbish, the ropes get rotten, and the bell chamber becomes full of birds' nests, often to a depth of four or five feet. This is where the itinerant ringers come into their own. This is a challenge. Armed with brooms, oilcans, greaseguns, spanners, torches and even old bell-ropes, they spend hours of their spare time putting things in order again—a job which would cost a tidy sum if done by professional bell-hangers or even the local odd-job man.

'I won't say that all ringers are this way inclined: they are not. But I know of quite a few instances where this has been done, and I have myself been on several of these expeditions. I have visited some 1,000 towers up and down the country, and in quite a few cases the bells are only ringable by virtue of hard work put in voluntarily by visiting ringers. So you see that quite a number of us do in fact pay for our "visitations."

'I don't think there are many P.C.C.'s that actually pay for their bells to be rehung, etc.; in most cases it is the local ringers who organise all kinds of activities to collect the £ s. d. One village I know not only organised dances, whist drives and carnivals, but made a colour film of the proceedings, which was shown to the villagers, who again paid up to see themselves on the screen.

'As to Diocesan Associations' reactions to appeals for money towards expenses of rehanging, etc., I should just like to mention that the Oxford Diocesan Guild (to name but one) has over £1,100 in its Bell Restoration Fund for just this purpose, and any tower affiliated to the Guild is at liberty to apply for a grant towards repairs. £115 being paid out in this way in 1959. My own Branch has its own separate fund of £80-odd, and grants are made in the same way on a smaller scale. As far as I know, most diocesan and county Associations have such funds to a greater or less extent.

'Finally, we certainly do not always get permission to visit towers. While most incumbents are extremely co-operative in this respect, we have on quite a number of occasions been told that bells are unringable when it is known for a fact that they are ringable. The result of this sort of thing can result in nobody visiting the tower for years at a stretch, during which time fabric and fittings do in fact deteriorate, often to the point where the only person who can put things to rights is the professional bell-hanger—charging very professional rates.

'So please, Mr. Hall, not a levy on bellringers!'

### LADIES MEET AT IPSWICH

Fourteen ladies met at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, to discuss the revival of the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild. Several others had offered their support although they were unable to attend the meeting. All those present decided that they would be willing to help re-establish the District, and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, a member of the Guild, offered to nominate them as members as the next meeting of the Central District.

It was arranged that the next meeting be held at Higham on June 10th. Ringing followed the meeting and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, thanks to the assistance of a few gentlemen. Special thanks must go to the incumbent and to Mr. J. Munnings for the use of the bells.

A. E. J. L.



## THE PLACE OF BELLS IN THE LIFE OF A PARISH

The Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, preached at the rededication of the bells of St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, Harrow, on March 25th. Those who have to meet with criticism of the ringing of church bells will find the observations of Mr. Taylor most helpful. The address was as follows:—

*'Speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.'* (Ezekiel xxxiii, 30.)

A restoration of anything connected with a church is a great occasion. But the restoration of the bells of a parish church is especially so. The bells of a church are to my mind not less important than its altar or its pulpit, for the bells are concerned with the extension of the work of that church. They are missionaries.

I often wonder what the sound of church bells means to those who hear them but do not attend the service to which they summon. It is so easy for Christians to be inward looking, just maintaining a status quo, without the adventure of going in search of the lost sheep. Therein I always think lies the greatest thrill of a clergyman's life and a Church Council's work. It is so easy, in either case, to settle for just joggling along; and every incumbent knows how difficult it is to keep on the P.C.C. agenda items which concern the extension of the Church's work rather than fabric and finance.

Bells must always be considered as a major weapon of assault on the parish and the surrounding district which is within earshot. That is why I seldom listen to the protests which people frivolously make from time to time when bells are rung. (We must not be unthinking, of course, when we ring our bells; but we must never get timid about their use.)

### ANSWER TO PROTEST

The ancient bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields were ringing on a beautiful, sunny summer evening not long ago. It was 6 o'clock and experts were ringing, quite excellently. There stormed over to the church from an old tenement house adjoining the churchyard a young man, who demanded to know 'how long the intolerable noise was going on.' He offered no reason for his protest when I questioned him in return. Quietly, I said: 'Till 6.30, when evening service starts.' He used a word which I cannot repeat, and I asked him what he could possibly object to in the sound the bells were making. He said: 'If you don't order them to stop I will send for the police.' I said: 'Some of those actual bells have been ringing since the days of Charles I; do you really expect me to stop them just for you? Who are you to make such a request?' He was mollified. I dare say the bells in his case interfered with some 'pop' record or other which he wanted to hear.

What he did not consider was that for everyone who felt like he did there were probably hundreds who liked to hear the bells, even if they did not choose to answer their summons. I know of people who deliberately take a walk around when the bells are ringing, in order to receive their sacred message, to hear (as my text puts it) 'what is the word that cometh from the Lord.' I am sure bells often preach mighty good sermons.

We never know what the sound of bells means for all kinds of people. Therefore let us always be careful not to judge by the selfish (and often anti-Church) protest of the odd man out. Bells perform a powerful ministry to people we could not otherwise reach. The sound of bells may at any and every moment be turning someone from an evil to a good course of action.

### 'VEHICLES OF THE SPIRIT'

We easily over-particularise the ministry we have. We can too easily begin to think that the Holy Spirit is confined only to particularised ecclesiastical occasions. But it is not so. 'The wind bloweth where it listeth,' as Jesus said to Nicodemus; and I like to think that it carries with it the ministry by church bells. Bells are vehicles of the Spirit.

I rejoice with you all today that the celebrated bells of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, can once again serve as vehicles of the limitless

Grace of God to the surrounding acres which are within earshot of this tower.

Let every ringler who will ring these restored bells think, as he rings, of the sort of places and situations into which the happy sound he makes will go—to beds of sickness, giving hope of, and desire for, life, and (where necessary) assurance of Eternal Life; to dark corners where the bells interrupt the formulation of ungodly designs and plans; to husbands and wives at the very moment of betrayal of marriage vows; to children as they play, who (as I do) will remember the bell music of summer evenings for the rest of their lives; to those fair weather or indolent churchmen and churchwomen who know, as they hear, they should be on their way to church.

### VITAL TO THE PARISH

The bells of a parish church which is lucky enough to possess a ring must be considered as vital as the artillery bombardment before the infantry go in.

Maybe in recent years the designers of churches have too often overlooked the simple practical value of a ring of bells in the work of a parish. Possibly it can be argued that bells were excluded on economic grounds. Admittedly, a ring of bells is a costly item, and it needs a strong tower to house it; but much money is often squandered on virtually meaningless symbolism and tasteless fripperies—money which might well have been put to better use if it had been spent on some simple but strong structure to house a ring. What trash goes into our new churches! I know of costly but perfectly repulsive windows and murals which could, with much honour to God, have been sacrificed to bells.

I know a church in a working class parish in Lancashire which has spent large sums on decorating the exterior of the nave and chancel with Greek Christian symbols, mainly the 'chirho' symbol, which to the unknowing looks like a 'P' growing out of an 'X.' They are the first two letters of the word 'Christ,' admittedly, but I wonder what these things can possibly mean to humble-minded trades unionists who pass that church on their way to work? This is a fine example of waste of Church money, which could have been much better spent.

May God bless this restored ring and the ministry which it is now fully equipped once again to perform to the surrounding acres near this hill; and may the Kingdom of God in this place be thereby enlarged.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 14th, 1911:—

#### THE PASSING BELL

Thus a writer in a daily paper: One of the abominations of bellringing is the passing bell, rung as soon after a person's death as the sexton can scurry to the bell rope. It was originally supposed that this dolorous performance kept clear of devils the enigmatic course of the departed spirit. But since we no longer believe that, why should the living nerves be thus afflicted, particularly those of the living who are sick? The custom still survives in many English villages, and this writer has known an invalid to be very seriously affected by the sound of the passing bell at a critical time. With the poorer folk it is a kind of sign of respectability to have it rung. But as the whole thing nowadays merely resolves itself into a matter of fees, it might well be abolished. No one should have the right to annoy his neighbours by the payment of five shillings or a half-crown.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 17th, 1931:—

The Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund opened. Twenty years ago the Treble Bob Maximus record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 being rung in 8 hours 39 minutes. The tenor was rung by Mr. James George.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of three long peals. 12,006 Grandshire Caters at Painswick, on April 18th, 1737; 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford, in 1894, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall, rung in 10 hours 51 minutes, in 1927.

## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 49)

*Prize-ringing at Black Torrington, Devon.*—'We are sorry to have incurred the displeasure of the Parson of Black Torrington for the remarks we lately made on a prize-ringing meeting at his church. We cannot depart from our principles which are to denounce prize-ringing as a desecration of the goods of the church because bells were not set up in churches for such uses; and therefore we consider it to be the duty of the parson and churchwardens not to allow it. Besides . . . no good ever comes of it, and prizes are not necessary for attracting a large company of ringers to meet their brethren and have a pull together, and a friendly dinner, to boot. To name one place only—Lavenham in Suffolk—where ringers will assemble annually, some from a great distance, all glad to meet old friends and make new ones, and return home delighted with their day's outing, all without the temptation of any money prize or anything given but what each visitor pays for out of his own pocket.'

*The Bells at Cork Cathedral.*—'A new ring of bells set up at Cork 2 or 3 years ago are so badly hung that they cannot be rung!'

*Hythe, Kent.*—Sat., July 11th, 1818.—10,080 Bob Major 'with all the grand course ends in the whole peal of 40,320'—6 hrs. 17 mins. Mon., May 4th, 1846.—13,440 Bob Major, 'the greatest number of changes ever rung in the county by one set of men'—7 hrs. 55 mins.

*Hythe, Kent.*—Weight of bells: Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.; 7th, 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.; 6th, 12 cwt. 27 lb.; 5th, 9 cwt. 8 lb.; 4th, 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.; 3rd, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.; 2nd, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.; Treble, 6 cwt. 25 lb. Cost price 1s. 5d. per lb.

*Prize-ringing at Elland.*—A letter dated Mar. 24th, 1859, signed by a churchwarden and the Chief Constable, gives notice of the prize-ringing to take place on June 14th, 1859—2,528 of Kent T.B. Prizes £8, £6, £4, £2, and to the company coming from the farthest distance, £1.

*Chester Cathedral.*—Sat., March 22nd, 1873.—5,040 Grandshire Triples, 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor 35 cwt.—'the first complete peal rung on the Cathedral bells,' and 'for 25 years such change-ringing has, it is believed, not been attempted in Chester.' 'Church Bells' points out that this took place during Lent and would have been better 'on the early morning of the Resurrection.'

*'St. Nicholas', Leeds, Kent.*—Jas. Barham, a Leeds Youth, who from the year 1744 to the year 1804 assisted in ringing one peal of 40,320, two of 20,000, six of 10,000 and 112 of 5,000 or upwards; in one of the above peals he stood 14 hours 45 minutes. The peals were of 15 different sorts. The above peals were rung by 61 different men . . .

*Leeds, Kent.*—Sat., Jan. 13th, 1753: 20,163 Quad-Ruple and Triple changes in 13 hrs. 34 mins.—'being the greatest performance of change-ringing ever known by several thousand changes.'

April 21st, 1839.—10,080 Bob Major in 5 hrs. 55 mins. 'by eight young youths excepting one.' *Society of Cambridge Youths.*—In 1796, 6,600 Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 5 mins. at Great St. Mary's, 'the striking was to such a nicety that in each 1,000 changes the time did not vary  $\frac{1}{16}$  of a minute, and the compass of the last 1,000 was exactly equal to the first.'

Presumably in 1796 too, eight Birmingham Youths, venturing 15,120 Bob Major, failed because of fatigue. The bells were brought home at 14,224 changes in 8 hrs 45 mins.—'the longest which was ever rung in that part of the country and perhaps anywhere else.' The paper does not say where this happened, but one guesses Birmingham.

Also, presumably in 1796, Mr. Patrick, senior of the Society of Cumberland Youths, died and was buried in the churchyard of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th. The corpse was followed to the grave by all the ringing societies of London and its environs, each sounding hand-bells with muffled clappers; the church bells at the same time ringing a dead peal.

*James Ogden* was buried at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1827. 'After the funeral his old companions rang a dead peal for him of 828 changes, that being the number of months of his life.'

(To be continued)



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### BIRTH

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### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Freda P. Greaves, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Bevan W. Willgress, of Acle, Norwich, Norfolk. 8004

### DEATH

SPICE.—Edith, beloved wife of Percy J. Spice, at 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1961, aged 71. 8034

### IN MEMORIAM

FIELD.—The loyal devotion and sweet companionship of Flo are every remembered by her husband with affectionate gratitude and especially so on the anniversary of her call to rest on April 16th, 1960. 7992

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of W. C. Enticknap, honorary secretary, Womersley bellringers, is now 'Ockleigh', Womersley Common, Womersley, near Guildford, Surrey. 8026

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual report, 1960, now available for anybody interested. Price 3s., including postage.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 8011

RAMBLING RINGERS' 1961 TOUR.—Gloucester—Somerset area (July 29th to August 19th). Would members and those wishing to join, contact William A. Lacey (hon. secretary), 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicestershire. The subscription, 3s., is now due. 8022

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practises, Saturday, April 22nd, and Saturday, May 20th, both 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8036

THAXTED, ESSEX.—All ringing has had to cease owing to trouble in the stone spire. It is hoped to carry out repairs in the near future.—Robert C. Heazel, Wimbush, Saffron Walden. 8006

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### MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 7967

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 11th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 7984

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—First quarterly meeting, St. Peter's (8), Macclesfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 7918

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 15th, at Stratford-on-Avon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. The agenda contains important matters which concern you so please attend. Names for tea would be appreciated (as this is at a cafe), by L. J. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7904

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 7994

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own food), cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7993

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Parish Room, Eynesbury), followed by meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8003

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8), St. Albans, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans.—A. M. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 7976

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to F. C. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham. 7938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, April 15th. 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 8015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8005

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 7960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, April 15th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 7977

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock (6), on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminstor, Dorset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate, on April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, in Parish Hall, Lesburn Road. Notifications for tea to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood, Surrey.—R. I. F. Parsons, Gen. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 7970

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Uphill, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 8023

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stockland, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Stogursey bells 7.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 8027

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8012

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Heighington, April 22nd. 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. W. Thompson, Merricote, 11, Darlington Road, Heighington, or phone Aycliffe 2240. 8044

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon (8), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pether, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey. 8030

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Revelstoke, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Names for tea by 17th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7944

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Armitage Bridge, Saturday, April 22nd. No cafes—bring own teas.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 7908

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8018

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Clunbury, on April 22nd. 3 p.m. Inform secretary of numbers requiring tea by 20th inst.—T. A. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 8020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewis-ham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Quarterly meeting, Dartford, April 22nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 18th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 7995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, 'Kenora,' London Road, Hythe, by previous Thursday. Annual reports, certificates of membership, badges, programmes, etc., all then available.—C. T. H. 7941

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton, Saturday, April 22nd. St. George's afternoon only. Holy Trinity evening only. Snack bars nearby. No business.—Thornley, Sec. 8043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 22nd. Burbage. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting in Church Hall. 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday previous, to Mr. G. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. Tele: Burbage 516. Annual District ringing competition will take place during the evening, team entries to the District secretary.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 8025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Lutterworth, on April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Manor House Cafe 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby, not later than Wednesday, April 19th.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 8016



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting, Twyford, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, April 19th, to Mrs. E. Dalton, White House Farm, Twyford, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8032

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 17th, to Rev. C. F. Ward, The Vicarage, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7991

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION** (Monmouth Branch) and **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION** (South Forest Branch).—Joint meeting at Monmouth, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Jones, 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth. 8008

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at St. John-at-Hackney (at north end of Mare Street), on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business, which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 16—for 'Secretary' read 'Assistant Secretary.' Bells of St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 8028

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Ranworth, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, April 19th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 7952

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yattendon, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 18th, to C. Kent, Church Cottage, Yattendon. Ringing after tea: Hampstead Norris and Compton. 7997

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bray, Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8041

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, Codford St. Peter's. Bells 3.45 p.m. Tea 5, The George, for those who notify by 18th. Service 6.30 p.m., Heytesbury, and ringing after.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7989

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, April 22nd. Names for tea essential to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8039

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Sydling bells available after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 19th, to Mr. F. J. Watts, 3, Church Lane, Frampton, Dorchester, Dorset. 7999

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. High tea (moderate charge). Names please, to Mr. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, on or before April 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8014

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam, on April 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. (Possibly Beckley evening.) Names for tea please, to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8040

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leacroft, Sherburn St. John. 8033

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Portishead (8), Sunday, April 23rd. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for those notifying by April 20th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 7959

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET. RINGERS' SUNDAY.**—Evensong at 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, April 23rd, will be a ringers' service and all visiting ringers will be most welcome. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. Come and see our belfry renovations! 8021

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Inclusive charge for tea and transport from church to Village Hall 2s. 6d. Names, together with cash, please, by April 25th to Mr. S. F. J. Harris, Bridge Cottages, Brenley, Boughton, Faversham. 7974

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Reading, April 29th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3-4 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Church House. Evening ringing from 6 p.m., at St. Mary's. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8024

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting Attenborough (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 24th, to Mr. M. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, Notts. Train departs Leicester 2.40 p.m. Fare 3/8d.—W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8029

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 29th. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Tea, Chapter House, 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8037

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 26th, to Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8045

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivensham, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, April 26th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8038

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirtlington, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8031

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, West Deeping (6), April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8013

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Striking competition at St. Mary's, Ewell, April 29th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3. Tea, results and quarterly District meeting following. Bells after. Names for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Thursday previous. (Not competitors.) Entry forms may be had from me. All Sunday service bands in the county are welcome to enter.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 7983

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DARLINGTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 29th.

Bells available:  
St. John's (8) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  
Lunch in Darlington—make own arrangements—12.30-1.25.  
Holy Trinity (6) 2-3.30.  
St. Cuthbert's (8) 3.45-4.45.  
Tea and meeting in Church Hall, Victoria Road, 5 p.m.  
St. Cuthbert's bells after meeting until 9 p.m.  
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft 1.30-4.5 and 7-9 p.m., St. George Colegate 1.30-4 and 7-9, St. Giles' 7-9. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 prompt. Tea 5, in the Chantry Hall, Chantry Road. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, not later than Friday, May 5th.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 8017

## QUARTER PEALS

**ESHER, SURREY.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Clare Sinclair 1, Catherine Powell (cond.) 2, B. Powell (first 'inside') 3, J. F. M. Maybrey 4, Mrs. B. Powell 5, Marion Gibbard (first quarter) 6.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.**—On April 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): R. H. Mills 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, M. Cox 3, D. P. Treble 4, W. W. Wright 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. First quarter in three E Minor methods by all.

**HECKINGTON, Lincs.**—On April 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. C. Asher 1, C. R. Asher 2, R. Trevitt 3, A. Bird 4, E. A. Cole 5, P. Fenney 6, R. Brown 7, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 8.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Davies 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walleit 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walleit 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Jennifer Walleit (first quarter) 2, J. J. Walleit 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For the wedding of Josephine Foster and Norman Norfolk.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On March 12th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Veronica M. Miles 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. J. Gay 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, P. W. Webb 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 1, 2, 3, 4. For Evensong.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, M. J. Kirk 3, D. A. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for 4.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On March 28th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, R. Crowe 2, D. Marsden 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. B. Ascroft (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the retirement of Mr. James Miller, after 35 years as churchwarden.

**LIVERPOOL, LANCs.**—On April 3rd, at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: T. Hesketh 1, T. Lee 2, Gwen Howlett 3, K. Hesketh 4, Jennifer M. Bunyan 5, A. Sandford 6, C. J. Reede 7, J. Brown 8, J. F. Grove 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, S. Bailey 12. Longest length on 12 for ringers of 5 and 7. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Ian D. Campbell, curate of this church, and Miss Denise Davies-Shiel, of Bebington.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—At All Saints', on April 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: I. Foster (first of Major) 1, J. Clarke 2, A. Hubble 3, F. White 4, I. Panton 5, Ann Vowles 6, J. Towler 7, S. Easter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.



## DEDICATION

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
SHENSTONE, STAFFS

On Sunday, March 26th, the sound of a ring of bells was heard over the parish of Shenstone, near Lichfield, for the first time in at least eight years. The occasion was the dedication, by the Vicar, Rev. J. Ormston, at Matins, of two new trebles to complete a 'minor' ring of five, with a tenor of 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B.

After the Third Collect, the two churchwardens, lay reader and the Vicar proceeded to the tower, where after being handed the ropes of the two new bells, the Vicar said the prayer of dedication. These bells were then raised singly, rounds rung on the 'back three,' then a Plain Course of Stedman Doubles by ringers from Lichfield Cathedral, thus illustrating, to the parishioners the difference made by the additional bells.

During his two Palm Sunday sermons, the Vicar said that when he arrived about four years ago, he was amazed to hear that eight bells once rang, and that there were then only three. It seemed to him sacrilege that a tower capable of holding a ring of bells, should not have one, and he was determined it should. Stage one had now been completed. If God willed it, the money for a tenor would come. In the more distant future, they might hear eight once more. But, he continued, the bells had to be rung and he thanked those who were helping to train a Shenstone band. He wished to hear no more stories of there being nothing for the youth of Shenstone to do—they could learn to ring.

The dedication service over, Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Lichfield band, after which visitors from Alrewas, Bloxwich, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and Walsall rang various methods for an hour. The visitors agreed that the Loughborough Foundry, who were not represented, had done a good job, save for the third and fourth bells being somewhat 'odd struck.'

For Evensong, five of the Lichfield ringers rang the first quarter on the bells. Visiting ringers, prepared to help train local ringers, will be welcome on Thursday evenings at 7.30, although actual change ringing cannot be guaranteed for a few months.

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## ARE OUR BELLS REALLY NECESSARY?

MANY of us recall vividly the rise in popularity and the subsequent decline of the cinema organ. To an important degree this has been linked with the fortunes of the cinema itself. With the phenomenal rise of the industry in the 'thirties came the building of bigger and more luxurious cinemas, bulging programmes of over three hours with two feature films, newsreels, and the recital on the 'Wurlitzer' into the bargain. Now all that is rapidly going, though the art of the cinema is here to stay, even in a television age. But not the cinema organ.

Meanwhile the church organ continues to function, and indeed is prospering, with the Royal School of Church Music doing a wonderful job, so that standards are steadily improving. Also, organists associate together, and recently it was my pleasure to talk to the Kent County Association of Church Organists at one of their Saturday meetings! Oh, I believe the pipe organ is being challenged by electronic instruments, but not seriously in the minds of the true organist.

There are a few concert organs in our leading concert halls, but the real home of the organ is in church, where it has a job to do Sunday by Sunday in the Christian worship. How fortunate for the organ and the organist, you may say. But this is to misunderstand the nature of our Church heritage. True, there were churches before there were organs; nevertheless, it has been in the service of the Church that organist art has developed and grown. And having evolved so strongly it hardly looks like becoming extinct.

Our bells, too, have their life and purpose in the worship of God in His Church, and during four centuries the ringer's art has evolved and progressed in this land of ours. In a great many of our churches there are rings of bells, and the vocational element of our art looms as its dominant characteristic. We love our bells, we love ringing them, but somehow it would be difficult if it were in a secular environment.

Now challenge faces us as this age of church building proceeds. For there is a distinct danger that in the new churches bells as such will not figure as an essential part

of their life but be considered as a superfluity and luxury, with unwelcome repercussions in the older churches in the guise of reluctance to keep their bells in going order.

This is where we ringers come in! Ought we not to pursue a more positive policy in regard to the heritage of the bells, by ensuring that we play our part in keeping them in order? Spread over 100 years the cost of a new ring of bells is not really prohibitive, and the cost of maintaining an existing ring considerably less. Yet we live from hand to mouth, waiting for our bell ropes to wear out before ensuring a supply of new ones, remaining relatively passive when restoration is necessary.

True, our Association makes grants from the Belfry Repair Fund, but these are only a tiny part of the cost involved, and we are always having misgivings about the grants we *do* make. Which is the real sting in the tail of this article.

We do not value our bells, and therefore by implication we do not believe in their necessity. When we join a tennis club we expect to pay a subscription adequate to cover the organisation costs of the club, for the rent and upkeep of the court, and for equipment. If we go to a cinema we expect to pay for our pleasure, while after ringing that peal we quench our thirst at quite an enormous cost. Yet we dislike even the suggestion of a peal fee, though we know it will be reported at no little cost in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and in our own Association report: we know that the capital value of the instrument we are using runs into thousands of pounds.

Again, our subscription is 3s. per year, a bare shilling more than when the Association was formed in 1880, and only a fraction of its real value.

I repeat what I have said on several occasions, including my report to the Association for 1960: in maintaining our funds at about £1,200 we are, in fact, fighting a losing battle against the forces of inflation. We certainly wouldn't be so complacent if we found our earnings pegged at 19th century levels. Yet we are almost proud that the intrinsic worth of our funds is no more than a fifth of what once they were.

When from our funds we are able to make grants towards bell restoration of £100, then, and only then, can we again lift up our heads and look the world in the face.

E. S. J. H.

[From 'The Belfry']



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.  
At the TOWN HALL,

**A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

In three methods, being 1,824 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,632 Yorkshire, with all the work of each method for every bell; 21 changes of method.

JOHN WORTH .. .. . Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 2	DEREK OGDEN .. .. . 8
BASIL JONES .. .. . 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 11
JOHN NELSON .. .. . 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5011 ERIN CINQUES**

Tenor 35½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 8
PETER WOODWARD .. .. 3	KENNETH PARK .. .. . 9
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 10
*PETER SCHOLEFIELD .. .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 11
*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBRY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First in the method by all, except the ringer of the fifth, and for the Association.

Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Five course block.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. . 7
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 2	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
*NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . 9
BASIL JONES .. .. . 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. . 10
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 11
*F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 6	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Londinium Maximus.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

NORAH M. RANGLES .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. . 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. . 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. . Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 8
PETER SCHOLEFIELD .. .. 4	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 9
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*SALLY OATES .. .. Treble	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 6
DONALD E. COBB .. .. . 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. . 7
MARY HALL .. .. . 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. . 8
ANTHONY E. COX .. .. . 4	DON C. EXELL .. .. . 9
FRANK HANSFORD .. .. . 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

\* First peal. First of Caters as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JOHN PARSONS .. .. Treble	GEORGE BISHOP .. .. . 6
JOHN DREWITT .. .. . 2	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 7
*MICHAEL BISHOP .. .. . 3	BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. . 8
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. . 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 9
FRANK WHITE .. .. . 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. .. . Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 8
GERALD C. HEMMING .. 4	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. . 9
*WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 5	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Royal. First of Kent Royal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GLENFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

GLENFIELD SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—70—38, 14—14, 50—36—90. L.H. 12 1573.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

JOHN SOANES .. .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. . 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. . 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., March 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., March 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

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

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 5
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elkington on the birth of a daughter on March 27th.



FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK  
THE SUFFOLK GUILDOn Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. 2	*PETER S. BENNETT .. .. 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

## ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

PETER LAFLIN .. .. Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 6
*BASIL JONES .. .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* 250th peal together.

## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SHEILA BRADDER .. .. Treble	EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. .. 6
HAROLD F. WOOD .. .. 3	PETER H. LANGTON .. .. 7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 4	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

## MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID BURBIDGE .. .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. 5
*BARRY R. CARE .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 6
*ALLAN R. JONES .. .. 3	JAMES LINNELL .. .. 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. 2	HENRY D. BUTLER .. .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	E. ROY WILKINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Brian J. Glover and Marion J. Skinner, which took place at this church on March 25th. Also in honour of the engagement of Mr. N. M. Hughes D'Aeth to Celia F. Whitfield.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*MARK G. WOOD .. .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 11).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Easter Festival.

## MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. DIONYSIUS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*DAVID W. STENSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
†MARK G. WOOD .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 4	†CHRISTOPHER P. RICE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Plain Bob Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.

*DAVID C. J. PADFIELD .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
†PETER BRIDLE .. .. 2	§JOHN BRAIN .. .. 6
†DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 7
†KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. 4	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by CLIFF RICHARDS.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First 'inside.' § First of Triples. First as conductor.

## LEEDS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 2	PETER F. BORER .. .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
MONTY GILBERT .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

Rung on the 200th anniversary of the 40,320 Plain Bob Major rung at the same tower on April 7th and 8th, 1761, by 14 men.

## STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5
*LINDA J. KEW .. .. 2	†A. RAYMOND CRAWFORD 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 7
†PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 4	W. DAVID WARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

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

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Golden Jubilee of 'The Ringing World.' Also a birthday compliment to R. Hartley.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DR. E. V. WOODCOCK .. Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
DENISE SHALLCROSS .. 2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	JOHN S. DEAN .. .. 7
ROBIN J. LEE .. .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN S. DEAN.

\* First peal. † 200th peal. 50th peal on the bells.

## CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
PETER J. COLES .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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**COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

DEREK G. ASIRIDGE .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 6
*BARBARA STEVENS .. .. 3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 7
BARRY J. COUZENS .. .. 4	TREVOR T. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung on the 15th birthday of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, a member of the local band.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*

*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 960 each Bristol and Rutland, 320 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey; with 119 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
AVRIL IVIN .. .. . 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
ALAN J. FROST .. .. . 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to welcome Dominic Julian Chapman, born April 1st, 1961.

**DORE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*(Sheffield and District Society.)*

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*AT CHRIST CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Treble	MARIAN E. ARCHER .. .. 5
KENNETH R. GOODALL .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 6
*RICHARD FARNSWORTH .. 3	DAVID ARMSTRONG .. .. 7
JOHN W. SYKES .. .. . 4	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

\* First peal. The treble ringer has 'circled the tower' to peals.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

*STELLA J. T. MITCHELL .. Treble	SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. .. . 2	JANET E. CLEEVE .. .. 6
*CHRISTINE A. BOXALL .. 3	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 7
PAMELA M. JERVIS .. .. 4	ANN M. COX .. .. . Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ANN M. COX.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

**LEEDS, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JEAN F. BARNETT .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 2	REGINALD L. SILLS .. .. 6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major rung at this church on April 7th and 8th, 1761.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., April 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ANNE EDWARDS .. .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. . 2	IAN R. PANTON .. .. . 6
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. . 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 7
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

**MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

**SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.**

**THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*KATHLEEN M. WATKINS .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. 5
DEREK G. ASIRIDGE .. .. 2	EDMUND MORRIS .. .. . 6
J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. . 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. . 7
BARRY J. COUZENS .. .. . 4	DAVID K. WALKLAIE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DEREK G. ASIRIDGE.

\* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hazel Way, captain of the Sketty band.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneacastle; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Annable's London, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (4) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. . 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. . 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of 18 Surprise methods in the county, and for the Association.

For the marriage this day of Roger Larkin, of the local band, and Valerie Mary Wheeler.

**BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 11) Grandsire, (12 to 22) Plain Bob, (23 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

*MICHAEL BILLINGS .. .. Treble	†DAVID LEE .. .. . 3
MARK G. WOOD .. .. . 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4
†ERIC ROBERTS .. .. . Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First on five bells. 400th for the Guild as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Stevens (Sunday School teacher) and Mr. Denis Nadin, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

**NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in' B.

*MELVYN EDWARDS .. .. Treble	†DAVID HUGHES .. .. . 4
†DAVID TAYLOR .. .. . 2	*DAVID PIKE .. .. . 5
PHILIP SAUNDERS .. .. . 3	*MONTY TRICKEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID PIKE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

**RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. .. Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 4
STANLEY R. WILSON .. .. 2	LEONARD BLANCHARD .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. . 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Faith Herriman and Robert F. Balaam (ringer at this church).

**ST. MARTIN'S, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*DEREK B. WILLIAMS .. Treble	HENRY C. LEWIS .. .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. .. . 2	HARRY POYNER .. .. . 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 3	ROGER POWELL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal.

Rung for Easter.



EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, differently called.

*MARION COTTON .. .. Treble	MARY C. POYNER .. .. 4	Tenor 9 cwt.
†TONY WHITE .. .. 2	HENRY C. LEWIS .. .. 5	
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'  
Rung for Easter.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent T.B., two of Cambridge and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ELSIE K. HART .. .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 4
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
VERNON GREEN .. .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*DAWN R. BRADBURY .. Treble	DAVID SWIFT .. .. 4
CELIA COWLEY .. .. 2	†RON CARTER .. .. 5
JOHN TICKLE .. .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Bull and Mrs. Bull.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL WYCHERLEY .. Treble	HENRY C. LEWIS .. .. 4
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
ROGER POWELL .. .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal.  
Rung for Easter.

BRAYWOOD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising three extents each of (1) Stedman, (2) Reverse Union, (3) Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, (4) Reverse St. Julian, (5) New Bob, (6) Huntspill, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (8) St. Nicholas', (9) Winchendon Place, (10) St. Simon's, (11) St. Martin's, (12) Grandsire, (13) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (14) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*W. DAVID WARD .. .. Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3
†DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4
ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First in 14 Doubles methods. ‡ 250th peal.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HUBERT A. MITSON .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4
*JUNE E. WRIGHT (14) .. 2	LESLIE WRIGHT .. .. 5
†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal at first attempt. † 75th peal.  
Rung for the Easter Festival.

CUCKLINGTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt., approx.
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 2	*REV. CHRIS. J. B. MARSHALL .. 4
ERIC C. WADMAN .. .. 3	DAVID TARGETT .. .. 5
	*H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK

\* First peal of Cambridge.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Being seven extents.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt.
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2	ROBERT WAKE .. .. 4
*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 5
	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

HALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In nine methods: (1) Annable's London, (2) York and Durham, (3) London and Wells, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 4
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in nine Surprise methods.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*JOHN PAYNE .. .. Treble	M. ROWLAND REED .. .. 4
FREDK. WIGMORE .. .. 2	TREVOR A. BEVIS .. .. 5
*DAVID FECK .. .. 3	THOMAS BUSH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

\* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor's cousin, Miss Janet Allen, who celebrated her 21st birthday this day.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

JO MORETON .. .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 4
*GEORGE COUSINS .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
FRANK REED .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in ten methods. First in ten methods on the bells.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—On March 26th, 720 Kent T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medhurst 1, Miss P. Turk 2, Miss B. Foster 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss M. Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

**BICKLEIGH, DEVON.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. G. Godard 1, Sylvia Sims 2, G. Godard 3, H. H. Thomas 4, J. P. Sims (cond.) 5, F. Collins 6. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Mr. Peter Lopes, elder son of Lord and Lady Roborough.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, R. G. Townsend 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, W. H. Trueman 5, W. W. Daniel 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled, following the funeral at this church of Joe Durham, bellringer.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. H. Gregory (first on 8 and on a working bell) 1, P. Bridle 2, F. C. Mogford 3, J. D. C. Richards 4, C. J. Richards 5, H. S. Gregory 6, D. C. Exell (cond.) 7, Kathleen M. Exell 8.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Pantan (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Frith 2, Miss J. Groves 3, A. R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, T. Clark 2, I. Norris (first 'inside') 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Pat Norris 8.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold (15, first quarter) 1, Hannah-Penfold 2, Alice Ward (13, first 'inside') 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**CHERTON, HANTS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Dickson 1, A. R. Carter 2, Mrs. M. A. Williams 3, W. O. Haythorne 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, C. S. Williams (first quarter) 6.

**CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Hart 1, J. Pladdys (first as cond.) 2, M. Todd (first quarter) 3, A. R. Patterson (first quarter) 4, M. W. Lewis 5, W. G. Headley 6. First in two methods by all and on the bells.

**DOVER, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on April 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss L. Coveney 2, P. Rye 3, G. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, J. D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of George Ruck and Julie Cooper, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**ERCHFONT, WILTS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Eves 1, G. Heath (cond.) 2, D. Powney 3, W. Cook 4, W. Alexander 5, W. Cannings 6. For 'The Ringing World's' Golden Jubilee.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. King 1, C. Richardson 2, N. Pearson 3, E. Chapman 4, B. Foster 5, D. Pearson (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

**GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On Easter Tuesday, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pauline A. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Delia E. Smith 3, T. A. Gilbert 4, C. H. Baker 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6.

**HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.**—On April 6th, 1,440 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): B. Barber 1, A. Walpole 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. W. Forder 4, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Warnes, one time a ringer at this church.

**HALE, SOMERSET.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan Taylor 1, T. Hancock 2, E. Ford (cond.) 3, H. Sealy 4, B. Knight 5, H. Taylor 6. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3, on their engagement.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On March 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad 5, G. Miller 5, E. Curzon 6, S. Clarke 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins (Nicholas John).

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On April 3rd, 1,440 Minor (London and Single Oxford): R. Adkins 1, J. Exon 2, C. Cowley 3, T. Harris (cond.) 4, B. Smith 5, D. Smith 6. Rung for the wedding of the Rev. C. Bull and Miss M. Warrington.

**HAZELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.**—On April 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. F. M. Marshall 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, K. E. Pinney 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, W. H. Poole (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Vernon 1, A. Ballard 2, C. P. Rice (first 'inside' in method) 3, Elizabeth A. Wilcox 4, W. W. Bradbury 5, C. R. Hayward 6, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 7, P. Hollick (first quarter) 8. An engagement compliment to Elizabeth A. Wilcox and John Vernon.

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Smith (first of Minor) 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, N. O. Abell 3, D. Harbridge 4, P. J. Berzdahl 5, C. R. F. Muncey (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. Windart and Miss M. Vinser.

**HULL, YORKS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. G. Reed 1, J. R. Perrett 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, T. I. Booth 4, G. W. Pybus 5, J. A. Singleton 6, D. S. Johnson (first of Major as cond.) 7, J. S. Rank 8. First of Major for 1, 5 and 6.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. Rosemary Brown 1, M. Woodbridge 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Allen (first quarter) 6, W. Oxenham 7, N. Wright 8. Rung half-muffled, by the local band, in memory of Jack Dearlove, former captain of the tower, who died on April 1st, 1961.

**HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. R. Perrett (cond.) 1, J. S. Rank 2, J. I. Booth 3, R. D. Gibson 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung by Old Boys of Hymers College, Hull.

**LAMAS, NORFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. T. Miller 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, D. E. Rust Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Allen 1, E. Nixon (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry 5, M. Wall 6. Rung for the christening of Judith Brundson.

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: John Phillips 1, W. T. Cook (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, R. W. Hinde 4, G. W. Massey 5, James Phillips 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, M. P. Moreton 9, J. G. A. Prior 10, J. H. Crampion 11, D. R. Randall 12. For evening prayer. Also at St. Clement Dances, on April 9th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: C. Rogers 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, A. D. Collins 3, H. J. Eldred 4, Miss J. Cook 5, M. Sprackling 6, C. W. Otley 7, W. Oatway 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, E. G. Coward 10. For Matins, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Otley, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

**LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Roach 1, D. H. Gendall 2, K. G. Davey (age 15, first as cond.) 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, A. Willis 5, J. Harvey 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

**MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: K. F. Eastment 1, R. J. House 2, M. A. Stenhouse 3, D. J. Leech 4, A. F. Diment (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Mr. Birch, a former Rector, whose ashes were interred this day.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On April 4th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, T. Phillips 3, P. Blake 4, L. Derrick 5, C. Kortright (first in method as cond.) 6.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. H. Ale 4, G. Blake 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Howard, daughter of Mr. C. W. Sams, tower captain.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Bray 1, G. Coles 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, T. Ridgman 4, S. Skinner 5, G. Luxton 6, E. G. Cork 7, A. Dyer 8.

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Margaret J. Cozier 1, R. H. Jones 2, J. S. Walker (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in 11 methods for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Shorter (a former ringer), who was married at this church on March 25th. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Julia A. Chandler 1, R. H. Jones 2, Helen Williams 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, A. Smith (first 'inside') 3, J. S. Walker 4, N. D. Deam 5.

**OLDSWINDFORD, WORCS.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill (first 'inside') 2, J. Lawley (first as cond.) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, J. Tandy 5, B. Wootton (first quarter) 6. For Matins. Also on March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill (first as cond.) 2, J. A. Tandy 3, J. Lawley 4, M. D. Fellows 5. First in the method for all except 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of C. Collins, interred the previous day.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, J. Ayres 3, G. E. Reter 4, R. J. Quick 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, J. Arbury 8.

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Hassell 2, W. J. Marlow 3, M. Holbrook 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6. For Evensong.

**OXFORD.**—On Feb. 26th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Harris 1, P. Walker 2, A. J. Adams (first of Surprise Major 'inside') 3, Miss D. Elson 4, C. Coles 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6, E. R. Venn 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Harris 1, C. Holloway 2, A. J. Adams 3, C. Coles 4, E. R. Venn 5, M. S. Cloke 6, R. J. Trebilcock 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. First in the variation for 2, 3 and 5. For the Easter Festival.

**PENN, HUCKS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wendy Hussey 1, R. Hazell 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, E. R. Godham 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, D. G. Rowlands 6. Rung for recording as a greeting to Joel McGaughey, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

**PENZANCE, CORNWALL.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Roach 1, D. H. Gendall 2, K. G. Davey (cond.) 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, A. Willis 5, J. Harvey 6. First quarter by an all St. Mary's, Penzance, band for over half a century.

**PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): R. W. Shire 1, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 2, R. Lee 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, T. Langdon 6. A farewell to P. N. Tubbs.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On April 9th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: R. W. Pipe 1, Alma M. Greaves 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, P. W. Webb 4, H. F. Myers 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, G. Davies 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Arranged for the conductor, on holiday at Brixham, and ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8, members of Birmingham University Society, touring the area. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Collings 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Dav 3, S. O'Shaughnessy 4, H. F. Myers 5, R. G. Abbott (St. John's, Croydon) 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

**PRESTON, RUTLAND.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. MacDonald 1, A. Naylor 2, F. D. Mitchell 3, N. N. Beedham 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 3, 4. For morning service.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Bull 1, L. Allen 2, C. Mew (cond.) 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Bishop 5, D. Brookes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the wedding of Susan Goddard, of the local band.

**PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles: Susan Mason 1, A. D. Sansom 2, L. G. Berridge 3, F. E. Crosier 4, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 5.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob (Triples: Miss Janet Rowe 1, W. E. Ellis 2, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. S. Sandwell 6, M. F. Hatch 7, C. Timms 8. For Evensong.

**RICKLING, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. W. Watts 1, R. C. Heazel 2, R. Bassett (cond.) 3, F. W. Tharby 4, T. Bassett 5. For Evensong.

**ROADE, NORTHANTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Canterbury, April Day, Old, Plain Bob): A. Stokes (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, H. Curtis 3, M. Bennett 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Hodgkins 1, Ann Chettle 2, J. M. Clarke 3, Christine Wood 4, J. M. Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 7, W. Dickens 8. For Sunday service.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. W. Darvill 1, Clare Chambers 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, S. P. Darvill 4, K. J. Darvill (first on eight as cond.) 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost 7, G. W. Dehenham 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On March 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Chamberlain (first of Minor) 1, A. T. Hawkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Bunyan 3, Rev. C. G. Woodhead 4, B. B. Mullah 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

**SHIPLAKE, OXON.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. J. Baylis 1, E. H. Smith 2, Lesley Roberts 3, J. A. Cobb 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, F. C. Henbest 6, A. K. Street 7, R. G. C. Henbest (first quarter) 8. Rung by local band for Evensong, and for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.



**SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.**—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grand-sire, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, April Day): Miss R. Morgan 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, L. L. Willis (cond.) 4, E. H. Hill 5, A. Ensor 6. In memoriam, half-muffled, for W. Creswell, chorister and ringer for many years.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Church Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Pamela Miller 2, H. Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, A. D. Collins 5, L. G. Gates 6, M. Rowe 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong, also a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Peck and to mark her engagement to John Bloomfield, B.A.

**SPAXTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, J. J. Ford 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. J. Taylor 6. To celebrate the engagement of Joan L. Taylor to Eric J. Ford, also for the christening of John Albert Ford, nephew of the conductor, and grandson of the ringer of the 2nd.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, W. Smith 2, J. Grauton 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. For the wedding of Mr. Thomas Hawkins and Miss Thelma Selwood.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, J. A. M. Salter 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6, W. G. Lavers 7, D. M. Hughes 8.

**STRETTON, BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Murfin 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Fearn 3, B. Topliss 4, D. Eames 5, F. D. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Perkins, for ten years people's warden at this church, who passed away March 18th, aged 85 years. First quarter on the bells.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jacqueline A. Reason 1, Patricia A. Burt 2, A. F. Lee 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, Carol A. Ritchens 6, L. J. Cox 7, J. W. Isaacs 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. F. Lee (first in method as cond.) 1, D. J. Barnett 2, Patricia A. Burt 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Jacqueline A. Reason 6, C. J. Barrable 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor, at first attempt. Both rung half-muffled.

## QUARTER PEALS

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On April 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. White 1, I. Stoter 2, A. R. Wood 3, K. Leach 4, D. Stoter 5, H. White (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method by the band except conductor. Believed to be the first quarter in the method on the bells by a local band. For Evensong.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Aven (first of Caters) 1, Rosemary S. Hawkes 2, R. G. Smith 3, B. Hullah 4, S. F. Dolley 5, R. D. Bell 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell (cond.) 8, G. W. Seaman 9, A. Hickson 10. For evening service.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. Fox 1, Helen Butler 2, Barbara Butler (first quarter) 3, R. Howes (first quarter) 4, Susan Howes 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Susan Howes 1, R. Howes 2, G. McIlhone 3, A. Howes 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, V. Fox 6. First quarter in three methods for all except the conductor. Rung by an all-local band. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Howes 1-2, A. Howes 3-4, Susan Howes (cond.) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the three ringers. First quarter of Doubles 'in hand' for all. First quarter as conductor. First quarter 'in hand' by an all-local band.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 in front): Elaine Batchelor (first quarter) 1, Susan Porter 2, Marilyn Giles (first quarter) 3, V. Bull 4, A. Bull 5, N. Knee (cond.) 6, T. Mallard 7, P. Roynon 8. For evening service.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, J. T. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke 4, M. Foster (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For morning service.

**WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Clark 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, D. M. Hughes 4, J. A. M. Salter 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

**WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Smith (age 13) 1, Jennifer Coombs (age 13, first quarter) 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delaney 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. For early service.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On March 26th, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure): E. P. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First quarter in more than four methods by all.

**WILTON, WILTS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Trimby 1, R. Haines 2, A. Newman 3, H. Roper 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6. Rung in memory of the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 1, W. C. Shute 2, L. J. Lockyer 3, W. C. West 4, H. W. D. Bishop 5, J. T. Barrett 6, A. V. Davis 7, E. A. Bishop 8. For the memorial service for the Earl of Shaftesbury.

**WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean F. Barnett (first of Stedman) 1, Janet Buss (first of Stedman) 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, R. P. Pullen (first quarter) 4, S. A. White 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Timms 1, Judith Coggins 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, Marilyn Bird 4, M. C. F. Collett 5, B. J. Coggins 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, J. Dixon 8. For the wedding of Mr. W. Brooks and Miss G. Wilkins.

**WOLVERTON, HANTS.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Schroder (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Cane 2, H. J. Allen 3, D. Cane (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Andrews 5, P. D. Cane 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Cane (also a member of the band) and Mr. T. W. Gore.

**WYMONDHAM, LEICS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. J. Stimson 3, F. J. Stimson 4, R. C. Tyler 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mr. Ernest Marriott, bellringer and churchwarden for many years.

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Mr. K. Gibbons, of Iver, Bucks, was asked by his tape-recording correspondent, Mr. Joel McGaughey, of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., for a recording of the bells of Penn Parish Church. A well struck quarter was rung and recorded entire. The Vicar (the Rev. O. E. Muspratt) recorded a greeting to introduce the bells.

Hurstpierpoint (Sussex) band have set themselves the task of raising £76 for handbells. A good start was made by holding a jumble sale that raised £56 15s.

The quarter peal at Hutton Cranswick, Yorks, on April 4th was believed to be the first quarter rung by a band of Old Boys of Hymers College, Hull.

The peal at Bristol Cathedral on April 7th was the 50th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rung by Mr. D. John Hunt.

If any gentleman lost a watch at the meeting at Ecclesfield on April 8th, will he please communicate with Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham.

The ringers of Old Headington are pleased with the removal of the ringing chamber from ground floor level. The first quarter in the new accommodation was rung on April 9th.

Mr. F. Collins, who has been ringing at Bickleigh, Devon, for 35 years, has rung his first quarter, believed to be the first on the bells. A peal has, however, been rung here.

The first course of London has been rung on the bells by a local band at Haslemere Parish Church. The band are also progressing well with Cambridge Minor and have enthusiastic handbell sessions.

To handbell tune ringers Mr. N. Chaddock commends 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' by Nancy Poore Tufts. Copies are obtainable from the Abingdon Press Ltd., Nashville 2, Tennessee, U.S.A.

A call change ringer at Wem, Salop, Michael Wycherley (16), has learnt method ringing by attending Association meetings and by visiting other towers on their practice nights, the nearest being 10 miles away. He has now rung his first peal.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Since February, 1960, 11 'last Friday' peals have been attempted at Bristol Cathedral, and all 11 have been scored—a 100 per cent record. These peals included the following 'firsts': First peal for seven, first of Triples—2, first of Major—2, first on 8—4, first in the method—29. First as conductor—2. First in the method as conductor—5, first 'inside'—2.

Will the purchaser of Postal Order No. K1/93/786326, for 9s. 6d., at Calcot, near Reading, please send his name and address to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

Bristol Cathedral School Guild of Ringers has lost its founder in the person of Mr. Frank Carter. In addition to ringing a quarter peal (second attempt), the Guild would like to thank him through our columns for his work for the Guild.

The peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday, reported in our last issue, was rung at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Amcotts). The bells were not rung until after the church clock had struck three. The peal on Easter Eve at Snaith was also a 'special request' peal from the Vicar.

Mr. P. Amos sends us a correction regarding the weight of Massington tenor. The weight given by Gillett and Johnston and clearly printed in the belfry, where it has been for years, is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., and not that given in a recent peal. Another of his corrections is that Barnack, Northants, has a minor five and not a peal ringing six. The sixth bell is hung dead by itself.

Miss Yvonne C. Porter, a very popular member of Plymouth St. Andrew's Society, who took part in a quarter of Stedman Triples on Easter Day, for Evensong, and was one of the Plymouth contingent that took part in a tour of some six Somerset towers on Easter Monday, was rushed to hospital in the very early hours of Wednesday, April 5th, and operated upon for appendicitis. The sincere wish of her many friends is for a speedy and complete recovery.

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## ACTION AT THAXTED

A LARGE crack has been discovered in the mediæval crocketed spire of the magnificent Parish Church at Thaxted, Essex.

It is the Vicar's intention to put the repairs to the steeple in front of the other repair work at this grand old church, in spite of the fact that the steeple repairs were completely unexpected. Towards the end of February a parishioner noticed that one of the crockets was missing from the steeple, and on telescopic inspection the fault was revealed; ladders have been erected and the trouble—£700 to £1,000 worth—confirmed.

This lovely old church has a magnificent ring of bells hanging high in the tower, being rung from the ground floor. There are four old bells in the ring, one, two and tenor (15 cwt.) by Mears 1778, the sixth by Thomas Gardner, 1734; the four remaining bells were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston during the period 1948 to 1950 and are unique.

## THE JUSTICE BELL

The third bell has a decoration of the linked vine and cross symbolising the linking of all nations through the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Round the shoulder are the words from St. Paul's sermon to the Athenians.

'He hath made of one blood all nations,' and round the base of the bell the text from the Revelation of St. John, 'And I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.'

In the centre of the bell, 'I Ring for Justice in All the Earth.' On the other side is the griddon of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of cutlers, also of Thaxted Church.

## DANCE OF FELLOWSHIP BELL

The fourth bell is decorated round the shoulder with morris dancers in action and round the base with the emblem of the dancing. This is a remarkable and unusual form of adornment. In the centre of the bell:

'I Ring for the General Dance.'

Praise Him in the Cymbals and Dances.

Praise Him upon the Strings and Pipe.

On the other side is the emblem of St. John the Baptist—The Hand Baptising.

## THE PEACE BELL

The fifth bell has round the shoulder in Latin: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.'

Round the base of the bell is a quotation from the Revelation of St. John: 'And I heard a great voice from heaven saying, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God."'

'And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.'

In the centre of the bell is 'I Ring for Universal Peace.' On the other side: the emblem of Our Lady, the sword piercing the Winged Heart.

## THE CRAFT BELL

The seventh bell has cast round the shoulders small panels depicting the sun, the moon, the stars, the earth, mountains, rivers, sea, sheep and cattle, birds and trees, lightning and clouds.

Round the base of the bell are panels showing the arts and crafts of man, pottery, engineering, agriculture, clock making, painting and music, organ building, book binding, cutlery, spinning and weaving, brick making.

In the centre of the bell: 'I Ring for Joy in Craftsmanship.'

'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were Created.'

On the other side is the emblem, the Sacred Host and Chalice.

The bells each have the name of the Vicar and churchwardens who are still in office together with the original and subsequent bell founding firm.

It is not often that a Vicar can persuade his people that the bells are important and that everything must be done to give priority to the tower repairs in order that the ringing

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 16



MR. A. PADDON SMITH, J.P.,  
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of  
Birmingham.

Few ringers have held as high public office as Mr. Arthur Paddon Smith, J.P., of Handsworth, Birmingham, for after serving on Birmingham City Council from 1935, being made Alderman in 1949, he was elected Lord Mayor in 1950. He had the unique experience of taking part, while in office, in a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, on April 22nd, 1951, conducted by Albert Walker, and rung in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. It was a performance of which he is justly proud, especially as it was just 30 years after his previous handbell peal, also Stedman Cinques, conducted by Percy O. Laffin.

Paddon, as he is affectionately known, was born on March 26th, 1881, at West Bromwich, and educated at Hoar Cross School and privately. He learnt to ring at Handsworth Parish Church in 1896, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on February 6th, 1897, at this church, being only 15 years old.

He has led an exceedingly busy public and business life, being a director of Messrs. Lucas Ltd., before retiring, and a Justice of the Peace since 1942. Due to his business activities, he has not been able to give as much time to peal ringing as he would have liked, but until fairly recently he had been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Martin's for 50 years. He has always been noted for

being an immaculate striker, especially when ringing the 11th to Stedman Cinques, his favourite method, and his stylish handling of a big bell was a pleasure to watch, and an example to everyone. His total number of peals is 268, of which no fewer than 140 have been Stedman Cinques, including 11 on handbells. The other 128 peals have included many methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Maximus. He never took up conducting, as there have always been plenty of good conductors in Birmingham.

## A PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S

He is particularly proud of the great compliment paid to him on May 21st, 1938, when he was invited to ring in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung half-muffled to the memory of William T. Cockerill. Another peal which he recalls with pleasure was Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on June 22nd, 1911, the only twelve bell peal rung in the United Kingdom on the Coronation Day of King George V. He also rang the 9th to the first peal on the 12 bells at Exeter Cathedral, Stedman Cinques on July 6th, 1924, rung by the St. Martin's Guild, and conducted by Albert Walker.

Although so busy, he has found time to render good service to the St. Martin's Guild. He was secretary of the Society for 20 years, a Central Council representative for 40 years, and is at present a vice-president and trustee.

During his earlier years he made frequent business trips abroad, and visited many interesting places, including every European capital except two. He has travelled through the whole continent of Africa, from Cape Town to Cairo, including the Victoria Falls. Another trip took him to Israel, where he had the opportunity of seeing Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Dead Sea. He has been to India, and visited every centre of commercial importance, and many historical monuments like the Taj Mahal, Agra. Later he continued his journey to Rangoon and Singapore.

Now, although not taking an active part, he is as keenly interested as ever in ringing, and always attends the Johnson dinner, to which he first commenced going over 50 years ago. He has frequently been chairman, and is very popular in this office, as he has many memories and anecdotes of the old school of Birmingham ringers. His friends in Birmingham, and other places, hope he will continue in good health to enable him to have this annual meeting with them, and revive happy memories of days gone by, when Paddon was one of the leading ringers of the city.

APACE.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

## Midland District

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Peter's, Derby, on February 18th. The bells were rung to various methods, followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar. An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies. After the vice-president, Miss I. B. Thompson, had thanked the Vicar and the local ringers for their arrangements, the gentlemen adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the president, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, who took the chair. The vice-president was re-elected. The secretary (Mrs. B. Bennett), due to family commitments, resigned and Mrs. W. M. Warwick was elected in her place. The general committee are Miss Foulk and Miss Rhodes; District Committee: Mesdames Buswell, Hartley and Staniforth. The next meeting was arranged for April 29th (please note alteration of date) at Attenborough. There is a good train service from Leicester (2.40 p.m., cheap day fare 3s. 8d.). A joint meeting with the West Midland District at Chilvers Coton has been arranged for June 10th. Three new members were elected.  
W.W.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

## Northern District

On April 8th a very happy and successful meeting was held in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Pebmarsh. Forty-two members from 18 parishes attended. The Rector (the Rev. S. C. Little) conducted the service, which was choral and Miss Tyler was the organist. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and friends.

Mr. H. Pratt presided at the business meeting. One new member, Miss L. Perry, was elected. By kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Colchester, the next meeting will be held at Wickham St. Paul on May 27th.



## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Good Attendance At Annual General Meeting

RINGING was available at no less than 11 towers in and around Hertford on April 8th for the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association. Those who were abroad early in the day were able to compare the new six at Aston with the historic eight at Benington, where Squire Proctor's band rang many of the first peals of Surprise Major. The peal boards at Little Munden and Braughing also bore witness to the exploits of famous ringers of years ago.

After lunch Widdford, Hunsdon, Great Amwell, Bengoe and Hertingfordbury led members into Hertford itself, where the bells of St. Andrew's and All Saints' were in demand. The service at St. Andrew's was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. H. Gill, A.K.C., who expressed his pleasure in welcoming members to Hertford once again.

Tea was served to 130 members before the president, Mr. W. C. Hughes, opened the meeting by presenting two books to Mr. H. V. Frost in appreciation of his services to the Association as general secretary for nine years. The president continued by welcoming members from all parts of the county and highlighting the events of his year of office. He urged the younger members to concentrate on four 'P's': Pulling, or handling; Perseverance, after being able to ring rounds; Planning before entering the tower; and Perfection, to which all ringers should strive. His term of office had culminated in his presentation to H.R.H. the Princess Margaret, only two days earlier, as representative from his local tower, when she visited Hemel Hempstead.

The meeting stood in silence in respect for six members who had passed away during the year. They were: the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood (associate), C. Gale (Little Munden), F. W. Brinklow (Oxhey), C. J. Kazer, W. Wenban (Stanmore), and J. H. Foreman (Thorley).

### BOOKCASE PROBLEM

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Watford, were accepted, and arising from them was the unfortunate story of the new bookcase intended for the Association's library in St. Peter's belfry, St. Albans. This had been made, but it had refused all efforts to persuade it to negotiate the steps to the ringing chamber. Undaunted, the trap door, through which the bells were hoisted, was uncovered only to find that the ceiling of the church below had been boarded over from underneath!

As the annual reports had been made available a fortnight before the meeting the various reports were taken as read. Eighty-six peals had been rung during the year, 15 being methods new to the Association. The honorary treasurer reported a working balance over the year of £17, which, with over £100 transferred from the Benevolent Fund the previous year and the Association's investments, placed the financial situation in a strong position.

Mr. G. W. Seaman, of Watford, was elected as president for the ensuing year. Following his installation with the insignia of office by his predecessor he expressed his pleasure at the honour which the Association had bestowed upon him. The officers were all re-elected as follows: Messrs. A. R. Agg (general secretary), F. J. Plummer (honorary treasurer), H. V. Frost (assistant secretary), G. W. Debenham (peal secretary), C. F. Sayer (librarian).

### BENINGTON GREAT RINGING DAY

It was agreed that the Association should grant the sum of £5 towards the A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund of the Guildford

Diocesan Guild. It was also agreed to make an attempt to revive the Great Ringing Day at Benington. This event was held regularly before the wartime ban on ringing, but has not been promoted in the post-war years. The meeting did not accept a proposition from the Northern District to alter the Rules of the Association relating to the notice which is required for presentation of motions to the annual meeting. It also refused to confirm the proposal of the General Committee to delete footnotes to peals published in the annual report.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the incumbents and others who had helped to make the meeting a success. Further ringing at local towers concluded a long and enjoyable day.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 21st, 1911.—

The editor, in congratulating the Ashton-under-Lyne band, who established a new record of 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, writes: 'A great deal of the success of the feat is due to the genius of Mr. Sam Wood. He not only composed and conducted the peal with masterly ability, but in that tactful management that is required in connection with such undertakings he has all along proved himself to be the right man for the task... The previous Maximus record, which has now been demolished, was established as long ago as 1833, by the Painswick Youths. It was a peal of 10,224 changes rung in 6 hours 50 minutes.'

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 24th, 1931.—

Three noteworthy events in the history of the College Youths. Seventy years ago they rang the celebrated 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill. In 1868 they rang 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, and in 1901 St. Stephen's, Westminster, band scored for the first time three Surprise peals in one day.

In April, 1800, the Cumberland Youths attempted to ring 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton. In the ninth hour an unlucky accident befell Mr. George Cross, the composer of the peal, who, whilst attempting to slacken his knee buckle, got his leg entangled in the coil of rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height and thence, falling down on his head, he broke his collar-bone.

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## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The East Devon Branch held their annual meeting at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. A large number of ringers and friends attended the service, held in the Parish Church.

At the meeting, which was presided over by the chairman (Mr. Woodley), the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) presented certificates to seven young members. All officers were re-elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on Saturday, May 12th, 1962.

An excellent tea was prepared by the lady ringers of Sidmouth. Five new members were elected.

### BIRTHDAY AND EASTER BELLS

On Saturday seven members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers met at Dean Prior Parish Church, Buckfastleigh, and rang on the bells touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter peal. This was for the Festival of Easter and as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Churchward, a former sexton and bellringer at this church, and who was present for most of the afternoon. Those who rang were Miss Sylvia Sims, Messrs. A. L. Bennett and W. G. Lavers, Revs. P. Angold, P. Dowling, A. O. Mowan and A. de Guinand, and all agreed to send a message of goodwill to Miss Y. C. Porter, of Saltash, who was to have been present and who is now in hospital, recovering from an operation.

### IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern District and the Cunningham Cup competition were held at Bangor, on Easter Monday. There were over 100 members present, while friends brought the number up to 130.

On arrival the members and friends were entertained to tea by the local ringers, and welcomed by Archdeacon G. A. Quin, the local Rector and the District chairman.

The District officers were elected unanimously, as follows: Chairman, Canon S. P. Kerr, Coleraine; District secretary, John T. Dunwoody, Holywood; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. Jeffery, Belfast; honorary treasurer, R. S. P. Laird, Bangor; Ringing Master, H. Brown, Holywood.

The cup competition, in which 10 teams took part, gave the following result: 1 St. Mark's, Dundela, 6 faults; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 7; 3 St. Bronach's, Rostrevor, 8; 4 St. Thomas', Belfast, 15; 5 St. Donard's, Belfast, 16; 6 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 17; 7 St. Macartin's, Enniskillen, 21; 8 SS. Philip and James', Holywood, 26; 9 St. Patrick's, Coleraine, 31; 10 St. Patrick's, Ballymena, 41.

Miss Young and Mr. McFall, of Carrickfergus, and Mr. Taylor, of Gravesend, acted as judges.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on March 25th at St. Mary's, Speldhurst. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by Rev. G. W. Nightingale, and 26 members enjoyed tea at the George and Dragon Inn, where the meeting was held afterwards.

The company expressed their thanks to Mr. W. Dobbie for arranging the meeting at Speldhurst, after the difficulties he had experienced in arranging a tower for the quarterly meeting.

Mr. Dobbie passed round the newly designed membership certificate and took names of those wishing to be presented with one at the annual meeting. Thanks were expressed to Rev. G. W. Nightingale and the local tower captain, Mr. E. Turley, for making arrangements for the use of the bells. Joined by still more members, the company continued ringing various methods during the evening. M. A. L.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GREAT ST. MARY, CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir.—I read with great interest the recent article on the bells of Great St. Mary, Cambridge, where I was privileged to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, 49 years ago, with a band which included the three brothers Pye, the Pitstows, Jack Goldsmith and Keith Hart.

What prompts me to write is that there was at that time a Seages apparatus in the tower and I wonder whether I am right in thinking there is a board in the ringing chamber recording a peal rung on this apparatus. Perhaps Mr. Bevis could tell us.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10. King's Close,  
Crayford.

### 'THE BELL' SONG

Dear Sir.—In answer to your article in 'The Ringing World' regarding 'The Bell' song, my father, now 61 years, sang this song when at school. In fact, it was only a few weeks ago I recorded his rendering of the song. We haven't the printed words or music so it had to be done from memory.

If Mr. Ernest Morris or the good lady, Mrs. Mary E. Simpson, could give me any further details that would help me in obtaining a music copy of this song, I would indeed be most grateful.—Yours sincerely,

R. A. LARGE.

Little Trench Farm,  
Tonbridge, Kent.

### 'THE RINGER'S GLEE'

Dear Sir.—I am interested to know if anyone among your wide circle of readers knows the old ditty called 'The Ringer's Glee.' I have only the first verse of this, which goes as follows:

'We're country clodhoppers, as you may well know.

We're ringers, an' singers, an' fiddlers also.  
At wedding's and wakes we'n a merry peal, then—

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.'

I should like to obtain all the words and music of this glee, and if anyone could loan me a copy I should be very grateful. It would be returned to the owner as soon as possible, and postage would be refunded. Failing the music, could anyone let me have all the words.—Yours sincerely,

T. OGDEN.

119. Smallbrook Road,  
Shaw, Oldham.

### PEALS AT SHENSTONE

Dear Sir.—For the information of C. M. S. (page 178) I give details of two peals at St. John's Church, Shenstone, Staffs, as taken from my late father's peal records.

On Sat., May 2, 1891, in 3 hours.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples

Taylor's Six Part.

Fred. J. Cope	Treble	Henry E. Meacham	5
Francis Sedgwick	2	Joseph Key	6
Rev. Donald Jones	3	Wm. J. Fearneyhough	7
William J. Ford	4	Jas. H. Gallimore	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. Cope.

On Sat., June 24, 1899, in 2 hours 56 minutes.

A Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples

Taylor's Six Part.

*Fred. Cope jun.	Treble	Philip W. Davies	5
*Arthur Bowler	2	Charles Barrett	6
*William Dempster	3	Frederick Cope sen.	7
Henry Meacham	4	J. H. Gallimore	Tenor

Conducted by F. Cope sen.

\* First peal.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. GALLIMORE.

Claypath, Durham City.

### MR. HALL DEFENDED

Dear Sir.—I do not know Mr. Hall, and so far have never visited or rung in the Parish Church of Stapleford, Cambs, but I do feel I must defend him as much of what he wrote in 'The Church Times' is in accord with my recent experiences.

In pursuing their art, we all know that there are many who go about it with reverence, and know the purpose of the Church and its bells. Against this, there is a growing section who have no respect for the feelings of others, and treat the bells as though they were their own toys, and the churches they visit (to quote both the late Bishop Blagdon and Bishop Stopford, of Peterborough) as museums. I would go even further and say I have been to meetings when you'd think the church was a cinema.

On quite a few occasions I've known some of what might be termed present day headstrong youngsters rev up their motor cycles outside the church and even ride them through the churchyard, parking them there, and I've seen them parked in the porches, with the oil dripping on the floor.

I recall an outing once where this revving up for several minutes caused people living near the church to look out of their windows in wonderment of what was going on, with all this 'hullabaloo'; and it was at 9 p.m.—the last tower called at!

Quite recently, I had a letter from a certain Vicar, containing these sentiments: 'Dear Mr. Amos.—It will be all right for you to use our bells for a peal, but please give your party of ringers strict instructions to leave any motor bikes, etc., outside in the street—the last party of visitors used the churchyard to garage their vehicles and as a breakdown shop. Not being content with this, they littered the churchyard with cigarette-ends and ice-cream papers. Even worse still they upturned a bicycle to mend punctures on the grave of the man whose widow has just paid £1,000 to have the bells restored.'

The vicar concerned has asked me to now let the matter drop, and I respect his wishes after this letter, seeing that he has (to quote his own words) punished them in refusing them future permission. It was, however, a matter which filled myself, as well as others in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with disgust when we heard about it—it is the sort of thing which Mr. Hall would make great play of. They were from a neighbouring diocese.

Finally, what can be the point of ringing in 25 towers in one day? Tower grabbing and an abuse of the bells is the only suitable term for it. Here again, I agree with Mr. Hall.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

### PEALS AT LYNSTED

Dear Sir.—I would like to bring to notice that the peal of seven methods of Doubles, rung at Lynsted, Kent, on March 18th, was not the first peal in seven methods on the bells. The first peal in seven methods on the bells was rung on October 30th, 1955, conducted by myself.—Yours faithfully,

E. NAYLOR.

Bath, Somerset.

### DAVENTRY, NOT RUGBY

Dear Sir.—Referring to your report of the Derbyshire Association dinner, I would like to point out to the other David J. Marshall that the David J. Marshall lives at Daventry not Rugby as erroneously reported by Jafus.—Yours faithfully, (THE)

DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Daventry, Northants.

### SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting of Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers held at Connaught Hall on March 22nd, it was decided that this year an annual dinner should be initiated. In his report, the retiring Master, Mr. A. J. Tumber, said that during the past year Southampton's reputation as a 'ringing' University had grown considerably, and he thought that, judging by the success achieved by the Reading University Society with their first dinner, Southampton could well do the same. The meeting was all in favour of this enterprise, and the date of Saturday, December 2nd, was fixed.

Earlier, the Master had expressed his pleasure at seeing a greater membership than ever before, with a large proportion of beginners. This fact had been responsible for the scoring of only two quarter peals in the year, but he emphasised that a great deal of good work had been done, and that he was certain that the Guild was starting the new year in a very strong position.

In outlining the Guild's activities over the past year, the Master mentioned that representatives had attended the major University dinners—Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Reading; ringing visits had been made to Bedford, Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Wells and London; the summer tour was in Kent, in conjunction with Reading University; and during the recent Arts Festival at Southampton University, the Guild had provided a 15 minute demonstration of handbell ringing, which had also led to an appearance on Southern Television, and a photograph in 'The T.V. Times'!

The Guild's practice night—at St. Nicholas', North Stoneham—would in future be a Thursday, beginning at 8 p.m.; handbell practices would be at the University at 1.15 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, as usual. The Master had previously drawn the meeting's attention to the fact that the Guild was now the proud possessor of a magnificent set of twelve handbells, which, he felt, was particularly invaluable to a University Guild, which did not have a tower of its own.

The election of new officers was as follows: Vice-president, Mr. G. Pargeter; Master, H. N. Evans; vice-Master, Miss K. Ruscoe; secretary/treasurer, A. S. Harrison, South Stoneham House, Swaythling, Southampton; committee member: J. R. Goodenough.

The meeting was closed by the new Master, who thanked all the members for their enthusiastic support, and especially the retiring officers for the hard work that they had put in in raising the Guild to its present position.

A. S. H.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Two great losses by death sustained by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild—the Earl of Shaftesbury and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart—were referred to by Mr. N. Knee, the Branch chairman, at the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. John's, Devizes, on April 8th. The new Rector, the Rev. W. D. C. Williams, conducted the service with the Vicar of Southbroom as organist. A company of 48 sat down to tea served by Mr. and Mrs. F. Hyde.

Ringing at St. John's and Southbroom ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

### Bedfordshire Association

The monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held on March 25th at Kempston. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m., and improved from Minimus to Major before tea. A short meeting took place in the ringing chamber after Evening-song, which was at 6 p.m.

Next meeting: Felpersham, May 6th.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

THE second session of the 24th Council (64th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 23rd, 1961, in the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

### AGENDA

Report of the honorary secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Application by the Devon Association to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Life Members (Rule 7 (i) (b)). Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. A. Walker, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
2. Election of Honorary Members. Mrs. J. G. Steeples retires and is eligible for re-election. There are four vacancies.
3. Loss of members through death.
4. Minutes of the last meeting.
5. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
6. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1960.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—  
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
(a) Standing Committee.  
(b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.  
(c) Literature and Press Committee.  
(d) Biographies Committee.  
(e) Records Committee.  
(f) Broadcasting and Television Committee.  
(g) Peals Analysis Committee.  
(h) Peal Boards Committee.  
(j) Sunday Service Survey Committee.  
(k) Methods Committee.  
(l) Peal Collection Committee.  
(m) Towers and Belfries Committee.

### MOTIONS

10. (a) 'That the Conditions required for peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's Handbook be amended by the addition of the following:—  
"A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells."  
Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. R. Cooper.
- (b) 'That this Council deplores the present trend of ecclesiastical architecture in that no tower capable of containing a peal of bells to be rung traditionally is incorporated in new churches nor is any provision made for the addition of a tower, and urges the Royal Institute of British Architects and all Diocesan Authorities to be mindful of the essentially English art of bell ringing and ensure in their design for new churches that the voice of the Church through the bells is not lost to future generations.'  
Proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. E. H. Edge.
11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. G. W. Pipe will give a résumé of ringing in Australia.

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,  
Crayford, Kent.

## A LEICESTERSHIRE WEDDING



MISS OLIVE TINSLEY, younger daughter of Mr. E. Tinsley, captain of the ringers at St. Remigius' Church, Long Clawson, Leics, and Mr. Kenneth Royden Rodgers, whose marriage was solemnised on Easter Monday at Long Clawson. Both bride and bridegroom have been Sunday school teachers and ringers; the bride has also been organist. The Vicar, the Rev. A. Wilcock, officiated at the choral service. As the happy couple left the church a wedding 'peal' was rung by friends from the Melton District.

Later in the day, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grand-sire) was rung by J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. E. Hinman 3, R. H. Cook (cond.) 4, H. Clayton 5.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### Eastern District

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet and was attended by about 30 ringers, together with ringers from Ripon, Halifax, Sowerby, Calverley, Rothwell and Horbury, in the North and West District. Good use was made of the ring of eight and the service in church was conducted by the Vicar.

Mr. H. Walker presided over the business meeting, owing to the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Five new members were elected: Messrs G. R. West and G. S. Sharpe (Hessle), Mr. B. Baxter (Howden), Mr. P. Copley (Sherburn-in-Elmet) and Mrs. M. Lunn (Barnby Dun). Howden was selected for the annual District meeting on July 1st, if possible. A discussion took place on the proposal to help towers where the bells are silent on Sundays as is suggested by the Association.

The vote of thanks included one to the Mothers' Union for a splendid tea, which was replied to by Mrs. McClean, wife of the Vicar.

### BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its meeting on April 8th at Monk Bretton, a 'silent tower,' the bells being last rung over two years ago. During Easter a preliminary inspection was made by Mr. Noel F. Moxon and other members and it was found that the swing of the bells would have been impeded by the quantity of twigs stored in the tower by birds. Three large sacks were filled with debris before the bells were cleared.

Fourteen towers were represented and two new members elected. Forthcoming events: Next meeting, New Mill, near Huddersfield, May 13th; shield contest, Kirkthorpe, June 10th; outing to Leicester, June 3rd.

### ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS', BAMPTON, DEVON

When motoring to the West Country, travelling towards Ilfracombe on the main A.361 road, the first Devon church tower to be seen is in the little town of Bampton.

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Due to death watch beetle, and collapse of the 16 cwt. tenor bell in the old wooden frame (ring of 6) Bampton Church is now unexpectedly faced with the task of completely renewing its bell system, restoration of church roof, and accumulating a further £3,000 which the bells foundry and builders tender as cost of the work.

From time immemorial these bells have joyfully rung out regularly twice on Sundays, but are now silent. The band of ringers will spare no effort to reinstate a ring of bells which will give pleasure to touring bands and Bampton people alike.

Any donations from bell lovers would be appreciated and should be sent to the treasurer of the Appeal Fund: Mr. L. Lyons, 2, National Terrace, Bampton, N. Devon.

### DEATH OF MR. E. MARRIOTT

Mr. Ernest Marriott, of Wymondham, Leicestershire, passed away after a long illness in the Framland Hospital, Melton Mowbray, on April 1st, aged 76.

A very good ringer in his younger days, he took part in several peals, most of them being rung in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. One that he was very proud of was Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung in May, 1904, at Holy Trinity, Hull, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. In this peal his friend, the late Mr. Clement Glenn, also took part.

A stalwart and a service ringer at St. Peter's, Wymondham, for many years, he was very highly respected both in the Melton District and down in the Fen Country, where he often went to ring Surprise Minor methods. Although he had lost his right leg he could handle a bell with great accuracy.

Cremation took place on April 4th and was preceded by a service in St. Peter's Church. In the evening a well-struck quarter of Bob Minor was rung on half-muffled bells at St. Peter's Church, by ringers of the Melton District, as a token of respect J. H. C.



## OBITUARY

### MR. A. F. MARTIN STEWART

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart loved bells; it is doubtful whether the Exercise has ever had a more enthusiastic member. It was sustained interest, too, for his last outing took place on Easter Monday last, when he journeyed by car to Salisbury to hear an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Thomas's. That was typical of Martin Stewart because, since he was forced to give up ringing, his chief joy was to sit in his car outside a tower to listen to the bells.

Mr. Stewart was past Master and former Central Council representative for the Salisbury Guild, nevertheless he took much interest in the work of the neighbouring Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. He rang peals for the latter Guild under the conductorship of such stalwarts as George Williams, Alf Pulling and George Preston, and in the company of such ringers as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Frank Bennett, George Pullinger, F. S. Bayley, Eli Waters and many others at a time when a peal attempt meant an arduous journey by rail or by bicycle. Latterly he attended the Christchurch District meetings in addition to those of the Wimborne Branch of his own Guild and supported in a very practical manner the Bournemouth Rally and Dinner.

It is said that Martin Stewart was originally a College Youth, but that on an occasion when a peal attempt was being made with George Williams conducting, George observed that it could be a Cumberland peal if one of them were not a College Youth. 'If that's the only difficulty,' said Martin, 'make me a Cumberland,' and so Martin Stewart changed his allegiance from the Ancient Society in favour of the one to which his old friend, George Williams, belonged.

Although he was such an enthusiast, he could not persuade his family to take the art very seriously, nevertheless many ringers have enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's hospitality at Ferndown. The visit would be most interesting as Mr. Stewart was the head of an extensive and well-known nursery business founded by his father nearly a century ago, but, inevitably, bellringing would become the main topic, handbells brought out and endless bellringing tales told and retold.

During the last few months of his life Martin Stewart suffered grievous loss and much sorrow. His chauffeur-valet died suddenly in his sleep early in January; he was devoted to Mr. Stewart and only a few days before had arranged a successful little surprise for his employer by getting a tape recording made of the Christchurch Priory bells ringing in the New Year and including a message of greeting from the Christchurch ringers to Mr. Stewart. Martin was delighted with the result and had it played over time and again—he missed his friend and valet very much.

A few weeks later Mrs. Stewart died suddenly; she was a great social worker in the Ferndown district and most unexpectedly she collapsed and died whilst on the way to a local meeting. It was a crushing blow and, although his family rallied round him, he felt his tremendous loss very deeply. He died on April 6th.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart took place at Hampreston Parish Church, Dorset, on April 11th and interment followed in the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the committal by the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bournemouth, where Mr. Stewart worshipped.

Prior to the service the bells of the church were rung half-muffled by the local band and some visiting ringers. A well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Herbert A. Mitchell 1-2, Daniel T. Matkin 3-4, Arthur V. Davis 5-6, Fred Price 7-8. Among the ringers present in addition to the above were Mr. L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild), Mr. Alan MacDonald, Mr. George Pullinger (Winchester Guild, Mr. J. MacDonald (College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris Mrs. R. King and Mrs. Vatcher represented the local band.

The coffin was covered by the family wreaths and the numerous floral tributes included wreaths and sprays from St. John's Ringers (Surrey Road), Bournemouth; Christchurch Priory Ringers; Mr. and Mrs. F. Price; the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (with which was associated Mr. George Pullinger, Past Master).

A. V. D.

### MR. JOE DURHAM

On April 1st, after a very brief illness, Mr. Joe Durham, of Bishopstone, Wiltshire, died, aged 68 years. Throughout his life he resided in his native village, always serving his church faithfully and cheerfully. He was a bell-ringer for more than 50 years and captain of the tower for a very long time.

His good nature and quiet friendliness made him liked by all. He will be missed at local Association meetings, to which he often travelled many miles. What a pleasant man he was!

### MR. F. C. SMALE

When the writer was staying in Sussex, many years ago, he attended a meeting of the County Association and happened to sit next to a ringer who said that he was soon going to move back to his native Devon. This man was Mr. Frederick Charles Smale, who later became a very live wire in the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He was general treasurer (1938-40), general secretary (1940-50), and a Central Council representative 1939-50. In addition to these offices, he was a former chairman of the N.W. Branch of the Guild.

He will always be remembered with gratitude by several members of the Guild for organising many mid-week ringing trips in different parts of the county, during several summers. To 'The Ringing World' he contributed most interesting articles, particularly 'Tower Hunting in Devon' (1955) and 'Ancient Bells in Devon' (1956).

A keen churchman, and an Exeter Diocesan Reader from 1941 until illness forced him to give up this work, he was beloved by all who knew him. There is no doubt that from the hearts and lips of his many friends the prayer 'Grant unto him, O Lord, eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon him,' has already gone forth and will continue to do so when we think of him.

His funeral took place at Okehampton on April 1st. Unfortunately, the early hours prevented members of the Guild from being present, but the Guild was represented by its general secretary, Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, and Mr. Charles Sangwin (N.W. Branch).

### MR. ARTHUR BRADLEY

#### AN APPRECIATION

Arthur Bradley, who passed away on February 4th in his 85th year, will be remembered by his many friends in the Essex Association as the captain of the Fryerning ringers for well over 40 years.

He learnt to ring at St. Mary's, Broomfield, in the latter part of the last century and had many quarter peals and date touches in the six-bell towers in the Chelmsford District.

In 1912 he moved to Fryerning, where there were then five bells and a call change band. In 1919 a treble was added and with the help of William Lincoln, who would walk from Writtle for practices, Fryerning ringers were soon ringing most standard Minor methods. With Arthur Bradley as captain, the Fryerning band soon achieved a proficiency very seldom equalled even today. In 1932, for instance, there were no fewer than 201 720's rung for practice and service in 69 different methods. All these were rung by the local band in a small six-bell tower in a predominantly agricultural area. The high ringing standard of the local band attracted famous ringers from all over Essex to join in 720's for service and practice. Of the 201 720's rung in 1932, Arthur Bradley took part in 191 of them and conducted 112.

As well as the fantastic amount of ringing with the local band Arthur Bradley took part in a few peals and took a great interest in the activities of the Essex Association. Arthur loved Fryerning bells and the church in which he regularly worshipped and it was very hard for him, when, in the latter years of his life, he was unable to climb the steps to the belfry. He maintained very keen interest in all ringing subjects.

The funeral took place in Fryerning on February 18th and he was laid to rest in the shadow of the tower, which he loved and served so well. Half-muffled ringing took place before the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside and during the afternoon a half-muffled peal of 63 Minor methods was rung on Fryerning bells as a token of regard and respect for a ringer, who, although tied to one tower for the greater part of his life, still managed to attain an extremely high standard of ringing. May he rest in peace.

H. W. E.

### MR. H. J. CHAFFEY

With regret we announce the sudden death of Mr. Hubert James Chaffey, of Windlesham, Surrey, on April 9th, aged 79.

A very enthusiastic bellringer in his younger days, he was a former member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and sometime Ringing Master of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. His first peal, one of Minor, was rung at Seale, Surrey, on January 21st, 1911, and there are over 90 peals recorded in his peal record book.



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### MISCELLANEOUS

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### MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8012

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Swindon Village (5), April 22nd, 3 p.m. Practice method: St. Simon's.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, April 22nd, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Note date.—A. Bennett. 8070

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon (8), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Patter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, Surrey. 8030

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Hythe, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Bidwell, 'Kenora', London Road, Hythe. Annual reports, certificates of membership, badges, programmes, etc., all then available.—C. T. H. 7941

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at St. John-at-Hackney (at north end of Mare Street), on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business, which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 16—for 'Secretary' read 'Assistant Secretary.' Bells of St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 8028

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Bray, Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8041

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Evening meeting (beginners' practice), Yelvertoft, Saturday, April 22nd. 8078

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam, on April 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. (Possibly Beckley evening.) Names for tea please, to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8040

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leacroft, Sherburn St. John. 8033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury (6), April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8051

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 29th. Wootton Wawen, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 8068

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bawtry, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Make own tea arrangements.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8075

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, April 29th. Pucklechurch (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and further ringing.—F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, April 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Look up Double Oxford Bob Major and St. Clement's Triples. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 8081

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, April 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 8069

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—April 29th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Hyde, 37, Elstree Hill North, Elstree.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8062

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Boughton-under-Blean, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Inclusive charge for tea and transport from church to Village Hall 2s. 6d. Names, together with cash, please, by April 25th to Mr. S. F. J. Harris, Bridge Cottages, Brenley, Boughton, Faversham. 7974

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual District meeting, April 29th, at Milton Ernest. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by 26th, to Miss Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8019

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Ringing District meeting, Reading, April 29th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3-4 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Church House. Evening ringing from 6 p.m., at St. Mary's. Gentlemen cordially invited. 8024

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting Attenborough (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 24th, to Mr. M. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, Notts. Train departs Leicester 2.40 p.m. Fare 3/8d.—W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8029

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Drighlington (8), Saturday, April 29th. Names for tea by Friday, 28th, to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Drighlington. 8047

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 29th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea, Chapter House, 5 p.m., for those who inform Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 8037

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 26th, to Mr. W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8045

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shrivenham, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, April 26th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirtlington, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8031

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, West Deeping (6), April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8013

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Bugbrooke, on April 29th. Usual arrangements. Committee to meet at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. T. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane, Moulton, or Mr. Rodgers, Downs Farm, Weedon. 8066

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wollaston, Saturday, April 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Rev. Cummings, The Vicarage, Wollaston. 8071

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St. Cuthbert's bells after meeting until 9 p.m.  
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5), April 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please.—Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne. 8063

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on April 29th, 11.30 a.m. at St. James', Paisley, 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Names for tea by 25th, to R. Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh. 8073



**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at Chirk, Denbigh, on April 29th. Ringing (6 bells) will begin at 6.30 p.m. 7950

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea arranged, bring sandwiches, cups of tea provided. 8055

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Rayleigh, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8052

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Meeting, Leiston (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, by Thursday, April 27th. 8067

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Striking competition at St. Mary's, Ewell, April 29th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3. Tea, results and quarterly District meeting following. Bells after. Names for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Thursday previous. (Not competitors.) Entry forms may be had from me. All Sunday service bands in the county are welcome to enter.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 7983

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by April 25th.—C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook', Warsash, Southampton. 8059

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting to be held at Rothbury, Northumberland, on Saturday, May 6th. Private bus leaves Bewick Street (opposite Newcastle Central Station) at 2 p.m. Cost 6s. Bring own tea for picnic. Members are urged to use this bus. Names for bus to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. 8054

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 3rd, by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley. 8082

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting, May 6th, at Weston and Graveley. Both towers open from 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8050

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft 1.30-4.5 and 7-9 p.m., St. George Colegate 1.30-4 and 7-9, St. Giles 7-9. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 prompt. Tea 5, in the Chantry Hall, Chantry Road. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich. NOR 57N, not later than Friday, May 5th.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 8017

**ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH** (6 bells).—Annual ringers' festival, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 8083

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts, by previous Wednesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 8074

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing: St. James', Clerkenwell, 10.30-12 noon; St. George's, Borough, 3.15-4.15 p.m. Early afternoon ringing will be arranged. Service, St. Olave's, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 8080

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 13th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. T. Clarke. Tea 5 p.m. in the Stanley Hall Annex, Castle Street, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. each if purchased before May 8th, 4s. 6d. afterwards, obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, and Branch secretaries. Towers available: St. Michael's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting, Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton (6) 2-3 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7965

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 8053

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon and Chippenham Branches.—Joint meeting at Malmesbury, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Blanchard, 'Braemore', Filands, Malmesbury, by May 11th. 8048

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 13th, at Thrapston. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Oakham. Tickets for tea at 3s. each, c.v.o. from address below, before May 6th. Ringing from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Addington, Woodford and Rimstead; 12 to 2.30 at Twywell and Wadenhoe; 12 to 3 at Aldwinckle, Brigstock, Sudborough, Lowick, Raunds and Tichmarsh; 12 to 3.30 at Islip; 2.30 to 4 at Thrapston. All towers open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8065

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral and other towers available. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 8076

## OUTINGS

### CALL CHANGE OUTING

The ringers of St. Mary's, Diptford, Devon, held an outing on Easter Monday, visiting the towers of Bickleigh, Shaugh Prior, Meavy and Buckland Monachorum. 'Ten peals of 60' on thirds with rise and lower were rung. The bells of Meavy and Buckland Monachorum are recommended to visiting teams. Diptford ringers invite visitors to their own tower.

### TWYFORD

An enthusiastic coachload of ringers took part in the Bank Holiday outing, arranged by Twyford ringers. At Wavendon, the party were met by the Master of the Oxford Guild and then came the excitement of the ancient church of Earl's Barton, where the ringing chamber is reached by climbing a long steep ladder, which is curved in an alarming manner to fit the tower. No wonder one of our charming ringers found the Easter flowers more interesting, when she saw the ladder.

Two Northampton towers—St. Peter's and Holy Sepulchre—followed lunch and at Buckingham the heavy eight (tenor 27 cwt.) at SS. Peter and Paul's proved to run very easily. The last tower was Hardwick, where George Gilbert rang his first peal. A marked improvement was noted after the outing in the service ringing of the large band of learners. Special thanks to Mr. Smith, leader of Twyford band, for the excellent arrangements.

G. M.

### ANDOVER DISTRICT

A big programme was arranged by the Andover District on Easter Monday, when they visited Wiltshire. Before lunch at Bradford-on-Avon, ringing was had on two sixes—West Overton and Hilperton. Two misfortunes followed—at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, a broken clapper, and at Christ Church, a broken rope. However, at Edington Priory all was well, the highlight being a course of London on the heavy six. The hour's ringing at Westbury before tea was enjoyed by all.

Two rings of eight followed—Melksham and St. Andrew's, Chippenham—where Little Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Grateful thanks are extended to all who met us during this enjoyable outing.

G. D.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Provost Urges More Public Relations

The annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 8th, and was attended by ringers from various parts of the county. Ringing took place on the bells of the Cathedral, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's Churches, and a service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Shaw.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall by Miss Wickman, assisted by wives of St. Peter's ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, president of the Association. In his opening remarks, the Provost congratulated those who organised the annual dinner. On the report for 1960, he warned the Association on being on the defensive, what we had to ask is 'How can we make ourselves heard?' He said that the work of ringers was greatly appreciated, but often taken for granted, except when the bells were not rung. We needed more public relations. On the financial side, the president suggested that a committee be formed to improve the position, with a suggestion that at churches where there are bells, the Parochial Church Councils might be invited to make a small contribution.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1960 were adopted. Grants from the Association's Bell Repair Fund had been made to Chelmsorton and Bakewell.

Reference was made of the course on bellringing, held at West Hallam, under the auspices of the Derbyshire Education Committee. This was a success, and it is hoped that further courses will be arranged.

It was decided to hold the 1962 annual meeting at Derby, and a general meeting at Bakewell in July.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter's for taking the service, to the incumbents of the various churches, who had placed their bells at the disposal of Association members and visitors, and to those who arranged tea.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

Good use was made of the eight bells of Ecclesfield Parish Church by members and visitors from as far afield as Coventry, when the Society held its meeting on April 8th. Ringing included a touch of Duffield Major, also London and Bristol Surprise Major.

The new 2-year fixture cards were available, also a supply of the Central Council's latest booklet 'Ringing for Service,' which were quickly sold.

The usual routine at the business meeting was varied in that the chair was taken by the Society's new president, Mr. F. Cardwell, and that Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert deputised for the secretary, who was unavoidably absent.

A pleasing feature was that the customary vote of thanks was very ably proposed by 15-year-old Stuart Armeson, who recalled that the first meeting he attended and at which he became a member was at Ecclesfield.

Mr. N. Chaddock commended 'The Ringing World' to all those who not already subscribers and it was decided to show appreciation for the Jubilee edition by donating £1 ls. to the funds of 'The Ringing World.'

Next meeting, Dronfield and Norton, May 6th.

### CANNOCK RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH

A peal attempt arranged for April 15th, at St. Luke's, Cannock, to welcome the new incumbent, the Rev. H. L. H. Townshend, was postponed owing to the death, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Arthur Armstrong, one of the Cannock ringers, who was to have taken part. He died in Stafford General Infirmary as the result of a road accident on Friday evening.

## LATE NOTICE

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Derby District) and **SHERWOOD YOUTHS**—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 29th, at Sawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.—A. Morley and A. Henson, Hon. Secs. 8084



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## THE LUFKINS OF ARDLEIGH

**A**N unusual ceremony took place on April 8th, when members of the Lufkin family assembled in Ardleigh Church, near Colchester, for the rededication of the Lufkin Memorial.

The Lufkin family originally came from the Ardleigh and Dedham region, and later spread along the Essex coast between Harwich and Maldon. There was a Nicholas Lufkin at Lufkin's Farm, Dedham, in 1432.

The name is now extremely rare\* and the British Isles had been scoured for living members of the family. Eight separate families had been contacted, and of these six had gallantly offered to pay the cost of the restoration of a monument to Barbara and Henry Lufkin, who had died in 1721.

After hearing a description of their family history, they were given an account of the family's association with the ring of bells in Ardleigh Church by the local tower captain.

Major Thomas Lufkin, he said, soon after the Restoration of the Monarchy, had given John Darbie the job of adding two bells to the four already in the tower, and all the six were fitted out for full-circle ringing. The two trebles (present third and fourth) were inscribed with Darbie's name and the dates 1675 and 1676, and the second (present fourth) was also inscribed 'Thomas Lufkin C. W.'

The fifth (present seventh) had been recast in 1802 by Briant, of Hertford, and the churchwarden's name inscribed on this bell was P. Bromley. In the previous century a Lufkin had married a Bromley at Ardleigh, so this bell has an association with the Lufkins, as it were, by marriage.

When the six were augmented to eight in 1892, the churchwarden's name inscribed on the new second bell was J. M. Lugar. Ann Lufkin had married Edward Lugar in 1711, and the two families at one time together practically ran the village. The Lufkins have an association with this bell not only by marriage but also by a long-standing family friendship.

The ringing chamber at Ardleigh is on a gallery and the ringers can be seen from the body of the church. As each bell was mentioned it was rung for a couple of whole pulls as a demonstration.

Major Thomas Lufkin's grandfather, Dr. Thomas Lufkin, had made a will in which he left, among other things, '£5 to the poore of Ardleigh, and 40/- to my maidservant, Margaret Whent.' At this point Mrs. Whent addressed the following remarks to the Lufkin family: 'I am sorry

my son cannot be here this afternoon, but he is driving a train and cannot get away from his work. He gave me this message to you: "My name is Dennis Whent. I was born and bred in Ardleigh and learnt to ring the bells in Ardleigh Church. I am very grateful for the money Dr. Lufkin left to my great-great, etc., grandmother, but I am afraid it had all gone before it got down to me. But I am even more grateful to his grandson who installed the ring of bells".'

Finally, the last full peal rung in the tower, in January, 1960, had been conducted by one of the subscribers to the restoration of the monument, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin.

While the family were having tea in the Vicarage, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in their honour.

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\* Except in the peal columns of the 'R.W.'

## A VETERAN OF SUSSEX

**H**ENRY STALHAM for his 89 years is surely 'one of the few' that are still actively engaged in ringing for service, practice and the occasional peal. So it was that on April 8th—the band meeting one short for Stedman Caters—he rang his first peal for the College Youths after a membership covering well over 40 years.

It seemed so fitting, too, for Harry to take part just after his 89th birthday in a memorial peal to his very old friend and ringer John Dearlove, whose funeral took place the previous Thursday.

Harry Stalham is an ever-present at his tower, St. Nicholas', for service and practice ringing. His concentration in peal ringing, even at 89, is something to be seen to be believed. A wonderful man for his years, he not only serves his own tower but also moves around other towers in his beloved county of Sussex, giving a helping hand at practices and meetings.

While this latest performance which, incidentally, represented the first by the College Youths on these bells, gave him pleasure, one could tell by his conversation afterwards how deeply he felt at the passing of yet another fine old ringer in John Dearlove. Many will remember Jack, as he was known in Sussex, and at once associate him with the select band who rang London Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, under the conductorship of the late Keith Hart.

May there be many more, Harry. Keep it up, and don't ever change from being who you are and what you are, will you? A safe return from Stoke-on-Trent.

W. A. RIDDINGTON.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS.

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	RICHARD G. BOWDEN .. .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 9
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 10
JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 11
ELIZABETH G. BOWDEN .. .. 6	FRANK E. HANSFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey Wainwright and Glyn Jenkins, two local ringers, married at the Cathedral prior to the peal.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 2	*ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 3	*DENNIS RANDALL .. .. 8
GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 9
*TREVOR N. BAILEY .. .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. 7
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 8
*DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all except the fifth ringer. First of Braunstone Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and by the Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., April 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

PAUL W. WEBB .. .. Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 6
ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 2	ROGER J. GAY .. .. 7
LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. .. 8
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5	WALTER H. MARKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 9
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except for the ringers of 8, 9 and 10, who have now rung the method on all numbers.

A 21st birthday compliment to Roderick W. Pipe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

*JILL M. LANE .. .. Treble	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 6
*ANN M. COX .. .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 8
*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 9
STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5	*ERNEST R. WARNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First 10-bell peal. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.  
Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp as Bishop of Guildford.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newbury Branch.)

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 6
†CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 2	*C. JOHN CASTELL .. .. 7
†HENRY J. LAWRENSON .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. 8
*WALTER HUNT .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5	HAROLD P. REED .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Kent Royal Rung for the Queen's birthday on April 21st.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland; with 65 changes of method, all the work for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*DON C. EXELL .. .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	*D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.  
\* First peal of Spliced.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROGER FRY .. .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 5
A. LESLIE BARRY .. .. 2	IVOR GOULTER .. .. 6
*NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 3	PETER CLARKSON .. .. 7
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. .. 4	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.  
\* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. Mr. A. L. Barry has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss S. M. Cole and Mr. L. Lane at this church earlier in the day.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROGER FRY .. .. Treble	†NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. .. 6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 4	REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First of Bob Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

*JEFFREY KERSHAW .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
*J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 6
†JOHN P. PAXINGTON .. .. 3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM (89) .. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 5
RICHARD WILSON .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
ALBERT W. BOND .. .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

A memorial peal to John Dearlove.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD .. .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 6
JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PRATI .. .. 7
GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 4	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.



**DARTFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*GEOFFREY E. CLARKE .. Treble	DENIS L. HALL .. .. .	5	
ALAN G. HALL .. .. .	2	RBBERT G. RAYFIELD ..	6
RONALD G. CONSTANT ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
SIDNEY W. BALL .. .. .	4	PETER G. RICHARDS ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal and first attempt. A compliment to Canon Elliott H. Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford for the past 30 years, on his retirement.

**WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt.	
FREDERICK SCOTT .. .. Treble	*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 5
*MONICA BLAGROVE .. .. 2	*J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
CHRIS M. BLOOMER .. .. 3	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. 7
*EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor
Composed by H. DAINS.	Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

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Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey and Glyn Jenkins, married at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Easter Monday.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
*BRIAN PICKEN .. .. .	Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. ..	5
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. .	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. ..	6
RUTH A. HIGHLEY .. .. .	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
†NIGEL D. HAIG .. .. .	4	JOHN HARMAN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., April 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.			
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble		JOHN L. FENNELL .. ..	5
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	6
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE	3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ..	7
†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT	4	F. JOHN NELSON .. ..	Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Major. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Barker.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tues., April 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.			
ERNEST E. GOSLING ..	Treble	DAVID P. HILLING .. ..	5
*MRS. WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	2	WILFRID G. WILSON ..	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. ..	3	†WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	7
A. RAYMOND CRAWFORD ..	4	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ 250th tower bell peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the 80th anniversary of the O.D.G. and the Golden Jubilee of the 'R.W.' Also a wedding compliment to Pearl Andrews and Stewart Gibson, members of the local band.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	5	
WILLIAM PARROTT .. .. .	2	DENNIS J. F. OAKSHOTT ..	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ..	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT .. ..	7
*DAVID HERSCHELL .. .. .	4	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK OAKSHOTT.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor. Rung for the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp, Bishop of Guildford.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Treble	*DUDLEY P. ELSMORE .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. .. . 2	†DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 4	†STANLEY G. PONTING .. Tenor
Composed by J. J. PARKER.	Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

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Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire. ‡ 150th peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp as Lord Bishop of Guildford, which took place in this church earlier this day.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.			
ADRIAN J. TUMBLER..	Treble	TOBY C. KIPPIN ..	5
J. JAMES JEFFERIES..	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS ..	6
*VIVIANNE M. ROWE ..	3	†DAVID E. HOUSE ..	7
†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON ..	4	TOM CHAPMAN ..	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.

\* First peal 'inside' and in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples. A 'get well' peal for David J. Forster; also a birthday compliment to Pamela A. Jones and Michael J. Thomas.

**QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	HARRY WILD .. .. . 5
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 6
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Bob Major 'inside.' Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom and their son's 21st birthday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Schofield.

**WORTHING, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, HEENE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-Part.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*E. JANE LANGTON .. .. Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER .. ..	5	
ROBERT WAKE .. .. .	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER ..	6
J. RICHARD WILSON .. ..	3	*DEREK E. SIBSON .. ..	7
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. ..	4	†LEONARD STILWELL ..	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ 650th peal.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

*MAYL R. CROSSHWAITE <i>Treble</i>	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 2	*F. JOHN NELSON .. ..	6
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE ..	7
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSHWAITE.

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAULSON .. ..	<i>Treble</i>	MALCOLM PHIPPS .. ..	5
*MICHAEL PAULSON .. ..	2	GORDON A. HALLS .. ..	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	3	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. ..	7
RONALD BULLEN .. ..	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS

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\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. K. M. Adamson, of Edinburgh.

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.  
On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MUNCEY .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
PERCY H. PIGG .. .. 2	HARRY FOSTER .. .. 6
*PAUL J. BERGDahl .. .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS .. 7
*KEITH J. FUTTER .. .. 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung to mark the 237th anniversary of the formation of the Society of Cambridge Youths.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble	† J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise.

Rung following the dedication of the Cathedral extension. Also a birthday peal for Gillian Schofield. Tenor 2½ cwt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH .. .. Treble	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. .. 2	EDWARD T. SITCH .. .. 6
*SYLVIA A. HAYWARD .. 3	BERTRAM C. HINES .. .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Willard, M.A., who was instituted and inducted Vicar of Brentwood on April 13th.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 2	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal 'inside' and first on eight bells.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Hubbard's Ten-Peal. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.	
VIOLET ROLF .. .. Treble	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 5
EDWIN BROMLEY .. .. 2	JOHN BROWN .. .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE .. 4	EDWARD G. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3 and 7.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kemp; 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters; wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pullan (married at Benenden on Easter Monday). Also a compliment to Miss F. Ross Thomson on retiring from the post of secretary to Hawkhurst Parochial Church Council after 15 years' service.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. Treble	ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 5
NIGEL LAMPING .. .. 2	ROGER G. HAVARD .. .. 6
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 3	BRYNLEY TAYLOR .. .. 7
EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

First peal as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN R. BALDOCK .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	† ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 6
EDGAR R. RALEY .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In 27 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
IVOR JENKINS .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, being four extents of St. Martin's Bob, six each of St. Simon's Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 13 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN W. SAMPSON .. .. Treble	MICHAEL UTTON .. .. 3
THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4

MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

First peal in five methods by all. First peal on the bells since re-hanging (November, 1960), and first for 41 years.

Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS PUGH .. .. Treble	THOMAS BOUNDS .. .. 4
† MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
LESLIE PREECE .. .. 3	BRYAN GIDDINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung for the Easter Festival.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., April 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 4
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob, six of April Day, 24 extents and three 240's (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

PETER J. BILL .. .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5
*PETER J. BROWN .. .. 3	JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Easter Festival.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	*F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 3	† MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* 50th peal. † 75th peal.

A wedding compliment to Barry J. Wild and Sylvia Harris, both ringers at Rochdale Parish Church, married there on March 25th.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES .. .. Treble	† ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. 4
*IAN HUGHES .. .. 2	BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 5
*CLIVE SIMPSON .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First on six bells, and in the method.



GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
ALAN R. ANDREWS... .. Treble | JOHN H. GOULD... .. 4  
\*VERONICA J. MUNSON .. 2 | GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 5  
RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD 3 | ROY DUESBURY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

\* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford,  
St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. Treble | ROY W. SPENCER .. .. 4  
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2 | \*FREDERICK DERRY .. .. 5  
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents of April Day, 16 of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH HIGHLEY .. .. Treble | GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 3  
\*CHARLES W. MANNERINGS 2 | ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. 4  
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

\* First peal 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Beryl Christine Friday (daughter of the churchwarden) and Roger Bruce Gibson, married at this church prior to the peal.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Treble | GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4  
LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 2 | GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 5  
\*FRANK PEACOCK .. .. 3 | MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.

\* First peal. First as conductor. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents with no 6-5's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

\*JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. Treble | †JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 4  
†YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. 2 | \*PETER J. BROWN .. .. 5  
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3 | MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

\* First peal of Minor, and of Plain Bob. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

PETER DALE .. .. Treble | GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 4  
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. .. 2 | MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5  
JOHN P. PARTINGTON.. .. 3 | JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

**MINIMUS PEAL**

NORTH ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS**

Being 212 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

\*ELIZABETH MILLER .. Treble | ROY H. JONES .. .. 3  
\*JULIA A. CHANDLER .. 2 | JOHN S. WALKER .. .. Tenor

Supervised by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for Lady Day.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 28, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. DAVID'S DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4  
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in the variation, which is R. Canterbury with Antelope singles for bobs.

Also

On Tues., March 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents R. Canterbury, six Clifford's Pleasure, six St. Columb, four Southrepps, four Plain Bob, six April Day, four Kennington and eight Old.

Tenor size 14 in D.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4  
\*DAVID PARKIN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

Also

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFFORD'S PLEASURE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 14½.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4  
DAVID PARKIN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Association.

Also

On Sun., March 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 10 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 120 each of Spliced R. Canterbury and Raveningham, Plain Bob and Candlesby, Southrepps, R. Canterbury, Kennington, St. Columb, Besthorpe, Costessy, Seighford, Little Aston, Litchurch, St. David's, two extents each April Day and Clifford's Pleasure, five Plain Bob and 21 Old Doubles.

Tenor size 6 in E.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4  
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., March 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5248 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2 | JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. 5-6  
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3-4 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7-8

Arranged from E. M. ATKINS'. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., March 30, 1961, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1-2 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3-4

JOHN POTTS .. .. 5-6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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## HALF PEAL

**ROOS, EAST YORKS.**—On April 2nd, 2,568 Plain Bob: J. Bentley 1, Miss C. White 2, H. Pickering 3, D. Stipetic 4, A. Wray 5. A wedding compliment to the brother of the ringer of the 3rd.

## LONG LENGTH

**QUATT, SALOP.**—On April 5th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Tandy 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. C. Ekel 3, J. E. Pullon 4, P. J. Brown (first of Minor 'inside') 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. An unsuccessful peal called round.

**BABWORTH, NOTTS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, H. Smart 2, D. A. Whetton (first quarter) 3, D. McNeal 4, R. G. Fankhorpe 5, J. A. Coats (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

**BROUGHTON, LANCs.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Crosswaite 1, Judy Moir 2, Betty Faunch 3, J. Shaw (first quarter) 4, J. Jolleys 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Barker.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles): L. Penfold 1, T. Padbury 2, H. H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull (cond.) 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Padbury 6. A farewell to the retiring churchwarden, Mr. F. P. Windsor.

**CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOMERSET.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sparks 1, E. C. Eades 2, Mrs. W. Sherrell 3, T. W. Look 4, W. Turner (cond.) 5, S. White 6. A compliment to Miss Margaret Eades, daughter of the ringer of the second, and Mr. Owen Barret, on their recent marriage.

**CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, R. Hatcher 4, F. Reed 5, A. T. Wingate 6, B. Ellsmore (first as cond.) 7, D. Watkins 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 8.

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. A. Cook 1, S. G. Riches 2, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. W. Smart 4, H. J. Ferris 5, G. A. T. Astbury (first quarter) 6. For the christening of George Michael Stanley Astbury, son of the tenor ringer.

**COBHAM, SURREY.**—On April 15th, 1,260 St. Andrew's Bob Doubles: A. A. Millidge 1, Susan Rawlings 2, A. S. Bishop 3, K. Newman 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, D. Brookes 6. First in the method for all.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On April 12th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Percy (age 13, first Triples) 1, F. H. Beency 2, G. Pullinger 3, H. G. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (first quarter) 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, A. Purdom 7, Miss J. D. Funnell (first Triples) 8. A birthday compliment to 7th ringer.

**EDMONTON, MIDDx.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Durrant (first of Stedman) 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Towers 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, D. Langdon 6. For Evensong. Also on March 5th, 1,344 Edmonton Bob Major: R. Durrant 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Towers 5, J. Weeks 6, D. Hewitt 7, B. Downes (cond.) 8. First in method for all. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. S. G. W. Knight.

**ESHER, SURREY.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Oakshott 1, Catherine Powell 3, Christine Harbott (cond.) 4, Gwen May 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. F. M. Maybrey 7, J. C. Davidge 8. First of Triples as conductor. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the fifth Bishop of Guildford, the previous Wednesday.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross 1, Hilda Cross (first 'inside') 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Conductor's 50th quarter.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On April 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. Joyce 2, M. Cox (first of Surprise) 3, D. P. Treble 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. To mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. George Reindorp.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, J. Papworth 2, H. Nichols 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett 5, Miss W. Elliott 6, C. W. Burton 7, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**FLOKBURGH, LANCs.**—On April 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 1, P. Handley 2, E. Edgar 3, R. C. L. Brown (Kessingland, Suffolk) 4, J. E. Dickinson 5, T. F. Metcalf 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GAYTON, NORTHANTS.**—On April 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Wilson 1, Susan Kirkup 2, Mrs. F. P. Brangwyn 3, Sandra Freeman 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Elizabeth James to Mr. Simon John Westray Bromet.

**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, R. Shipp 3, C. Shipp 4, Miss M. Higdon 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of the ringers' respect and admiration on the passing of Mr. Tom Greenacre, a ringer at this church for 52 years.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDx.**—On April 16th, 1,344 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Hitchcock 1, C. Stevenson 2, Miss J. Wooders 3, A. Corran 4, D. C. Morgan 5, D. Howell 6, D. B. Shaw (cond.) 7, T. Durn 8. First of Triples for 2, 4 and 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung before morning service to mark the engagement of Mr. Terry Durn to Miss Joan Waye.

**HESSLE, E. YORKS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Sharp 1, J. Porter 2, K. Kirk 3, J. A. Singleton 4, R. Ducker 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessle, who died on April 11th, after 60 years of ringing.

**HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, All Saints): Miss G. Haylock (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Kent 2, E. Bagworth 3, A. Rudge 4, D. Manship (first as cond.) 5, R. Manship 6. For Evensong.

**KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, G. Peck 3, N. Watson 4, A. W. Foreman 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Holman.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Robinson 1, A. J. Backshall 2, J. Backshall 3, R. Peckham 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, G. Harniss 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Dearlove, of Hurstpierpoint.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, L. Fox 4, Miss V. Hester 5, C. Willmington 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, R. Deal 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. G. Sherwood 1, Jill M. Lane 2, S. Huckle 3, Christine M. Harbott (first of Royal as cond.) 4, Ann M. Cox 5, R. Finch 6, C. F. Mew 7, D. A. R. May 8, M. W. Harbott 9, R. R. Savory 10. First of Royal for 1, 7 and 9. For Evensong.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. T. P. Field (cond.) 1, R. J. Powell 2, R. D. Short 3, A. F. Jopp 4, W. A. Stote 5, A. J. Lewis 6. Rung immediately after the service at which was dedicated the new treble bell erected in memory of Flo, much beloved wife of the conductor.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Pittman 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

**MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Carter (first in method) 1, G. M. Harvey 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. Rung as a farewell to John and Barbara Carter, of Pangbourne, who move to Norfolk next month.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, R. E. Dean 2, E. G. Silvey 3, P. Dean 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, A. Boarder 8. For Evensong.

**MATLOCK, DERBS.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Bullen 1, M. Paulson 2, G. Paulson 3, P. Taylor 4, M. Phipps 5, G. A. Halls 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.**—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, C. Bowsher 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, A. Cantwell (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Batten.

**OLD BRAMPTON, DERBS.**—On April 10th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: G. Marsden 1, J. Arkwell 2, C. Plumtree 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4. First quarter by all except tenor. For Easter Festival.

**OLDWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. E. Lawley 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Tandy 4, R. Cooper 5, J. Roden 6, A. J. Roden 7, B. Wooten 8. First by an entirely local band of Sunday service ringers. Rung for Matins, and to mark the first anniversary of the forming of the new local band.

**PYLLE, SOMERSET.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Phyllis A. Bond (14, first quarter) 1, Beryl D. Mundy 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. F. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, H. C. Hill (70, first quarter) 6.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and St. Bartholomew's: Miss P. Wallace 1, Mrs. J. Wilding 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, P. Negus 4, S. Rayfield 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung for the welcomed visit of Mrs. J. Wilding.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Southam 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, G. A. Naylor 3, Margaret A. Naylor 4, F. J. Cheal 5, E. C. Barton 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, K. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. A. Naylor, mother of the 3rd and 7th ringers, and grandmother of the 4th, who died on April 4th.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. Haylings (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Lawrence (first in method) 2, F. Lawrence 3, D. Price 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Newbrough Bob Doubles: S. Merrett (first quarter) 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Halling 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Anne Broxton 6. First in the variation by all the band.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On April 2nd, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 combined Oxford and Kent and 600 Kent): Miss M. Mills 1, T. Pendlebury 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. First in two methods of Minor by all except the conductor. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss A. Ward (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, T. Pendlebury 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Both quarters rung for the Easter Festival, and in farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. H. Townsend, who was instituted to the living of Cannock on April 11th.

**ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mary Elsdon 1, Ann Postlethwaite (first in Major) 2, Sonia Davies 3, Pauline Fennell 4, Mary Taylor 5, J. Baxter 6, J. Faircloth 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Davies 1, Mary Taylor 2, Christine Cobbold 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, D. Cubitt 5, J. Faircloth 6, J. Baxter 7, E. Fowles 8.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On March 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 1. Ann Abrahams 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Yvonne L. Elsie 3, E. Haines 4, R. Haines 5, E. C. Read 6, H. H. Abrahams 7, L. A. Page (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**SEALE, SURREY.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary A. E. Bragg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Merritt 2, Miss M. Davies 3, C. Poyntz 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Miss V. Martin 6. For the enthronement of the fifth Bishop of Guildford.

**SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Glenda Rowley 1, Sheila Hodson 2, Meril Purslow 3, H. Hodson 4, E. Young (cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Watkin, mother of tenor ringer.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. N. Evans 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, I. G. Smith 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Penny, of Warmley, and Margaret Lamont, of Australia.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery (first quarter) 1, I. Hughes (first of Doubles) 2, C. Simpson (first in the method) 3, R. F. Overington (first of Doubles) 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. Ward (first quarter) 6. Also on April 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery 1, I. Hughes 2, C. Simpson 3, R. F. Overington 4, M. P. Moreton 5. Conducting shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Hodgson 3, J. Waller 4, H. Waters 5, June Mallinson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George White, a ringer at this tower for 40 years, interred this day.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peggy Dando 1, A. Worle 2, C. Bishop (cond.) 3, H. Ball 4, C. Clarke (first quarter) 5, C. York 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary this day of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, parents of the ringer of the fifth.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—On April 9th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan E. Cross (age 12, first on eight) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, J. R. Heath 7-8.

**YORK.**—At the Minster, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Reeves (cond.) 1, D. Clegg 2, Miss I. Lemare 3, Mrs. J. Bottomley 4, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 5, S. H. Steel 6, V. Bottomley 7, M. Maskill 8, H. Walker 9, J. Woolford 10. First of Royal on the bells.



**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On April 2nd, Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Fisher (first quarter) 1, I. Forrest 2, Ann Sharpe 3, Derek Paine 4, R. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mephram 6. For the Festival of Easter.

**ARLESEY, BEDS.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Smith 1, P. Rogers 2, R. Fuller 3, K. Baraes 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, T. Hyde 6.

**BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, W. Mortimer 2, D. Taylor 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevan 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, F. Osmond 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**BLACKWELL, DERBYS.**—On April 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Smithson (cond.) 1, E. A. Harrison 2, J. Smith 3, J. A. Harrison 4, W. Riley 5.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, J. W. Priest 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Also on April 9th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Jupp 1, Sallie Buchanan 2, Roy Collins (cond.) 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, A. Jupp (first quarter) 6.

**DOWNE, KENT.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bowers (first of Minor) 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, M. Tong (first 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. D. Faircloth (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, J. Yorke-Parker 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, W. Paul 6, J. E. Ivings 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Wilby (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service.

**GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.**—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): H. D. Thomas 1, H. Martin 2, E. J. Smith 3, C. A. Lewis 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, G. D. Griffiths 6.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bruce 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Miss C. Withell 3, H. W. Badger 4, T. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Rowe (first in method) 1, H. Worboys 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

**RIPPONDEN, YORKS.**—On April 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, Miss E. Westmoreland 2, A. Mitchell 3, W. Holroyde 4, F. Rhodes 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. First of Major for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

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**ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**—On April 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Loakes 1, Miss S. Feakin 2, A. E. York 3, G. Wright 4, B. Yeomans 5, B. Austin 6, G. Clipston 7, M. Coleman (cond.) 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. York, and for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Chapman, of Daventry, Master of the Peterborough Guild and his wife.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On April 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,272 St. Albans Delight Minor: P. Atkinson 1, M. D. Frost (cond.) 2, Celia Bland 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, Christine Rimmer 5, P. J. Fells 6. First in the method for all. Rung for the Queen Mother's visit.

**SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, N. Fovargue 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. H. Taylor 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, J. P. Morris 8. For the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, N. Fovargue 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 5, E. Wilson 6, C. Stubley covering 8. For Communion service.

**TENBY, PEMBS.**—On March 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: T. Osbourne 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, A. R. Price (cond.) 3, J. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, Dorothy Saunders 6, H. Jenkins 7, T. Griffiths 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price, who are leaving the district.

**TOTTERNOE, BEDS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Smith (first of Minor) 1, June Sinfild 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. Cloughton (first of Minor) 4, J. W. Sinfild (cond.) 5, F. J. Cook 6, W. F. Gladman (first of Minor) 8. For evening service. Also 720 Plain Bob for morning service.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—On April 10th, at St. Oswald's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wright 1, T. Templeman 2, H. Short 3, J. Clouston 4, J. Pladdys (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. W. Lewis (first touch of Bob Minor) 6. A congratulatory quarter to the treble ringer on the gift of a granddaughter, Ruth.

**WHITCHURCH, HANTS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Hibbert 1, Pat Heather 2, T. E. Lee 3, R. K. Russ 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. K. Dodd 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Clark, former captain of Whitchurch band and a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for over 50 years.

**WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dean (first quarter) 1, G. Linnell 2, C. E. Truman (cond.) 3, R. Hinton 4, J. Linnell 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Emily Toler-Aylward and Mr. Ian Forster Fisher.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, L. A. Smith 2, J. Linnell 3, F. C. Case 4, G. E. Green 5, W. F. Eyden 6, C. E. Truman (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

**WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.**—On Feb. 19th, at St. George's Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Mary Buckingham 2, J. Brooks 3, F. T. Blagrove 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung for the first birthday of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maughan 1, R. Webster 2, Miss M. Machin 3, Miss J. Payne 4, J. Pladdys 5, M. W. Lewis 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, A. Applegarth 8. For Evensong.

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Another No. 1 reader and subscriber ever since is Mr. James W. Chapman, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, who, we regret to learn, has done no ringing since November, when he had to enter hospital for an internal complaint. He is now home and hopes soon to be back at the ropes. Aged 79, Mr. Chapman was for 38 years captain of the St. Leonard's band.

After over 50 attempts Mr. W. F. Oatway has now scored his first peal of Stedman Triples. This was rung at Maidenhead and was his 40th peal.

Captain of Bramley (Surrey) ringers, Miss Margery Winifred Faulkner, was married at Bramley Church on April 8th to Mr. Peter Coleman. Congratulations!

Miss Ann Cox is leaving the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, at the end of April, having accepted an appointment at the Royal Hampshire Hospital at Winchester.

Mr. B. G. Key informs us that there was an error in reporting the peal of Plain Bob Major at Broughton, Staffs (page 230). It was rung on March 18th and not March 11th.

The highlight of the Derbyshire annual dinner, writes a correspondent, was the presentation of a stay (broken by 'Jafus' at St. Alkmund's, Derby), suitably engraved and carved with an effigy of 'Jafus' at one end.

For his 21st birthday peal, Mr. Roderick W. Pipe, selected Birmingham Surprise Royal, in honour of his happy association with the bells of the city and the university. The peal was rung in his own village church of Grundisburgh and was composed and conducted by him.

The sympathy of a wide circle is extended to Mr. David J. Forder, of North Stoneham, Hants, a former Master of Southampton University. Last October he was knocked from his motor scooter and spent three months in hospital with a broken leg. On Easter Sunday, when he was beginning to use his leg again it broke for no apparent reason. He is now in Winchester Hospital.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The recent quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles by members of the band of St. Mary's, Penzance, were quite an achievement. With the exception of the curate, all the young ringers are choristers or servers of St. Mary's, and they learnt to ring only a short time ago. The conductor is 15. Their own bells being heavy, they walked to Ludgvan, 34 miles away, and back again to ring their first quarter. Encouraged by their success, they achieved a quarter on their own bells for Evensong the following Sunday. No quarter peals had been rung by a St. Mary's band for at least 50 years.

The peal at Dartford on April 8th, in 2 hours and 49 minutes, is believed to be the fastest peal of Triples on the bells.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman at Wadhurst, Sussex, on April 15th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett, who so kindly entertained them to tea, after the peal.

At a recent Thursday practice meeting at Elland, Yorks, no fewer than 31 ringers arrived from eight different towers. 'All who come are most welcome,' writes Mr. D. Smith, the secretary.

The ringers, of the peal at Cradley, Worcs, wish to thank Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield Cathedral, for his interesting remarks, which were found in a note attached to one of the ringer's cycle saddles.

Sunday, May 8th, is Industrial Sunday. A special service associated with industry is being televised from Dartford Parish Church on B.B.C. Television and it is hoped that the bells will be heard between 10.55 and 11 a.m.

Would you believe it! A quarter peal of Minimus has been rung in a minibus. When?—April 10th. Where?—between Plymouth and Hatherleigh. Perpetrator?—John McDonald. Methods?—Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Little Bob.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Pylle, Somerset, is of special interest in that Mr. H. C. Hill, at the age of 70, rang his first quarter, having learnt to handle a bell at the age of 66. His grandson also rang in the quarter.

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## ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL (CAPE TOWN) BELLS TO RING AGAIN

The eight bells in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, cast at Whitechapel in 1834, were hung dead and clocked from the floor below. Small wonder that the fourth and seventh are cracked.

Ringling was stopped by the architect in 1935 and the bells were lowered to the ground in October, 1952, prior to the rebuilding of the east end.

Towards the cost, the Smith 'bequest' to the Cathedral, in 1945, has now grown to £14,000. Mr. V. Sheppard has, since 1958, carried out an intensive campaign to get the bells ringing again and at the end of January he gave a lecture on the subject to the Cathedral Friends' Society that evoked considerable interest.

A decision to invite tenders for the work from overseas was taken by the Cathedral Building Fund Central Committee. The Dean of Cape Town now indicates to Mr. Sheppard that under the terms of the bequest they could order a completely new ring of bells.

When the bells have received attention or a new ring provided it is suggested that the bells be hung temporarily in the Cathedral precincts till a permanent campanile could be built as part of the completed Cathedral.

The Dean also told 'The Cape Times' that as for bellringers there was a first rate team of St. Mary's, Woodstock, who they hoped would help them for a start and train others to take over on a permanent basis.

## DEDICATION

### LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On April 15th, a congregation of over 200 packed the beautiful Church of the Holy Trinity, Long Sutton, for the dedication of a new treble bell, the gift of Mr. Paul Field, in grateful memory of his wife, called to rest April 16th, 1960. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. S. Hale, but owing to the unfortunate illness of the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild), who was to have performed the dedication ceremony, this was undertaken by the Rev. A. J. Vincent (Vicar of Kenwyn, Cornwall, and general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild).

Immediately following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung after which the tower was open till 9 p.m. to the many visiting ringers present.

The new bell was cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be congratulated on an excellent job, giving Somerset another glorious ring of six.

The bells and their inscriptions are as follows:

Treble: To the Glory of God and in gratitude for the life of FLORENCE FIELD, called to Higher Service Easter Eve. 1960. The gift of her husband. (Weight 6½ cwt.)

2: SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS.

3: W.S. x I.S. BKL 1816.

4: NOS MDVXLTR.

5: TRINITATEM ADOREMVS.

Tenor: I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL. (17½ cwt.)

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' April 28th, 1911.—

'Which,' asks a daily paper, 'is the largest weathercock in London? Surely an opportune question for fickle April. Apparently the honour is held by the vane which crowns the little leaden cupola over the city church of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, and is now being repaired. It is a big key, the symbol of St. Peter, and measures more than nine feet, being a few inches longer than the dragon that surmounts Bow Church, Cheapside. St. Peter's, Cornhill, has a right to a conspicuous weathercock, for it claims to have been the first metropolitan church in England, and to have been originally founded by the British King, Lucius, about four centuries before the arrival of St. Augustine.'

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 17



MR. REGINALD W. REX,  
Oxford Diocesan Guild

One of the most enthusiastic and competent ringers of the South of England is Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of Thatcham, Berks. Even the loss of his left arm, in an unfortunate accident at work in 1955, did not dim his enthusiasm, as within a fortnight of this, he was ringing Stedman Cinques and Spliced Surprise. He has since rung 148 peals, and in 1960 he rang 56 peals, including 4 Surprise Major in a day!

Reg Rex was born at Highclere, Hants, on February 10th, 1903, and was educated at the local village school. His father was a keen choirman, and used to take him into the belfry to watch the ringing. He was taught to handle a bell in 1917, and rang Grandsire Double from cards. By attending meetings he learnt to ring Double and Triples properly. In 1922 he went to live in Bournemouth, and occasionally rang at St. Peter's and St. John's, but as he was courting and later married, he did not do very much. However, when he returned to North Hampshire, in 1925, to take up horticultural and nursery work, he joined the band at Woolton Hill, under the leadership of Mr. Henry Balaam, and was soon ringing Cambridge and London Minor. Mr. Tom Lock was also a member, and Reg well remembers the days when they were Boy Scouts together.

He did not ring his first peal until August Monday, 1928, when he rang the 3rd to Cambridge Major at Sherfield English, conducted by that doyen of conductors, George Williams. Shortly after this he rang in the first peal on the augmented eight at Highclere, also Cambridge Major, George Williams again conducting.

In 1930 he moved a short distance to Donnington, Newbury, and was, for a time, a member of St. Nicholas', Newbury, later being invited to take over the captainship of Thatcham, and also becoming Ringing Master of the Newbury Branch of the O.D.G. During this time he rang many peals with such well known ringers and conductors as George Williams, Richard T. Hibbert and George Gilbert on all numbers up to Stedman Cinques, and also joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He was a frequent visitor to the two Reading towers, where he gained much experience in 12-bell ringing and Surprise Major. His present total of peals is around 600, of which he has conducted 12. They have been rung in a great number of methods up to Spliced Surprise, and on all numbers of bells. He has rung Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge, from Minor to Maximus, and has taken part in two 9-bell peals at Basingstoke, but has no wish to even attempt a peal of Minimus!

Reg always enjoys peal tours and outings, and has rung peals in a large number of towers from Yorkshire to Cornwall, and East Anglia to North and South Wales. Some of the peals which stand out in his mind are Double Norwich and Superlative at Sherborne Abbey, a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Laurence's, Reading, with hardly a misblow from start to finish, Cambridge at Aldermaston starting at 2.45 a.m., and a recent peal of 8 Surprise Minor, conducted by Geoffrey Dodd, and rung by a District band, who met each Wednesday, and worked up from Plain Bob. Many of his peals have been rung with such well known conductors as Walter Judge, Alan Pink, Wilfred Williams, Charles Kippin and Frank Harris. He is always willing to help beginners if they show interest, but likes good striking and rhythm.

In addition to ringing, Reg has always been musically inclined. As a lad he learnt to play a cornet in a local band. He became solo horn player in the South Berks band for many years, and later in the Newbury British Legion band. He has taken part in many band contests in the Midlands and West Country, also in London and Brighton. Reg has three sons, but none, he regrets to say, became interested in ringing.

His friends are always amazed at his cheerfulness and energy, and the loss of his arm in no way affects his excellent striking. He is 'game' for anything, and if a band in his area was one short for 40.320 Bob Major no one would be surprised if he agreed to stand in! All his friends will wish him 'good luck' in all his future ringing adventures.

APACE.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Well known King's Lynn ringer, Mr. Thomas Greenacre, died on April 13th, aged 69.

Newbury Branch members tell us that they are specially proud of the peal of Kent T.B. Royal at Newbury Parish Church. It was the first ten bell peal on the bells to be rung by a Newbury Branch band.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur of The Riverside Church, New York, arrives in London on June 26th and hopes to contact many of his English friends.

We regret to learn that Mr. Harold Chant had an operation on April 17th for the removal of the gall bladder. He is expected to be in hospital for some little time.

In a car mishap recently on Pickering Moors while returning from an outing were Mr. F. A. Munday, of Bradford, and two other ringers. Happily they have suffered nothing worse than bruises and a shaking.

After about 17 attempts by the local band to score a quarter on eight bells, Harlington, Middlesex, ringers have succeeded. After con-

tinuous attempts at Grandsire they decided to change to Single Oxford Bob Triples and met with a full reward.

A reader enquires what are Davis silencers and Seages apparatus, both of which are referred to in 'Ringing for Service.' Perhaps the author will explain.

Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, of Reading, writes, through 'The Ringing World,' thanking members of the Surrey Association for their kindness to him, his wife and young son, on the occasion of their annual meeting at Reigate. He regrets that in order to get home he had to leave before the meeting was concluded.

Beaconsfield ringer, Mr. John Howard, who was married at Penn, Bucks, on April 15th, to Miss Wendy Jackson, took part in a touch of Stedman Doubles after the reception. His best man, Mr. Stanley Hatfield, was also ringing. Afterwards 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by May Wingrove 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, G. Riglar 4, W. Henley (cond.) 5, A. Bridges 6.



## GUILDFORD GUILD AT DINNER

OF the company of 130 attending the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on April 15th, only 21 knew the editor and founder of 'The Ringing World', Mr. John S. Goldsmith. The company was received beforehand by the Master of the Guild and Mrs. C. W. Denyer and Bishop F. F. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, the principal guests. A great welcome was accorded Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who will be 85 within a month, and has made a good recovery from his illness. Other visitors included Mr. R. Roger Savory (honorary secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Chapman, who had been peal ringing in Guildford that afternoon.

The toast of 'The Memory of J. S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild' was proposed by the Master, who said if it had not been for the enthusiasm and work of Mr. Goldsmith, who helped to form their Guild, they would not be there that night, but would still be a part of the Winchester Guild.

### HOSTS TO ALL RINGERS

This year they had the honour to be hosts to ringers from all over England and the world on June 17th, when a festival would be held at Guildford to honour 50 years of production of 'The Ringing World,' which as they all knew, Mr. Goldsmith started. He hoped they would support the Guild officers in the arrangements.

Of the others officers who had passed on during the year, the previous Sunday they lost a very faithful officer in Mr. Bert Chaffey, who died suddenly while walking across Windlesham Recreation Ground. For many years he was Ringing Master of the Chertsey District and his name appeared on peal boards in nearly every tower in the Farnham District. Another loss last summer was Mr. Boylett, who rang at Pirbright and did his share in his village church.

The Master concluded with congratulations to 'The Ringing World' on its jubilee issue. 'We must keep the paper alive at all costs,' he said.

The toast was drunk in silence and was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples rung by E. J. Bragg 1-2, E. G. R. Wells 3-4, Tom Page 5-6, W. Viggers 7-8.

### HENRY VIII AND GUILDFORD DIOCESE

The toast of 'The Diocese of Guildford' was submitted by Mr. F. Oatway (Leatherhead), who mentioned that Henry VIII came to the conclusion that the Winchester Diocese was too large and legislation was passed creating a Diocese of Guildford, but a bishop was never appointed. The measure was repealed in Queen Victoria's reign and a Bishop of Guildford appointed as a suffragan to the Bishop of Winchester. Guildford became a separate diocese in 1926 and on May 17th the new Cathedral, built to the design of Sir Edward Maufe, would be consecrated.

On March 15th a bell was cast to the memory of Alfred H. Pulling and this would be hung in the Cathedral in time for the consecration. That week their new Bishop was enthroned; he was a live-wire and they all hoped and prayed that under his leadership much would be achieved for the advancement of the Church by the See of Guildford.

The reply was by the Rev. H. R. Wilds, Rector of Farnham, who said Farnham people were feeling very sore about their Castle, but were now pleased that the Castle was to be used in connection with Church

work overseas. Those who came there would be ambassadors to the greater world outside their country. Farnham would thus have some little honour in sharing in that privilege.

The toast of 'The Ladies and the Visitors' was proposed by the Vicar of Aldershot, the Rev. T. Dart. He said the toast of 'The Ladies' went back to the days when all the ringers were men and ladies only appeared once a year and then retired behind their antimacassars for 12 months. The toast, he said, would be replied to the charming Miss Powell, who was equally charming in the way she handled a bell rope. She was one of the few ladies of the Guild to have called a peal.

Among the visitors he welcomed were Bishop Johnston, Mr. Roger Savory (honorary secretary of their Senior Guild), Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman, from Bishopstoke, Mrs. Pulling, Mr. Hazelden and Mr. F. E. Collins, toastmaster. Mr. Dart had a word of congratulation to Miss Nancy Bragg on ringing her first peal.

Miss Catherine Powell and Bishop Johnston replied. The Master mentioned that next Friday Bishop Johnston would be 70 years of age—twice the age of H.M. the Queen, whose birthday was the same day. Bishop Johnston said he left Egypt after 40 happy years, the only crime he committed was of being a Britisher.

An enjoyable entertainment was provided by Joan Althorp, Harold Cole and James Kimber, and the Hershaw handbell ringers.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held at Moreton-in-Marsh, was attended by well over 200 of its members, together with at least another 60 relatives and friends. There were a number of reasons for this being a record meeting; ballot for a new Master, alterations to rules, a decision on the form of the Skidmore Memorial and the fate of the Association's handbells. Members were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Colwyn Hargreaves, M.A., who opened proceedings with prayer. All the reports were accepted as printed and last year's elections of new members ratified. The result of the ballot for Master showed a majority in favour of Mr. Albert Bennett, of Bristol City, and he was duly invested with the badge and chain of office by Mr. W. H. Trueman, whom he thanked for the able way the work had been done during the past months. Mr. Bennett also said that he hoped that Mr. E. T. Newbury, the unsuccessful candidate, would try again and meet with success next time.

There was also a ballot for six places on the Management Committee, so the tellers, Miss D. Edwards, of Sandbach, and Mr. W. Lampard, of Adelaide, Australia, were kept busy throughout most of the meeting. Mr. R. Dowdeswell and Mr. E. F. Hancock were appointed auditors in place of Mr. Leaker and Mr. Martin, who did not seek re-election.

All alterations to rules proposed were passed, viz., (a) clearing up the position re affiliation to Central Council and the nomination of representatives; (b) the affiliation fee payable by Church Councils increased to £1 1s.; and (c) that from the next A.G.M. all vice-presidents will be elected for life, instead of annually, and reasons for their nomination will have to be given.

The Skidmore Memorial will take the form of some object to be used in St. Ambrose's Church, the idea of a library being defeated.

## A DAY'S RINGING IN SOMERSET

Three carloads of Cornish pasties and ringers left Stratton at seven on the dismal rainy Bank Holiday morning. The first tower was St. John's, Wellington, Somerset, where we were joined by Tom Myers and the Plymouth ringers. Old acquaintanceships renewed, the ringing began with a good touch of Grandsire Triples. We rang for an hour and then the new six cars set off for Street.

The bells here proved the most difficult of the day as inside the tower they were not easy to hear. Driving on through Wells we reached Chewton Mendip at mid-day; that is except for one carload, which missed the village and conspicuous tower completely, arriving at Farrington Gurney before the mistake was realised. We had some good ringing at Chewton Mendip, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, then commandeered the top room of the pub in true ringers' fashion for lunch.

The pasties gone and beer consumed, the party drove back to Wells. We had hoped to ring at the Cathedral, but the bells were not obtainable, and we rang for an hour at St. Cuthbert's.

Our next tower was Chew Magna, where there was some good ringing on these fine sounding bells. And lastly on to Yatton. Here we had the best ringing of the day, and the general opinion was that the bells here were best.

All who took part will endorse a vote of thanks to Henry Trewin, of Stratton, and Billy Bishop, of Bristol, who, between them, arranged the day. J. S.

A proposal that the Association's handbells should be permanently given to Bristol Cathedral, was defeated after the secretary had outlined the history of the bells. They will remain available for loan to all affiliated towers.

Three young ladies of Westerleigh were congratulated by the Master on having qualified for the Girl Guides' Ringer Badge, and Philip Gray briefly outlined the Harpur course. The next A.G.M. is to be at Lydney on April 28th, 1962.

Due to the large number, tea had to be in three sittings, and this delayed service at St. David's Church, by half an hour. In his address the Rector said that although there was little about bells in the Bible, there was plenty about ropes, and took for the text the ropes used to bind Samson being new ropes. The theme was that although new things should be best, they are not always, and we would do well to look to, and hold on to all that is best in the old.

Very good use was made of all towers in the area, and thanks are due to the Rector, Mr. G. H. Harper, and his willing band of helpers for making the day such a success.

### A MADRIGAL

Come rise and join in ringing all.  
To change-ringing a madrigal;  
For us the art of arts is this,  
In work or play whiche'er it is.

Still in this science as of old,  
Abiding in the Church's fold;  
With minds alert and hearts elate  
We long to serve both Church and State.

Then let us all with one accord  
Ring changes to our heavenly Lord,  
That one and all we may agree  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE WEDDING PEAL AT SUTTON

Dear Sir,—In the letter by Mr. Charles Lawton, of Sutton ('R.W.' page 255), which refers to the peal rung at Sutton ('R.W.' page 232), a number of points stated appear to be a little way from the truth.

As the ringers concerned are quite well known to me, and it did not seem to be that the conduct attributed to them could possibly be true, I contacted the Vicar of Sutton (Rev. R. C. N. Capey). This clearly appears to be another Evesham case!

Apparently, the couple who were married at Sutton (both regular ringers at Sutton Church) expected the bells to be rung for their wedding and perhaps a peal attempt in the afternoon also? Mr. Lawton informed them that as he (Mr. Lawton) would be away, no ringing could be arranged. They arranged their own, asking various members of the Guild to ring at Sutton in the morning and also in the afternoon.

The Vicar was aware that the bells were to be rung both in the morning and afternoon, though he thinks that with the arrangements being made hastily by the bride and bridegroom (at present still on honeymoon) a peal was not specifically mentioned to him. This latter point seems to be the one on which Mr. Lawton bases his letter. Presumably, had the peal been unsuccessful, we may never have heard anything about this incident.

Perhaps some kind words on the part of Mr. Lawton to those equally innocent ringers would furnish us with a rather pleasant ending to what may have been an unfortunate incident.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

P.S.—An exact copy of this letter has been sent to the Rev. R. C. N. Capey, at his request.—R. B. S.

## RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—Reading 'The Ringing World' of April 14th I was perfectly disgusted at the peals and quarters rung during Holy Week. Where are the churchmen of today and where are the incumbents to allow such goings on?

Ever since I can remember, from Palm Sunday morning until Easter Day, the rule was definitely no ringing. In fact, during the whole period of Lent, ringing was very, very much curtailed, very often no practice nights. Of course, this ringing half-muffled on Good Friday is a lot of hooey, it just gives the ringer who can't keep his hands off a rope just for one week during the year an excuse to ring. I deplore this Holy Week ringing and I plead with all incumbents to stop it.—Yours faithfully,

F. HOPGOOD.

Teddington, Middlesex.

## FAULTS CONTAGIOUS

Dear Sir,—

Though the unbiased layman might suppose attacks on poetry should be in prose. A letter published in your last edition discredits this unfounded supposition.

A learned gentleman from Taunton writes to draw attention to a dread disease infecting ringing poets; when it bites they send you verse with doubtful qualities.

We must beware; for though he might abhor the faults, of which he gives a neat description. The plague is shown to be contagious; for the symptoms all appear in his prescription!

Yours faithfully,

I. EASTHAM HATTON.

Nottingham.

## 13,440 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I am sending two compositions of Spiced Surprise Major in six methods, on a plan which gives the extent of the 60 courses. 13,440, with the tenors together, which should interest a number of ringers of long lengths. However, the arrangement of methods is rather mixed and it would take a good band to ring the extent, but a number of shorter lengths can be obtained from the compositions, which should be found very musical.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

### 13,440 (No. 1)

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	A
64235	—	—	A
24536	—	—	A
65432	—	—	B
46532	—	—	B
53462	—	—	A
45362	—	—	B
34562	3	—	C
54632	2	—	D
26435	—	—	B
32465	—	—	A
42635	2	—	D
56234	—	—	B
25634	—	—	B
63254	—	—	A
26354	—	—	B
32654	3	—	C
62534	2	—	D
53426	—	—	A
42356	—	—	A

Twice repeated.

### 13,440 (No. 2)

23456	M	W	H
43526	2	—	D
54326	—	—	E
35426	—	—	B
36524	2	—	F
45623	—	—	B
62453	—	—	E
46253	—	—	B
24653	3	—	C
64523	2	—	D
56423	—	—	B
52364	2	—	G
35264	—	—	B
23564	3	—	C
53624	2	—	D
46325	—	—	B
24365	—	—	E
34625	2	—	D
63425	—	—	A
56324	2	—	F
42356	—	—	A

Twice repeated.

Methods:—

A. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

B. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Belvedere.

C. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Rutland.

D. Rutland, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Rutland.

E. Belvedere, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

F. Rutland, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Belvedere.

G. Rutland, Watford, Belgrave, Watford, Wembley, Ealing, Wembley, Watford, Rutland.

## SURPRISE MAXIMUS RINGERS ARE NOT SNOBS

Dear Sir,—May I reply to Mr. John Pladdys' letter, not on behalf of 'Spiced Surprise Maximus Snobs' or 'Peal mad fools,' but on behalf of the majority of young, up and coming Doubles ringers.

I, myself, have rung only a very few peals, most of which have been Doubles methods, but I, like many young ringers, hope one day to reach greater heights and to do this there has to be someone setting an example. Most of us see their names in the 'R.W.' each week and hope one day to be like them: they are our example.

Mr. Pladdys calls them 'snobs,' which means 'A pretentious person; one who affects a higher position than he can rightfully claim.' Rubbish! Mr. Pladdys can't have met many Surprise Maximus ringers, otherwise he would know they are among the most modest of ringers. No, Mr. Pladdys, it is you who is the snob and the fool. I met Messrs. Peter Border and Jack Millhouse after a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Newark, which reminds me that I must congratulate Mr. Border on his masterly performance on the tenor, the first time it has ever been turned in to a peal. Their hospitality, even to a humble Doubles ringer, was something to be wished for from many non-peal ringers.

As for being fools, which means 'A weak-minded person,' this is absolutely ridiculous, no fool could ring Surprise Maximus, sir, although I have heard it said that one ringer you mention did try to light a cigarette halfway through a peal at Loughborough bell foundry! Rather foolish, don't you think? No, Mr. Pladdys, you are wrong, most of them are dedicated men, to improve the standard of change ringing and Sunday service ringing, and at the same time enjoying the hobby they know and like best. Knock that chip of your shoulder, Mr. Pladdys, and let's have some constructive criticism, instead of that lot of rubbish.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. PRATCHELL.

Southwell, Notts.

P.S.—Is Ernest Morris nothing but a peal grabber? I doubt it.—J. R. P.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—15

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to find two grand veteran friends of mine honoured in the portrait page on April 14th (Messrs. Winch and Marriner). I enjoyed 12 peals with Alfred, between 1903 and 1914, mostly in his own district, but with George only two are recorded, both in 1906, one of which was his first peal of Stedman. Undoubtedly both these loyal and faithful service ringers have set a fine example to the younger generation, which will take some beating.—Yours sincerely,

Wm. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer Mr. E. Jenkins my heartiest congratulations on his 1,000 peals. May he ring many more.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden, Essex.

## A Visit To London

A party of members of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association spent an interesting day in London on April 5th, with a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where they saw a bell cast, which is destined for East Africa. They were also given a practical demonstration of handbell tuning and their assembly. The foundry museum and the new Bow bells also attracted close attention. Messrs Mears and Stainbank are thanked for an interesting tour. Sightseeing and a theatre completed the day.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

ON Saturday, March 11th, the annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held in the hall of Selwyn College. Both peal attempts were successful. At Eaton Socon, a good peal of Stedman Triples, though delayed by the fact that two members of the band were riding on the wrong make of motor bike, was brought round under the able hand of Mr. Cook, in time for beer and sandwiches. It was found on descent that a Bedford ringer and his wife had seen fit to sit by the churchyard to listen to the peal—a touching tribute. A good peal of Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Lincolnshire was rung more soberly at Trumpington.

The afternoon's ringing began at St. Bene't's, where a good course of London was achieved, with oddments of Cambridge and Kent. At St. Andrew's was seen the quaint Cambridge custom of tying one rope firmly to the frame: to the perpetrators the effect was doubtless well worth the effort involved. Thereafter followed some fair Stedman, a course of London and some spliced, and a short service was held in the church at this point, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Evans.

A modest interval for tea was allowed before the rigours of the Roman Catholic church. Ringing here was better than usual and included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire. The ringing chamber at Great St. Mary's was as crowded as usual, but from the apparent chaos there emerged some pleasing Stedman Cinquses, some Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters.

After a very satisfactory dinner, to which some 80 people sat down and which included a Scotch woodcock run down on the wing by Robin Heppensall, somewhere north of Grantham, the non-resident members were welcomed by the vice-president, Mr. W. J. Ridgman. The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. Frank Haynes who was immediately summoned by a Voice of Authority from the top table to 'Speak up.' He wondered whether the purpose of a university was the advancement of learning or the cultivation of beards, whether Dinner Day was not an excuse for nostalgic graduates to return to their old pubs, and whether indeed peal ringing itself was not merely an excuse for getting home late. At a time when nearly all Universities had their ringing Associations, Cambridge could still be said to be well in the lead and the present generation to be well the equal of the past. In honour of the memory of the late Canon A. C. Blyth, president of the Guild, Mr. Haynes felt that he could not do better than repeat the tribute of Tyrwhitt-Drake to the first president: 'It is impossible to calculate the debt which the Guild owes to the president.'

### 59 RINGERS IN RESIDENCE

In reply, the Master, Mr. J. R. Taylor, gave a concise account of the present state of the Guild. The resident membership, he said, was 59: a large number of ringers had been lost in July and thus the peal total of 12 was rather low, but it was hoped that this would improve as the present bands gained experience. The gain of 25 new members, of whom only one was an expert, had laid the emphasis on training at various levels. For learners this had included the usual practices at St. Bene't's, muffled practices at St. Andrew's, cycle outings and Sunday ringing at Trumpington. Surprise Major had been pursued at the practices at St. Andrew's and a recent good quarter of four-spliced was a sign of the progress made there. Progress had been made, too, on ringing on higher numbers at Great St. Mary's and a variety of touches had been achieved: thanks were due to Mr. Brown and Mr. Dennis for their help on Sunday evenings. Art for art's sake had produced a revival of handbell ringing and the decoration of the ringing chamber at St. Andrew's. The Master finally said that it had been felt desirable to establish some memorial to the late president, and that suggestions as to the form which this might take would be welcomed.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by the secretary, Miss Frances Secker. This was delivered from the lower end of the tables in response to another Voice of Authority there sitting. The secretary touched on the

## A CHESHIRE RINGING BRIDE



ON March 25th, Miss Hilary Kirkman and Mr. Peter Horn were married at St. James' Church, Sutton, Cheshire, the Rev. N. Capey officiating. Both bride and bridegroom are keen, active ringers and are members of the Sunday service band.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress in white Swiss lace and carried a bouquet of carnations, lilies of the valley and hyacinth pips. She was attended by Miss Audrey Rowbotham.

The bells were rung prior to the wedding and the bridegroom rang a course of Cambridge and Plain Bob before the bride arrived.

After the reception the couple left for their honeymoon in Majorca.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung in their honour during the afternoon.

[Photograph by S. Strudwick.]

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society travelled to the very edge of the Archdeaconry on March 25th, and visited Gnosall, one of the largest villages in England. The venue was the fine old Church of St. Laurence, with its magnificent Norman arches. This tower has recently experienced a revival of enthusiasm for ringing, due in no small way to the advent of Mr. B. G. Key and family.

The ancient bells, the earliest cast in 1711, were rung to a variety of Minor and Doubles methods and supervised by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. John H. Allen. During the afternoon the six bells of Haughton were also available.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Farmer. This grand old man had returned from retirement to deputise for the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lowe, who was recovering from a recent operation.

After the service the congregation made its way to the nearby church school, where an excellent tea awaited. Approximately 100 people sat down to a spread provided by the local band, churchworkers and parishioners. Mr. Downes, the vicar's warden, extended a welcome to the Society and said how delighted he was to see so many people present. Later in the evening, the six bells at Church Eaton were available and quite a number of ringers called there on their way home.

Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Key, the local ringers and their many friends for the splendid hospitality afforded to the Society. We have happy memories of this meeting and look forward with pleasure to the prospect of visiting Gnosall once more in the not too distant future.

D. J. T.

problem of the feminine influence in ringing and suggested that, in the Guild, perhaps the greatest difficulty might be the finding of a decent equivalent to the 'Master.' Amid anecdotes—and interruptions from divers Voices of Authority—the guests and visitors were warmly welcomed, and particular mention was made of two evergreen members of the Cambridge Youths.

In his reply, Mr. David Martin, vice-president of the London University Society, admitted to his confusion over the distinction between guests and visitors: any Guild member could have explained that this was purely financial. After some very amusing stories of his own Society's tour in Cumberland—in which they were seen on television to be lowering bells confidently to Grandsire Triples—Mr. Martin confessed that he had discarded the dictionary definition of 'guests' as 'an animal or vegetable parasite' and he thanked the hosts for their entertainment.

With this the gathering adjourned to the Tower Room for handbells and sherry (pro rata). Ringing on Sunday included Erin Cinquses in the morning and some spliced at St. Andrew's in the evening, an attempt at sabotage by making off with the key of St. Andrew's being foiled by the finding of a duplicate. Finally, after a most successful weekend, on which those who made the arrangements are to be congratulated, the visitors gradually departed, leaving ringing in Cambridge in the safe hands of the residents for another year. P. B. H.

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# OBITUARY

## MR. JOHN DEARLOVE

A member of the Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, ringers, Mr. J. Dearlove passed away on April 1st, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 70.

A Berkshire man by birth, he learned to ring at East Hagbourne, and there scored his first peal in February, 1911. Shortly afterwards he emigrated to Canada, and became associated with the ringers of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver. War service with the Canadian Engineers brought him back to England, where he married, and after active service in France he returned to Canada at the end of the war.

By 1922 he was back again in England, and had joined the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, where he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples in January. His abilities soon obtained him a place among the regular ringers at St. Peter's, where he eventually totalled 62 peals on the bells, including the first peal of London Surprise Royal in the No. 2 (Brighton) version under the conductorship of Keith Hart.

From 1937 to 1940 he was committee member for the Southern Division of the Sussex Association and held the office of peal secretary from 1945 to 1954. Having moved to Hurstpierpoint in 1934 he was instrumental in combining for practice his own tower and that of Keymer. In 1960 the Hurstpierpoint ringers presented him with a bronze plaque in recognition of his long service, but owing to illness he was unable to be present at the ceremony.

The funeral service took place at his own church, where the bells, together with those of Keymer, were rung to muffled quarter peals.

A large number of his ringing friends were present at the service, and the Association was represented by the Master, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. L. Stihwell, peal secretary, Mr. H. Brown and Mr. S. Brown, of Hurstpierpoint; Mr. H. Statham, St. Nicholas', Brighton; Miss Stevens, of Cuckfield; Mr. K. Knight, Ringing Master of the Southern Division, and Mrs. Stella Knight.

Jack Dearlove's long career in ringing made him a friend of all. He had infinite reserves of patience with beginners and experts alike and was always ready to hold out a helping hand to all. He never showed disappointment or annoyance, and when a peal was lost, even in the last course, he would look round with a smile and say, what might well be his epitaph, 'We had a good ring, anyway.'

## MR. F. W. DALE

A prominent member of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, also a founder and committee member of the Beverley and District Society, Mr. Francis W. Dale, of Hessle, died on April 11th, after an illness lasting a few months, aged 81.

His ringing career started over 60 years ago at Holy Trinity, Hull, where his grandfather and family were ringers. Much of his early ringing was with the late Charles Jackson and George Williams, two noted Hull ringers. On coming to Hessle, he joined the All Saints' Church band.

The late Mr. Dale was held in great affection, as he was a regular attender at ringing meetings and for many years served on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, playing a prominent part in starting the Bell Repair Fund. A widower, he leaves three daughters and a granddaughter. Mrs. J. M. Harrop, who with her husband rings at Howden Minster. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Hessle on the eve of the funeral. May he rest in peace.

H. S. M.

## MR. F. J. SHEPHERD

The death occurred on April 18th, at Brighton Hospital, of Ferris John Shepherd in his 79th year. In his younger days he was prominent in London circles and later in Surrey. He was fond of calling Holt's Original and called it at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on his 21st birthday in 1903. His last peal was at Sunbury, in 1926, when he called a peal of Stedman Triples. Ill-health put an end to active ringing.

W. S.

## MR. E. E. BARBER

A member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association since 1901, Mr. Ernest Edgar Barber, of 240, Worcester Road, Malvern Link, has died, aged 87.

Mr. Barber had rung in a great number of towers throughout the country and took part in 55 peals for the Association.

A member of the original band of St. Matthias', Malvern Link, Church Bell Ringers, which was formed in 1900, he was a competent change ringer and until his death maintained an intense interest in all matters connected with bells and ringers.

He was remembered as leader of the local ringers for many years and though ill-health prevented him taking an active part in the Sunday ringing, he still remained a member of the band.

At the funeral service at St. Matthias' Church the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Barber.

One of the ringers was Mr. Harry Chance, a friend of Mr. Barber, who, although he is over 80, travelled from South Wales.

## A NORTH BUCKS TOUR

DESPITE the inclement weather, five carloads of ringers set out on Easter Monday morning from St. Albans area to visit ten towers in North Bucks.

Although all five set out independently, they arrived simultaneously at the first tower, Whaddon, a very good six. Then on to Calverton, where a chase through pouring rain produced the key from the Rectory. This tuneless Bowell six are rarely rung, but go well. Beachampton, which has a charming Gillett five, hung in a minute tower (internally six feet square, and the frame sits on the tower walls), was visited before adjourning to the village inn to enable most of the party to wash down sandwiches with the local brew.

The afternoon programme was closely timed. First came Lillingstone Lovell, with a plaintive mino: five, then Maids Moreton, where we found a post-war Taylor six worthy of the splendid 15th century church. By now, the rain had stopped and we moved on to Padbury, to try out the heavy-going Briant six. By the time the party reached Great Horwood, the young non-ringers were clamouring for food! Here we not only enjoyed the fine heavy six, but admired the Oxford Guild banner, made by craftsmen-ringers from the village. A picnic tea in the middle of the green was accompanied by handbell ringing.

The next bells, Little Horwood, proved a handful; an unguided, long draught five, with a cracked stay on the third. At Mursley, we rang, among other things, a touch of Spliced Minor on the lovely six, before moving on to Drayton Parslow, where, despite rumours to the contrary, the bells were in very good condition. (Apart from the clapper of the second, which appeared to be suffering from rheumatism!) However, a little gentle exercise cured it within five minutes. What a pity that the charming little six are so rarely rung.

That was the official end of the day, but, ringers being what they are, when passing Stewkley on the way home, and hearing the bells going, the temptation to snatch proved too great, and so we joined the Totternhoe ringers for a few minutes. I hope they will forgive our mass intrusion!

Finally, mention should be made of those who so kindly gave up their time to meet us. We are deeply grateful to them all.

J. D.

The band at Stockbury express sympathy with Mr. G. A. Naylor and Mr. E. Barton, who, owing to the death of their mother and mother-in-law, were unable to stand in a recent peal. Their places were taken by Mr. C. S. Jarrett and Miss R. Highley. The band also express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Friday for their entertainment after the peal.

## AN EASTER TOWER GRAB IN KENT

The Kent tower-grabbers were strengthened for their Easter outing on April 5th, by visitors from as far afield as Essex and Cheltenham. The company gradually assembled at Stockbury, where various Doubles methods were rung, before moving on to Hartlip (6), set among fields of cherry blossom. At Rainham we were met by several local ringers, who had very kindly got the bells up for us. Ringing on the very pleasant eight included Double Norwich, Plain Bob Triples and Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. At Cuxton, the good lady at the local pub tolerated our sandwiches and our handbells. ('Are those like they have on the television?').

Ringling on either bank of the Medway at Wouldham (6) and Halling (6), entailed using the ferry, operated by a long-bearded individual, who, when confronted by 19 determined ringers, consented to make an extra trip to bring us back. A course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells was rung for his benefit and we believe this to be the first course ever rung in mid-Medway. So as not to delay him unduly, ringing at Wouldham had to be confined to bells up, a couple of courses of Plain Bob Minor, and bells down.

At Snodland (6) we had to contend with a level-crossing, where the two trains of the day chose to pass as we were arriving and departing. Birling bells had not been rung for 14 years, and the Vicar there was so impressed by our wanting to try that he and his wife gave us an excellent tea beforehand, in order to build up our strength. This was followed by Evensong, when John Baldwin played the organ and Peter Newing and Nicholas Davies read the lessons. All the children in the village turned out to watch the ringing and Dr. Hatcher, secretary of the Kent County Association, was also present.

The pleasant six at Boxley made a fitting end to an enjoyable day. Special methods were Hull Surprise Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Spliced Beverley and Surfleet, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor, Double Stedman, Double Oxford and Double Bob Minor were also rung. Thanks are due to all incumbents and to Nicholas Davies, who organised everything so competently.

B. W. A.

## MR. D. H. B. MILLWARD'S 200 PEALS

Tower captain at Buckley, Flintshire, for many years, Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward, has now rung 200 peals. The list includes 12 'firsts for the Guild,' 26 'first peals in the method,' and they were rung in 54 different towers:

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, three methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 3, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge 2, two methods 1, three methods 2, four methods 2, six methods 3, seven methods 10, nine methods 2, ten methods 1, 12 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 9, Erin 1, London Bob 1, Hereward Bob 2, Double Grandsire 1, Reverse Grandsire 1, College 1, Oxford Bob 6, Carshalton Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 20, Little Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 17, one each of the following: Spliced Plain/Little, Spliced Plain/Little/St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Little Oxford, St. Clement's, Marlborough, Winchester, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Loughborough, Cheltenham, Colville, Painswick College, Chesterfield, Buckley Imperial, Daresbury Imperial, Grosvenor Imperial, Liscard Imperial, Westminster Imperial, St. Valentine Imperial, Malpas Imperial, Bebington Imperial, Cholmondeley, Double Bob, Poulton Imperial, Christleton, Farndon Imperial, Handbridge Imperial, Shrewsbury Bob, Hodnet Imperial, Queen Imperial, Ellesmere Little Court, Double Oxford, Hampton Imperial, Chester Imperial, Little Albion Treble Bob, Cheswardine Imperial, Ercale Imperial, Kinnerton Imperial, Hedingham Bob, Overleigh Imperial, Littleton Imperial, St. Francis' Imperial, Liltstock Imperial, Hereward Bob, Pershore Bob.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 2, Lincolnshire 1, Southwell 1, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1.

Caters.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 7, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 6, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.



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### BIRTH

HILL.—On Tuesday, April 18th, 1961, to Marjorie and John, of 23, Tavistock Road, Ickenham, a son (Ian Philip). 8090

### ENGAGEMENT

MILLS—MUNSON.—The engagement is announced between Jennifer Munson, of Wormingford, and Donald L. Mills, of Lyford, Bures, Suffolk. 8092

### MARRIAGE

SMITH—KNIGHT.—On March 25th, 1961, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Claverdon, Warwicks, David John Smith to Jean Margaret Knight. 8095

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. A. Morley, secretary, Derby and Ilkeston District (Derbyshire Association), is now 'The Knoll,' Laund Close, Belper, Derbyshire. 8128

DAVID SMITH (honorary secretary, Witney and Woodstock Branch, Oxford Guild) and Jean now live at Lye Cottage, High Cogges, Witney, Oxon. 8096

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BED and Breakfast, residential district, Plymouth, 12s. 6d. Shopping centre of West. Variety ringing available. Holiday Caravans, Paignton, Vacancies to June 3rd, 17th-24th, July 8th-22nd, August 12th onwards.—Thomas, 15, East Park Avenue, Plymouth. 8114

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### PERSONAL

E. T. PAUL FIELD tenders sincere thanks to all those kind friends who honoured the memory of his beloved wife by attending the dedication of the Memorial Treble Bell at Long Sutton on April 15th, and especially to those who took part in the first quarter on the six. 8094

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### CANCELLATION

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guisborough Branch.—Meetings at Guisborough cancelled. 8110

### PUBLICATION

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby: an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing: 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

### MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—The peal secretary of the Association is now Mr. P. C. Wright, 15, Stoberry Avenue, Wells Somerset. Conductors are asked to send all reports of peals to him and are reminded that the peal fee is now 1s. per rope, being 6d. for the Association peal booking

fee and 6d. for 'The Ringing World.' No peals will be published for the Association unless the fees are paid in full.—G. Salmon, Sec. 8100

ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON.—Due to demolition of the church spire all ringing has now ceased until further notice.—C. Neal. 8125

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### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Forthcoming practices: May 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30; May 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; May 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; May 23rd, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury (6), April 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8051

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, April 29th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 8111

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, April 29th, at Sawley, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.—A. Morley and A. Henson, Hon. Secs. 8084

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, April 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Look up Double Oxford Bob Major and St. Clement's Triples. Names for tea to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. Godalming 2176. 8081

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, April 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 8069

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—April 29th, Elstree (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Hyde, 37, Elstree Hill North, Elstree.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8062

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual District meeting, April 29th, at Milton Ernest. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8019

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Reading, April 29th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3-4 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Church House. Evening ringing from 6 p.m., at St. Mary's. Gentlemen cordially invited.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS REMINDER!

Annual General Meeting,

at Liverpool.

April 29th, 1961

All towers have been circulated.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea arranged, bring sandwiches, cups of tea provided. 8055

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Dedication of peal board 4.15. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting, Leiston (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 8067

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m. 8089

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol. Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome. 8086

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting May 6th, Cross Stone, Todmorden. Names for tea to Mr. P. Schofield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden, not later than May 5th. No names no tea. All welcome.—D. Smith. 8035

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m., at the 'Green Dragon.' Names for tea must be sent to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, near Sheffield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 8120

DEVON GUILD.—N.D. Branch.—Combined meeting with N.W. Branch at Combe Martin (8), May 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 3rd imperative, to D. Jewell, Victoria Street, Combe Martin. 8101

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A joint practice meeting with the Mid-Devon Branch, will be held at Exminster, on May 6th, 6-8 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8102

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea must be received by Wednesday, May 3rd, by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley. 8082

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Frensham (6), May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. J. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Surrey. 8017

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District.—Meeting, Presteigne, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names early please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 8104

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Saturday, May 6th, practice meeting at Madeley (8), 6 till 8.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Treble Bob.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 8112

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, May 6th, at Weston and Graveley. Both towers open from 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, May 2nd, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Scorton, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8117

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Church House, at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 1st, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8113

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harlington, on May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Cranford. Names for tea to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington. 8113

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Horton, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 3rd, to Mr. W. Heath, Horton Lodge Bungalow, Heath House Lane, Rudyard, Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8056

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Bells: St. Peter Mancroft 1.30-4.5 and 7-9 p.m.; St. George Colegate 1.30-4 and 7-9. St. Giles' 7-9. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15



prompt. Tea 5, in the Chantry Hall, Chantry Road. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, not later than Friday, May 5th.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 8017

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Benefield (6), May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for those who book by Tuesday previous only, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle.

**ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH** (6 bells).—Annual ringers' festival, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 8083

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston. Notts, by previous Wednesday. please.—B. N. Reed, 8074

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hollesley (8), on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh, not later than Thursday, May 4th.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8116

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—West C. District.—Evening meeting at Cotton, on May 6th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8064

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6) (not Ardingly as advertised), on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify by Wednesday, May 3rd, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 8093

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing: St. James', Clerkenwell, 10.30-12 noon; St. George's, Borough, 3.15-4.15 p.m. Early afternoon ringing will be arranged. Service, St. Olave's, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 8080

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Hinton Admiral (5) 2.30 p.m. Christchurch Priory (12) 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Priory Restaurant, Christchurch. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 8085

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting, Scarborough (8), May 6th. Bells 2.15-8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Thursday, May 4th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8121

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, at Gressenhall. Bells (8) available 6 till 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 8122

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY** and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Lindsey Branch).—Joint meeting, Hedon (8), May 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, in Alison Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than May 11th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59 Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 8106

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual Festival St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Saturday, May 13th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. T. Clarke. Tea 5 p.m., in the Stanley Hall Annexe, Castle Street, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. each if purchased before May 8th, 4s. 6d. afterwards, obtainable from Mr. H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, and Branch secretaries. Towers available: St. Michael's (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting, Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8) and Sutton (6) 2-3 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7965

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Maltby Lane, Orsett. 8053

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS**.—Annual meeting, May 13th, Great Dunmow, ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Stebbing, ringing 5.30 to 6.45. Dinner, Saracen's Head, Dunmow, 7.15 p.m. Names by May 6th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 8061

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—Meeting, Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 8109

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Old Alresford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. New Alresford (8) bells 6.30-8 p.m. 8103

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—May 13th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford, 2.30-4 p.m. Isleworth 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.30. Further ringing, Isleworth, 7.30-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 8124

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The festival will be held at Calne, on Saturday, May 13th. A.G.M. in Town Hall, 2.15 p.m., welcome by the Mayor, Councillor L. M. Angell. Festival service, Parish Church, 4 p.m., conducted by Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon. Meat tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m., by ticket only, 5s., to be obtained before Wednesday, May 10th, from F. S. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge. Bells available: Calne (8), Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Lyneham, Heddington (6), Compton Bassett, Yatesbury (5) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 6 to 9; Wootton Bassett (8), Hilmarton (6) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Others bells by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 2297 8087

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#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 13th, at Thrapston. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Oakham. Tickets for tea at 3s. each, c.w.o. from address below, before May 6th. Ringing from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Addington, Woodford and Ringstead; 12 to 2.30 at Twywell and Wadenhoe; 12 to 3 at Aldwinckle, Brigstock, Sudborough, Lowick, Raunds and Tichmarsh; 12 to 3.30 at Islip; 2.30 to 4 at Thrapston. All towers open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8065

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Nottingham District) & **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 13th, Sutton Bonington (5) bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by May 8th. 8115

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton. Ringing: Good Shepherd 3-4 p.m., St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-4 and 7.30-8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m., 3s. per head. Names for tea by May 10th, to R. Percy, 147, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8088

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Annual general meeting at York, on May 13th. Bells available: Minster (12) 1.15-2.25, 3.30-4 and 6.30-8.30 p.m.; Acomb (6) and Institute of Architectural Study (6) 3-4.15 p.m., and again after meeting. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at York Railway Institute. Names by May 11th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions are now due, end reports will be available. Members and friends cordially invited to Diocesan family service, in the Minster, at 2.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8119

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**WINDSOR, BERKS**.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grand-  
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2, A. Bird (first on eight) 3, J. Drewett 4, K. Buck-  
ingham 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, F. Blagrove 7, J.  
Brooks 8, For Evensong.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD****West Dorset Branch**

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at Powerstock on April 15th, had two points of special interest in that it was the first meeting to be held there since the arrival of the new Vicar. It was also the first quarterly meeting since the hanging and dedication of the new treble, which took place in the autumn of last year. Nine towers of the Branch were represented, with a visit in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, from Crewkerne.

The Rev. G. S. Wilby, Vicar of Powerstock, conducted the Guild service and gave the address. The Powerstock ringers and their wives gave the tea to which 24 sat down.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, which was 'brought round' in ten minutes! The next meeting was fixed for Askerswell on July 15th. This tower should also prove interesting, since it was about 1929 when ringing stopped in this tower, which was then a ring of five. The new treble and the whole was rededicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on December 3rd last.

Mention was made of Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart, whose death had recently been announced. He was Master of the Guild from 1910 to 1913, and for years a frequent visitor to West Dorset meetings.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

Members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch had a very successful meeting at Bicker on April 15th. The light, easy-going bells were made full use of both before and after service. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wright, extended a warm welcome to all and preached a most inspiring address. Tea was served in the Village Hall by ringers' wives and members of the P.C.C., the 40 members thoroughly enjoying a good country spread.

In the absence of the Branch president, Mr. R. C. Noon was in the chair for a short business meeting. Twelve new members were elected. It was agreed to hold an evening meeting at Tydd St. Mary on June 3rd and the next quarterly meeting at Crowland on June 17th.

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## HOW TENTERDEN RAISED MONEY FOR BELLS

**T**ENTERDEN Church stands off the main street, its tower standing high above the town, which can be seen for miles across the Weald of Kent. Tenterden has a fine ring of bells, comparable to the beauty of the stately tower and scenic High Street, with its greens and fine trees either side.

It was of great disappointment to the ringers when they were advised not to ring the treble and the sixth of this wonderful ring of eight bells, reputed to be one of the finest in South East England. The bells are not only well known to ringers but to many non-ringing visitors for the clock chime, which plays seven tunes, one for every day of the week.

Eighteen months lapsed before any real movement was made to remedy the defects. As so often happens, a series of events happened: first, the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Marcon) died; and before Canon Willis was inducted an appeal for £2,000 was launched to assist in the building of a new vicarage.

In May, 1960, Canon Willis was pressed to do something about the bells, and the two foundries were called in to estimate for the necessary work. It was eventually decided to approach the Mayor to see if he would be willing to launch an appeal. He replied he would be very pleased to do so.

Before the appeal was launched, money started coming in which amounted to something like £300. The target was for over £2,000, and the population of the parishes of St Mildred and Smallhythe amounted to approximately 4,000. Mrs. Pass, a very active and capable lady, was determined that the money should be raised, and subsequently arranged and produced a two-day concert, held in the Town Hall. Mrs. Pass even made up a song about the bells and Tenterden for that concert and the forthcoming 'Bells Appeal Week.'

The 'Bells Appeal Week' was opened officially by the Mayor on March 12th. A house-to-house collection was made and a two-day exhibition was held in the Town Hall. It was a wonderful exhibition of paintings, antiques, handicrafts and ancient documents of the Borough of Tenterden

and the church. Many people helped to organise this appeal week, but the main stay behind it all was once more Mrs. Pass.

The exhibition was opened by Dinah Sheridan (star of 'Genevieve'), who arrived in a veteran car. During the course of the exhibition Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, gave an illustrated talk on bells and bell-hanging, and Peter Richardson spoke about cricket. Unfortunately H. E. Bates (author) was at the last minute prevented from being present, and a short film was shown that I.T.V.'s Southern Television had earlier taken of Tenterden and its bells and ringers. Miss Anne Roper spoke on local history. Both evenings a concert was held, arranged again by Mrs. Pass, of piano music, choral and solo singing, and the handbells. It was a grand effort by all concerned and the ringers are most grateful and pleased with the result, and express their gratitude to all concerned and in particular to Ald. Leslie Chalk, the Mayor, and Mrs. Pass.

The result of the appeal, including the 7-year covenants, amounted to something like £1,900, which covers the majority of the money required. The work of dismantling has now started and the eight bells stand in the churchyard awaiting their journey to London. It is hoped to have the bells installed and ringing again in time for the Kent County Association dinner, to be held at the Town Hall in September.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Pass for their wonderful work, and wish them every happiness in Petersfield, Hampshire, where Mr. Pass is taking up a post as bank manager. They will both be missed in Tenterden by almost every organisation, including the Borough Council, on which Mr. Pass served a very short but useful term of office.

K. E. Y.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

JOHN McDONALD .. .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 9
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM .. .. 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
Rung as a compliment to Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., in celebration of his 80th birthday.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.  
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. .. 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. 10
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 5	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 11
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 6	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* 650th peal.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	*DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 8
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 9
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 11
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
\* 200th peal.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Treble	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 2	FREDERICK P. MEAD .. .. 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	C. MONTAGUE MEYER .. .. 9
*JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. .. 10
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 11
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 6	LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.  
\* First peal on 12 bells. First of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringer of the second.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
ANN BARR .. .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 300th peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., April 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Chapman, of Daventry.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Treble	*FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 6
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 2	ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. 7
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 8
*KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. 9
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.  
\* First peal of Royal.

A birthday peal for C. Edward Jeffries.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NOTTINGHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

DAVID VINCENT .. .. Treble	DENIS FRITH .. .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 8
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 4	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
First peal in the method. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 53 lb.

*M. LOUISE TAYLOR .. Treble	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 5
RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 2	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 6
†HILARY N. KIPPIN .. .. 3	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

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

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.  
200th peal in this tower.

Rung in memoriam George A. Pickering.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. Taylor's Six-Part.	
*NANCIE BRAGG .. .. Treble	WILLIAM H. VIOGERS .. .. 5
STELLA TATE-MITCHELL .. 2	TOM PAGE .. .. 6
ROSEMARIE CHAPMAN .. 3	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 7
WALTER W. WRIGHT .. 4	EDWARD J. BRAGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON.

\* First peal.

Rung on the day of the enthronement of the Bishop of Guildford.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	GLADYS RICHARDSON .. .. 5
*TESSA P. KEMP .. .. 2	*PETER DALE .. .. 6
*ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	HENRY KIRK .. .. 7
*J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in the method.



FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*TESSA P. KEMP .. .. Treble	IVOR JENKINS .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 6
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. P. A. Ettrick, who is leaving Flixton for Gaydon, Warwickshire.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ in A flat.

*HELEN SHARP .. .. Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH .. .. 5
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. .. 7
*ADRIAN G. SEMPKEN .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MAURICE E. DOWNS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, and his wife, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 7
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 4	PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

A compliment to Mary Parker and Neville Moorey, whose wedding took place the previous Saturday.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*JUDY MOIR .. .. Treble	STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	PHILIP G. MORGAN .. .. 6
*JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
*JOHN H. OWENS .. .. 4	†JOHN WAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor on tower bells.

Rung to mark the birth of a grandson to Mr. Lawrence Walmsley.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*KEITH SANSON .. .. Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 5
MRS. R. T. JONES .. .. 2	†DEREK J. WHITE .. .. 6
BETTY J. DAYSH .. .. 3	*DAVID A. EMMERSON .. 7
*MARY E. WHITE .. .. 4	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by J. M. MORRIS. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONGNEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 7
VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Niblett on their 39th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. B. W. Willgress and Miss F. P. Greaves on their engagement. Tenor 11 cwt.

PICKERING, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED HODGSON .. .. Treble	†WILLIAM HUDSON .. .. 5
ROHILLA M. COOKE .. .. 2	THOMAS COOKE .. .. 6
*ROBERT J. WYATT .. .. 3	BERT SUTTON .. .. 7
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 4	†ROBERT L. SCARTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

\* First peal. † First of Triples.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

*GEORGE CLIFF .. .. Treble	*PETER MARRIOTT .. .. 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 2	*JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6
*DEREK ASTRIDGE .. .. 3	*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 7
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

\* First peal of Bristol. First as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. Mr. Tomlinson; also an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 17½ cwt.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. PARKER .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*PATRICA A. BURT .. .. Treble	†DAVID J. BARNEIT .. .. 5
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .. 2	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 6
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. 3	ALAN F. LEE .. .. 7
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 4	†DAVID F. JEFFERIES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as birthday compliments to Miss B. Jewell, Mr. F. Keeling and the conductor (April 14th), and to Mrs. Parfrey (mother of the second ringer) and Mr. P. Hurcombe (April 15th).

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

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## WAREHAM, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. 5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2	*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 6
CHRISTOPHER J. REDWOOD .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
*DR. CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN .. 4	†LEWIS F. COBB .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 15th peal.

Rung in memoriam A. F. Martin Stewart, past Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE ANTIEN FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

## AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.	
W. BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge 5657 .. .. Treble	
BRO. NORMAN TOMPKINS, Egerton Lodge 2216 .. .. 2	
BRO. CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE, Beacon Lodge 4066 .. .. 3	
W. BRO. JAMES W. HORNER, Norley Lodge 7319 .. .. 4	
BRO. JOSEPH THORNLEY, Farnworth Lodge 5301 .. .. 5	
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity Lodge 146 .. .. 6	
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., St. John's Lodge 221 .. .. 7	
BRO. RONALD KENRICK, Perfect Ashlar Lodge 5246 .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the year of office of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith as Master of Robert Burns Lodge 999, and Norman Heaps as Master of the Lodge of Unity 613.

## FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.	
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
KEITH ABBOTT .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Rev. Canon Peter Green, one time Rector of Salford and a beloved priest of the Manchester Diocese, now in retirement in Hereford.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
BASIL JONES .. .. 2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves, of Maidstone.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
GEORGE DAWSON .. .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method by all.

Rung as a welcome to Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bennett.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., April 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.	
*DOROTHY STAFFORD .. Treble	DAVID VINCENT .. .. 5
CHRISTINE MACRAIR .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
†BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTESHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

## KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
*PATRICIA A. RULE .. .. Treble	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 5
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. .. 6
PETER ROWE .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 4	GRAHAM D. CARTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal.

Rung to mark the birth of a son (Ian Michael) to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Southwood, and a son (Steven) to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carveth. Aso an engagement compliment to Miss P. A. Rule and Mr. P. Rowe.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 5
MAISIE VANTOM .. .. 2	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 6
VIOLET I. E. RELF .. .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 7
MRS. R. WRATTEN .. .. 4	ROBERT SWIFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Highwood S. Humphery, captain of the ringers at New Romney and a member of this Association for over 60 years, on his 80th birthday; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Wratten.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.	
*WILLIAM HALL .. .. Treble	†TERENCE FITZGERALD .. 4
FRANK ANDERTON .. .. 2	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 5
MICHAEL ROGERS .. .. 3	PETER S. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

\* First peal in England. † First peal, first attempt.

Rung on the day after St. Patrick's Day as a compliment to Mr. Hall.

## FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Spliced 240 Capel and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (3) Spliced 240 Sandal and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (4) Spliced 240 London Scholars' Pleasure and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (5) Spliced 240 Kingston and 480 Oxford T. Bob; (6) Spliced 480 Oxford, 96 Kingston, 48 London Scholars' Pleasure, 48 Sandal and 48 Capel T. Bob; (7) Kent T. Bob; 30 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

TESSA P. KEMP .. .. Treble	J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. 5
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

## SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 12 qr. 1 lb. in F.

*RICHARD BENTLEY .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4
†W. NORMAN GENNA .. .. 2	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
JACK BRAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD .. 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, when the same methods were rung and he rang the same bell.



## TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) 240 Wragby, 120 St. Albans, 120 Neasden, 120 Charlwood and 120 Baintree Delight; (2) 240 Norbury, 120 College Exercise, 120 Duke of Norfolk, 120 Ockley and 120 Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) 600 Oxford, 48 Kingston, 24 London Scholars' Pleasure, 24 Sandal and 24 Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) 600 Plain Bob and 120 Double Plain Bob; (7) Plain Bob; 27 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. Treble	*J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4
*GLADYS RICHARDSON .. .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 5
*ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal in 19 methods.

## EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	*JOHN HOPE .. .. 4
*COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 2	†A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
*ROBERT HATCHER .. .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal in four Minor methods. † First in four Minor methods 'inside.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gillian Graney.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Treble	*GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 4
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 2	†HUGH N. EVANS .. .. 5
NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 3	ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Peter T. Hurcombe.

## COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of a 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Bourne Surprise, (4) Netherseale Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford and (7) Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*M. PETER HOWARD .. Treble	*JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 4
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods First as conductor in seven Treble Bob methods.

## LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of St. Clement's Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*DEREK A. CORK .. .. Treble	MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 4
*CHRISTOPHER H. MACVE .. 2	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 5
†MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW M. MACVE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORTON-LE-MOORS TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two three-extent blocks and one extent (C.C.C. 108, 110 and 104).

K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 4
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 29).

Rung as a compliment to Miss Ann Fellows, and for the Association. Rung on the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents Stedman, 16 Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*ELEANOR ROSE .. .. 4
*LAVINA MUMFORD .. .. 2	*ALLAN WILSON .. .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 3	*ROGER MUMFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL.

\* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. H. Snow, the new Vicar.

## NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and five of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WENDY BOWAK .. .. Treble	DENNIS ELLESDON .. .. 4
*ANN HANCOCK .. .. 2	JOHN MCPHAIL .. .. 5
DEREK RILEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

\* First peal.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Snowdrop, (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk, (3) London Scholars' and Sandal, (4) Kingston and Chapel, (5) Woodbine, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. Treble	M. AMY COBURN .. .. 4
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN .. .. 2	JOYCE DODDS .. .. 5
*CECILIA J. BLAND .. .. 3	HELEN Y. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

\* First peal. First tower bell peal as conductor.

Rung by members of the St. Albans District in honour of the granting of the Freedom of the City of St. Albans to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on April 13th.

## SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Snowdrop, (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk, (3) London Scholars' and Sandal, (4) Kingston and Chapel, (5) Woodbine, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON .. Treble	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. 4
HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 2	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
*PETER CARBUTT .. .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal in ten methods. † First in ten methods 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Stanley Ramsden, of the local band.

## THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Munden, Chester, Alnwick, Newcastle, Northumberland, Sandiacre and Carlisle. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. 2	H. FRANK PIKE .. .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one 2,160 and four extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. Treble	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4
†ANN GEORGE .. 2	§MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5
†JOHN E. WARNER .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal. § First of Kent T.B.

## NUTFIELD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings).  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*SHARON NORTHEAST .. Treble	*WILFRED DUNN .. 4
*KEITH GAME .. 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 5
*DAVID WROE .. 3	†GEORGE OLLIVER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

## WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER BAILEY .. Treble	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT .. 5
EVELYN R. CANSDALE .. 3	DAVID E. CULHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. J. Tempest Lewis), instituted the previous day.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

## DERBY.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

On Sat., March 18, 1961, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

\*ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

\*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Walklate.

## Also

On Sun., March 19, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

## Also

On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 3 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 8 in C.

\*†ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1—2 | †DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3—4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. H. BRIDGES.

\* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. Fastest peal rung for the Association.

## HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT 17, ST. BEVANS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

JOHN F. BRYANT .. 1—2 | ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 5—6

J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 3—4 | GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

First peal 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First 'in hand' as conductor.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEALS

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 16th, 2,520 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Plain): M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. Jarvis 2, J. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, A. R. Knight 5, L. Pryke 6. First half peal by all and on the bells.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**—On April 22nd, 2,640 Doubles (2,400 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob): T. Trickett 1, R. A. Trickett 2, J. E. Brough 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, E. Y. Hughes 5, C. A. Thomas 6. Peal attempt called round, due to a clapper fault.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On April 17th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. G. Trevett 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A welcome to the Bishop, while visiting Abbotsbury, on his walk through the deanery.

**BEDFORD.**—At St. Paul's Church, on April 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Thompson 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Rivett 5, R. W. Rivett 4, R. French 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Foskett 8, J. R. Taylor 9, S. Ivin 10. An 83rd birthday compliment to Don Thompson.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung for Matins on St. George's Day, and to celebrate the christening of Stephen Francis, son of Joyce and George Bruty, choristers at this church. First quarter in three methods by all.

**BERROW, SOMERSET.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss P. Popham 1, F. B. Comer 2, J. Burroughs 3, S. Smith 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Crober 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, H. Gorton 2, J. W. Kay 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart. He is a service ringer at this church.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gilbert 1, W. B. Dawson 2, F. P. Harwood 3, J. P. Morris 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. Stephenson 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. May Leggett, wife of F. Leggett, a ringer at this church.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Tomlinson (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Stopps (cond.) 2, C. Stopps 3, K. Goddard 4, F. Tomlinson 5, D. Tomlinson 6. To mark the recovery and homecoming of Major J. L. Wills, churchwarden, following a serious accident.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine E. Hall (first on treble) 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, Brenda Hall 3, J. J. Westmacotte 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timus 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Christine E. Houlton 8.

**BURWOOD, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Kerr (first quarter) 1, P. Davis (first quarter) 2, L. R. Langshaw (first 'inside') 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. Powell (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by a local team and all except 5. Rung for the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, C. Evans 4, T. Ashby 5, J. Rootes 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding this day of Mr. A. Deamer.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Onians (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, B. Edwards 3, Mrs. J. Kelly (first of Minor) 4, P. Atkins 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. M. Damerell (first quarter) 1, P. Atkins 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, B. Edwards 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Onians 6. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 1, P. Atkins 2, B. Edwards 3, J. P. G. Webb (first of Plain Bob Minor) 4, Mrs. J. Kelly 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Purnell 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Mary Powell 3, Monica Horseman 4, Hilda Kingcott 5, Mary Hall 6, Elisabeth Bowden (first as cond.) 7, Ivy Norton 8. Rung by members of the Ladies' Guild as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. A. Cook 1, S. G. Riches 2, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 3, G. W. Smart 4, J. Ferris 5, G. A. T. Astbury (first quarter) 6. For the christening this day of George Michael Stanley Astbury, son of the tenor ringer.

**COLWALL, HEREFORDS.**—On April 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. W. Davis 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, G. Cousins 3, J. J. Webb 4, J. Eisel 5, F. Reed 6, A. T. Wingate 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

**CORSECOMBE, DORSET.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pariss 1, G. Searle 2, E. C. Atyeo 3, H. Bonfield 4, A. S. Atyeo (cond.) 5, G. Farley 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4, 6.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 and 8 covering alternately): Elizabeth Thomas (first quarter) 1, G. Jones 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, Alana Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, H. Blick 6, A. Thomas 7, I. D. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Lewis, mother of the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, Vicar of Cowbridge, also in memoriam Mrs. Jones, mother of the ringer of second.

**EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Caple 1, Mary Powell 2, J. Brain 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Fray 5, F. Andrews 6. A compliment to Mr. M. Jarvis, churchwarden and ringer at East Harptree for 40 years.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At St. Martin's Church, on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Ford 1, Miss B. M. Spencer 2, A. S. Besant 3, D. A. Carpenter 4, Miss J. Besant 5, R. C. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, L. D. Kingswood 8. Rung by ringing colleagues as a compliment to Miss Margaret Slack (Epsom) and Mr. Derek G. Spittle (Ewell), who were married at St. Mary's Church, Reading, the previous day.

**GORRAN, CORNWALL.**—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. J. King 1, D. Burnett 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, G. D. Carter 6. First in 3 methods for 3 and 4. Rung as a welcome to Ian Michael, infant son of Bob and Jill Southwood, and Stephen, infant son of Alan and Mary Carveth.

**GREENWICH, LONDON.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Hotl's Original): T. Culver 1, T. Easterby 2, J. Machell 3, Miss Inman 4, Miss Cannon (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. For Dedication service.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, C. W. Otley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For Evensong and as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Otley.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On March 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Freda P. Greaves 1, R. Shipp 2, E. H. Mastin 3, R. Newson 4, C. H. Whitton 5, L. W. Houghton 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Crome 1, L. W. Houghton 2, Freda P. Greaves 3, W. J. Curston 4, E. H. Mastin 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tom Greenacre.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.**—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, T. J. Gundy 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ivor G. Jones, loyal member of this tower, who was interred this day at Madley.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On April 11th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, D. Marsden 2, R. Crowe 3, J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. Owens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Haydock, sidesman and ringer of this church, died suddenly, aged 33.

**MARK, SOMERSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Burrough 1, Miss P. Popham 2, J. Creber 3, G. J. Burrough 4, S. Body 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, R. W. Ham 7, H. Petheram 8. First of Oxford Bob Triples by all the band. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee, and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Body.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Powell 1, Jennifer Brake 2, Mary Powell 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**OXFORD.**—On April 5th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps and Grandsire): P. J. Heritage 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, E. R. Venn 5, S. D. Edwards 6. Also on the same day and at the same church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Heritage 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. S. Walker 4, S. D. Edwards 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

**PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On April 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. C. Hughes 1, R. L. Clark (first of Kent) 2, R. W. Ferris 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer (cond.) 6. A welcome to W. B. Pitcher, of Adelaide.

**PENN, STAFFS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stith 1, B. T. Ford 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, Miss A. Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, H. Howell 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, G. Hill 8. A farewell to the Rev. D. Sutcliffe, curate, who is to be Vicar of Ashton-under-Lyne.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Audrey Frost (first quarter) 1, V. James 2, B. Goodliffe 3, C. Brown (first 'inside') 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, A. R. Saye 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On April 20th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Priscilla Drake (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Sims 2, F. R. Hocking 3, A. Weatherley 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, O. Thomas 6.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, B. G. Burton 4, A. A. Living 5, J. Terry 6. For Evensong, on the occasion of the visit by the Archdeacon of Southend.

**RUSKINGTON, Lincs.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Short 1, C. R. Muxlow 2, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, R. M. Short (first quarter) 4, G. F. Hugh 5, T. Warrington 6. For Evensong.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, N. May 6, D. Heathcote 7, K. H. Mildred 8. First on 8 for 1, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, W. Smith 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to Jim Hawkins, who was interred this day.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Mary's R.C. Basilica, on April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. C. Hughes (age 17, first 'inside') 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, W. D. Watson 3, J. F. Hammond 4, J. H. Fryer (17, cond.) 5, R. L. Clark 6. First of Stedman for all except 2. An engagement compliment to James F. Hammond and Elizabeth McGrath.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. Stanger 6. Rung Easter Sunday, in appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Pass in helping to raise the money for the rehanging of these bells. Mr. and Mrs. Pass are leaving the district for Petersfield, Hants. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

**THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Davis 1, F. Sismey 2, A. Waller (first quarter) 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin 5.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter together for 3 and 6. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Last quarter to be rung on the bells before demolition of the spire and to celebrate the christening of Nicholas James Hare, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, the same day.

**USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Taylor 1, Nancy Hobbs 2, S. Kear 3, F. Hobbs 4, D. Hughes 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones (cond.) 7, N. Biddiscombe 8. For service.

**WOOD GREEN, N.**—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): D. Whitaker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. West (first in more than one method 2, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 3, Miss W. Whitaker 4, W. Vince 5, Miss J. Spreadbury 6. Rung for Evensong. Ringer of tenor has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.



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Mr. Walter Ayre went to Barton-on-Humber on April 12th to ring on the same bell the same methods he rang for his first peal 50 years ago. He expresses his grateful thanks to all who made the peal possible. Ringing in the peal was Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, who rang the treble to the first peal on the bells in February, 1911. The first peal was conducted by the father of Mr. W. A. Crowder, who rang the 5th in Mr. Ayre's 50th anniversary peal.

Mr. Alan Carveth has now 'circled' Kenwyn tower.

The front cover of the Hampshire County Magazine for April is a colour photograph of five ringers of Sopley Church in the Avon Valley.

In the peal of 5,280 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall on April 1st (page 262) the ringer of ninth was Robert B. Smith and tenth Denis Mottershead.

A peal was rung at Hothfield, Kent, on April 22nd, to welcome the new Vicar. This was the first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower. The bells have been silent for 15 years!

The Masonic ringers who rang the peal at Worsley on April 15th would like to record their sincere thanks to W. Bro. the Rev. Tom Billington, Vicar of Worsley, for the use of his church bells.

In order to accommodate various services in the Cathedral and functions in the Guildhall, ringing practices have been altered at Winchester Cathedral. There will be no practice on May 17th and Thursday practices on June 8th and July 13th.

The band who rang the peal at Stoke Climsland extend their sympathy and best wishes to Miss Yvonne C. Porter, who through illness was prevented from taking part. They also wish to associate the peal with Messrs. A. Carveth and R. A. Southwood, of Kenwyn, and congratulate them upon entering another of life's stages—that of parenthood. Both were recently presented with a son and heir.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Does any other tower band wash their bells? This question comes from Sydney, Australia. St. Mary's Basilica bells there have been recently washed, prior to the ringing chamber and belfry being painted. 'So far,' the caption states, 'the only bells in Sydney to be washed,' writes our correspondent.

Mr. W. Pitcher, of Adelaide, has been visiting four of the 'light' rings in Sydney and has found them quite a change after his own tower's two ton tenor.

A shoulder bag was left at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Easter Monday, and has not yet been claimed. Will the owner contact Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent.

The old and the young were in evidence in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Birstwith, Yorks. It was conducted by 13-year-old S. Barry Schofield, his first attempt at peal conducting. Ringing the treble was Jackson Ewbank, who has now completed 60 years as a ringer at this church and who was ringing his first peal for the Yorkshire Association.

Ringers from many Canadian towns, including the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers, are spending Whitsun week-end at Calgary, Alberta. The great attraction is the bells of Christ Church, hung in 1957. A warm welcome awaits all ringers here. For details write to the Ringing Master, Mr. Ted Taverner, 3606, 8A Street, S.W. Calgary, Alberta. Phone CH3-0171.

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, were delighted again to welcome into the belfry on April 20th Miss Margaret Izard, of British Columbia, who is spending a holiday in England. She was last home in 1948, when she spent most of her time with her brother in Plymouth and quite a lot was seen of her. This time she has only been able to spend a week in Plymouth. She brought news of Miss Judy Midgley, of Calgary, a former ringer at Emmanuel, who is doing a grand job in training a band of ringers at Calgary, where she is on the staff at a local hospital.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

**Arrangements for Whitsun**

Headquarters will be the Grand Hotel, Trinity Street, Hanley, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the weekend.

**WHIT TUESDAY**

Holy Communion at the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, at 8 a.m. Breakfast for ticket holders in the Town Hall, opposite the Church, afterwards.

Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Will members be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and tea in the Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters.

**CIVIC RECEPTION AND TEA**

Members and their wives are being invited to a civic reception and tea after the meeting at Stoke-on-Trent. Invitations and a reply card will be sent to all who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE—  
BREAKFAST INVITATION**

The Rector of Stoke has kindly invited those attending the service in St. Peter's Parish Church at 8 a.m. on Whitsun Tuesday to breakfast in the Town Hall afterwards. A bus will be available to take members to the church from various points. Invitations will be sent to those who notify me, on or before May 9th, of their wish to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY MEMBER WHOSE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 9th.**

**RINGING TOURS**

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible and not later than May 6th, 1961, to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

**WHIT SUNDAY, May 21st.**—Leave headquarters 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Broughton (8), Eccleshall (8), Stone (8), Uttoxeter (8). Arrive back at headquarters 9 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of high tea and gratuities, 16s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Alton (8), Bakewell (8), Buxton (8), Cheadle R.C. (8), Leek (10), Youghreave (8). Arrive back at headquarters 8.30 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch, high tea and gratuities, 24s.

**WHIT MONDAY, May 22nd.**—Leave headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Clive (6), Hodnet (8), Market Drayton (8), Whitchurch (8). Arrive back at headquarters 5 p.m. Total cost, inclusive of lunch and gratuities, 17s. 6d.

**INDUSTRIAL VISIT—WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 24th**

Arrangements have been made for a party to tour the factory of Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., on the morning of Wednesday, May 24th. As numbers are strictly limited applications for inclusion in the party should be sent as soon as possible to E. H. Edge, Bradwell House, 177, Congleton Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.

**Affiliation Fees**

These became due on January 1st, 1961 (Rule 8, as renumbered). Fees for the following Societies have not yet been paid: Cumberland and North Westmorland, Dudley and District, Durham and Newcastle, East Derbyshire, National Police Guild, New South Wales, St. David's, St. Martin's (Birmingham), Yorkshire.

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**MR. FRANK B. LUFKIN,**  
Essex Association.

A holder of several records on six, eight and ten bells, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, of Holland-on-Sea, Essex, is one of the most enthusiastic and accomplished ringers in the country. Yet one of his greatest pleasures is 'ringing peals with 'first pealers,' and he is proud of ringing in the first peal of 75 ringers, including 63 to whom he acted as conductor. It is surprising that he is able to get in as much ringing as he does, as since 1947 he has been employed in the Fire Service, and is now a station officer for Essex County Fire Brigade, and officer-in-charge of the Clacton-on-Sea Fire Station. This entails being on duty sometimes 120 hours a week, and his ringing has had to be built round the shift work of being a fireman.

Frank was born on Christmas Day, 1910, at Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, and was taught to ring at the Parish Church by Mr. William H. Judd in January, 1928. He made quick progress, and could ring most of the standard methods by the end of the year. His first peal was rung at Prittlewell on July 27th, 1929, being Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his second was Double Norwich at Crayford, Kent, conducted by Edwin Barnett senior, and band including Tom Groombridge senior and John H. Cheesman. He received an elementary education, and was first apprenticed as a coach painter, working in that job for 9½ years. On January 1st, 1935, he became verger of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and worked in that capacity for 12 years, serving during

the war in the National Fire Service. Altogether he was a member of the Prittlewell band for 26 years, and is proud of being captain from 1935-1954. During this period he rang no fewer than 92 peals here, taught many ringers, and maintained a good and regular Sunday service band. At one time practices used to be attended by as many as 35 ringers. About 1950, he started the Southend and District Guild, for the purpose of arranging extra meetings, and to interest young ringers in administration. He has also served on the Essex Association Committee since 1954, and has been peal secretary since 1954.

Frank's present peal total (up to March 12th) is 504, of which he has conducted 337. Included amongst these are a large number of Surprise methods, many of which he has conducted, and he has called peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. He is an enthusiastic Minor ringer, and in 1956 called peals in 26, 35, 40 and 42 methods for the Essex Association, later conducting the existing Minor record—18,000 in 25 methods. On August 7th, 1950, he conducted the record length (on tower bells) of 12,740 Bob Royal at Prittlewell, but the highlight of his record peals was the 22,400 Bob Major, which he conducted at Kirby-le-Soken on April 2nd, 1960, the longest peal rung by one set of men to date. He is a great believer in the fact that all ringing can be enjoyable, if the rhythm is there, though he considers ten bell ringing to be the best number of all, and his favourite music is Grandshire Caters.

In addition to leading a busy life in the belfry and Fire Service, Frank is a very keen philatelist, and won the cup last year for the best display of stamps in the annual competition of the Clacton and District Philatelic Society. He is mainly interested in European stamps, particularly those of the Netherlands. Since 1945 he has been a member of the Central Council, and has attended every meeting except one, and is one of the members of the Sunday Service Committee. He is very keen to foster good striking, and has given a trophy to be competed for by members of the Essex Association in a striking competition.

There is a possibility that Frank and his band may one day attempt the 40,320 Bob Major, and his friends (and rivals!) will wish them 'good luck' in this arduous adventure. His enthusiasm, despite many difficulties at work, is much to be admired.

APACE.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
Chertsey District**

Preaching at the meeting of the Chertsey District at Horsell on April 8th, the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. A. Gaze) denied a report that appeared in an evening paper that Horsell bells were to be muffled, because of complaints. He hoped the bells would be heard more often, but the possibility of some movable shutters was being considered for practice nights.

The District Ringing Master reported at the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, an attendance of 35 at the first combined practice held at Weybridge the previous Tuesday. The next practice would be at Old Woking in May.

During a discussion on the suggested merger with the Surrey Association, some fears were expressed that the Guild would lose its identity. Seven new members were elected. Ringing included Cambridge and the attendance was almost 50.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

Methods up to Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich were rung at the St. Albans District meeting at St. Michael's, St. Albans, on April 15th. An interesting lecture on the church was given by the Rev. D. J. Harpier, who conducted the service. Next meeting, Tewin; special method, Oxford Bob Minor. Special thanks to the Vicar and local band for providing a really excellent tea.

C. M. R.

**QUEEN MOTHER AT  
ST. ALBANS**

On Thursday, April 13th, St. Albans was a hive of activity, specially where ringing was concerned. The purpose of the Queen Mother's visit was to become a Freeman of the City and all four rings of bells were rung to welcome her.

At the Cathedral a course a Grandshire Cinques and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung by members of the local band, assisted by ringers from Elstree, North Mymms and Watford. St. Peter's greeted Her Majesty on her arrival in St. Peter's Street with Grandshire Triples, rung by the local band, plus ringers from Harpenden and St. Stephen's, St. Albans. The younger members of the St. Michael's band, assisted by other local ringers, rang Grandshire Triples and later Plain Bob Major as H.M. drove past the church. St. Stephen's band rang a quarter peal of St. Albans Delight Minor and a 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor in honour of the occasion.

Finally on Saturday morning six ladies from St. Albans District rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor at St. Stephen's.

C. M. R.

The girls of St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland, with 81-year-old Mr. T. Lambert, provided one of our national Sunday picture papers with its centre page glamour article. Swinging high on ropes, as pictorially displayed, is not encouraged by instructors.



## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE 71st annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association took place at Evercreech on Easter Monday. Ringers from all parts of the Diocese were present for the service in St. Peter's Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), and the address was given by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson (vice-president and an Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells). The lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. F. A. Pollard.

After lunch at the Bell Hotel, 150 members gathered at the Village Hall. In opening the meeting with prayer, the Master asked members to stand in memory of the following, who had passed away: the president the late Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Revs. A. D. H. Allen, H. S. Briggs, A. J. H. Hobbs, Dr. D. Brodie, Mrs. E. T. P. Field, Messrs. H. Davies, F. Field, D. Gard, F. Hall, M. Hutchings, A. Lintern, P. H. Marshall, W. J. Prescott and A. Shattock.

Apologies were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who sent his blessing and best wishes. Also from the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, the Rt. Rev. Fabian Jackson, the Revs. R. L. Dewe, C. Marshall and R. O. Fry, Miss N. Williams, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, E. T. P. Field, R. J. Fox, E. Naylor and H. A. Price.

The Association was honoured by the presence of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., president of the Central Council.

In presenting his report, the Master felt obliged to apologise for his inactivity during the year. His recovery from ill-health was continuing, however, and he assured members that his continued absence from Branch meetings did not mean lack of interest. For him the highlights of the year had been the ringing for the enthronement of the Bishop at Wells Cathedral, when over 30 ringers had been present on a mid-week afternoon, and the dedication of a new bell at Stockland. This, he said, together with a forthcoming dedication at Long Sutton, were heartening signs of the faith which members had in the future of ringing.

### MEMBERSHIP, 1,616

The secretary reported a performing membership of 1,616. He said that members had been lost because their subscriptions had become overdue. On enquiring into two such cases he had found that in each case the tower correspondent had been ill and that the other members of the band had overlooked the subscriptions. He appealed to tower correspondents to try to get the money in early in the year so that Branch secretaries might have a chance to contact those outstanding.

The secretary said that the Association was now widely recognised by the Parochial Church Councils of the Diocese and, as a result, much had been done in teaching new bands and in consolidating the work commenced the previous year. In conjunction with Somerset County Council, a course had been run at Taunton and at Wells theological students had been taught.

### SUPPORT FROM 177 TOWERS

In the absence of Mr. E. Naylor (treasurer) the secretary presented the balance sheet. This showed an increased balance of £8, although it was pointed out that some instructors had not received their expenses and more booklets were on order and had to be paid for. In stating that £100 had been transferred to the Bell Fund, the secretary said that this was entirely due to the support of the P.C.C.s. Affiliation fees were up by £38 and, of the 227 towers mentioned in the report, 177 had, through their P.C.C.s, paid the increased fee. No applications for grants had been received

during the year and members were asked to bring to the notice of the Association any restoration work which they knew was contemplated so that help might be offered.

Mr. H. J. Sanger (peal secretary) said that 66 peals had been rung, an increase of 17 on the previous year. Mr. V. Roberts was the leading peal ringer and Mr. G. Prescott the leading conductor. Peals of note were the Double Norwich Royal at Wrington and the non-conducted Grandsire Doubles at Shapwick. The four peals at Twerton said much for the work of Mr. A. Lee.

The Diocesan adviser, Mr. R. H. Gardiner, reported that he and Mr. W. Osborn had had an active year. Advice had been given at seven towers and specifications had been accepted for Brusford, Hemington and Uphill. Reports had been given at Camerton, Durston, Langport and Wells.

Mr. T. J. Setter, in proposing that the reports be adopted, thanked the officers for their work during the year. This was seconded by Mr. L. Derrick and carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), Mr. G. Salmon (general secretary) and Mr. E. Naylor (treasurer) were re-elected for the ensuing year. In calling for nominations for the post of Diocesan adviser on the Care of Bells, the Master stated that, because of ill-health, Mr. Gardiner would not seek re-election. He thanked Mr. Gardiner for his work in the past and voiced the feelings of the meeting in wishing him better health in the future. Mr. H. J. Sanger was elected Diocesan adviser and Mr. P. C. Wright peal secretary. Mr. D. E. Lee was elected auditor.

### RESOLUTIONS

Mr. H. A. Price proposed and Mr. E. J. Chivers seconded a resolution that the following words be added to Rule 4, Clause IV: 'Any performing member who leaves the Diocese to reside elsewhere; who has paid a minimum of 5s. in normal subscriptions and who is a fully paid up member at the time of his departure, automatically becomes a Non-Resident Life Member.' This was carried unanimously.

Mr. S. G. Coles proposed and Mr. A. H. Reed seconded that the wording of Rule 3 be amended to allow a Branch to nominate its representative on the General Committee. It was felt that should be a Branch secretary be unable to attend meetings the Branch would not be represented on the committee. After general discussion, during which it was pointed out that this had happened in the past, the motion was carried.

Under any other business, Mr. Coles proposed that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. Mr. Chivers proposed that the Central Council representatives be given a grant of £20. Both propositions were seconded and carried.

Mr. J. Brain proposed that the meeting should send their congratulations to the editor and staff of 'The Ringing World' on producing such an excellent Golden Jubilee number. The secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

Mr. K. Brain raised the subject of the elderly ringers and wondered if the Association could acknowledge their services in any way. After discussion it was felt that ringers completing a number of years' service could be honourably mentioned in the annual report.

Mr. D. Hoare, in proposing a vote of thanks, mentioned the able way in which the Master had conducted the meeting and thanked the Rev. R. L. Dewe for the use of his bells and for allowing them to hold the service in his church. He also thanked the incumbents and tower correspondents of all the towers that were open.

## 200th PEAL AT A NEWCASTLE CHURCH

With a peal of Zelaz Surprise Major the 200th peal was rung at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle upon Tyne. This was the first peal in the method for the Association and by a coincidence the first peal on the bells, on December 22nd, 1884 (Plain Bob Major), was also the first in the method for the Association.

Reputed to have been built in 1287, this church stands on the corner of two of the busiest streets of the city—Westgate Road and Grainger Street. Records show that the church possessed a ring of six in 1706, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., by Robert Phelps, of London. The treble was replaced in 1880 and again recast in 1884, when two trebles were added by Wanner and Sons, London, making, as a note at this time states, 'a complete and musical peal of eight.'

About 1900 the tower was declared unsafe by the architect and closed; however, in 1902 peals were again being rung at the church, which suggests that the 'illness' was short lived. In 1926 the bells were recast and rehung in a metal frame, by Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 5 lb. Peals rung on the bells were:

Minor.—6 (Plain Bob 3).

Triples.—61 (Stedman 44, Grandsire 8, Plain Bob 8, Union 1)

Plain and Treble Bob Major.—86 (Kent 38, Double Norwich 24, Plain Bob 10, Oxford T.B. 4, Double Bob 2, Little Bob 2, Woodbine, Duffield, Mixed Bob, T.B. (2 methods), 5 Spliced and Double Oxford one each).

Surprise Major.—47 (Superlative 15, Cambridge 11, Yorkshire 7, London 6, New Cambridge 2, Pudsey 2, Lincolnshire, Watford, Aldenham and Zelaz one each).

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A very warm welcome was extended to the members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, by the ringers of Kingsbury on the occasion of the quarterly meeting held there on April 8th. It was the first time that the Guild had visited Kingsbury for a meeting, and it was most encouraging to find that so much preparation had been made by the local people to ensure its success.

A service, with a full choir in attendance, was held, at which the Vicar (Rev. John W. Bennett) gave a most interesting account of the history of the church.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. J. W. Bennett occupied the chair at the meeting, which followed a bountiful tea, kindly provided by Kingsbury ringers. Mr. Michael Hart, of Solihull, and Mr. Albert Ensor, of Shustoke, were elected resident members, and the tower election of Mr. D. John Hunt, of Bristol, as a life member, was ratified.

The Vicar and head ringer (Mr. Gordon Lane) were sincerely thanked for everything they had done to ensure a successful meeting.

Next meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 15th, 1911.—

Fifty years ago, on April 27th, the long peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at St. Michael's upon Cornhill. The story of that famous performance has been handed down in the song written by the late Mr. J. Dwight, who rang the tenor. The peal, rung in 6 hours 41 minutes, consisted of 8,580 changes, and the only surviving member of the band is Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, who, despite his 85 years, is still hale and hearty.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 100 PEALS OF MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—The publication recently of the list of the two most prolific peal ringers has brought to mind again the elusiveness of the 100 peals of Maximus. They appear in neither (as far as I know). I have never seen any statement in 'R.W.' to qualify this. The only man to have rung the 100 is the late William P. Garrett. His list first included seven on handbells, but he went on to ring them on tower bells only. They were in fifteen different methods, with fifty-six of Surprise. Some of our friends of Birmingham, Leicester, Cheshire and elsewhere must be getting near and will doubtless reach the goal, which is a rare and worthwhile one. My colleague, George E. Symonds, has 95, so he too is getting near, but alas has no opportunities for Maximus ringing now.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

### VISITING CHESTERFIELD

Dear Sir.—I would like to ask for the assistance of 'The Ringing World' in a matter which has just come to my notice.

I am informed by the Vicar that he recently received two (at least) requests from visiting parties to call for a ring at Chesterfield Parish Church, in the near future. Unfortunately, the Vicar cannot remember from whom the requests came, and again, unfortunately, the letters, upon being re-addressed to me, have not arrived, so I also am in the dark as to who wishes to visit us at Chesterfield.

Requests for a short ring are rarely refused, even though the duration may be limited, according to the time of day, and I would ask anyone who has written to the Vicar during the last few weeks to write to me direct as there may still be time to consider such requests.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD.

797, Sheffield Road,  
Chesterfield.

### ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON— A RINGER'S GIFT

Dear Sir.—The bellringers of St. Mary's, Southampton, recently undertook to provide an oak pew to further the furnishing of the mother church of the town. St. Mary's was burnt out during the war, and the tower and bells were restored first in 1948, as an expression of the church authorities' intention to complete the restoration of the whole building. This was done and the building finally consecrated in 1956. The temporary chairs in the nave are gradually being replaced by oak pews, and those so far installed all bear the emblems of the local institutions associated with them.

The St. Mary's ringers have committed themselves to raising the sum of £85, which represents the cost of a large oak pew with a suitable hand-painted bell emblem. May we, through your paper, appeal to all who have enjoyed the privilege of ringing on these famous and beautiful 'Bells of St. Mary's' to support the local band in their effort? Donations, all of which will be acknowledged personally, should be sent to Mr. K. S. B. Croft, deputy churchwarden, 29, Hanley Road, Shirley, Southampton.—Yours, etc.,

ROY CHAMBERLAIN  
(Rector of St. Mary's)

JOHN W. FAITHFUL  
(Master of the ringers)

### TROUBLE WITH HANDS

Dear Sir.—The bell ropes having caused swelling on my hands, the doctor has said I must wear some form of leather gloves.

I find that with ordinary leather gloves I cannot control the rope as it slips. I wonder if any reader who has had similar trouble can suggest suitable gloves or if special ones are made. I am very keen to go on with my ringing.—Yours faithfully,

M. G. GIBSON.

Epsom, Surrey.

### New Yorkshire Ring

Two anonymous parishioners are to provide a ring of six bells at a cost of more than £1,800 for the 11th century parish church at Scalby, near Scarborough. They will replace the present three bells, two of which are dated 1674.

## NEW SECRETARY OF SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE 15th annual meeting of the Southwell Guild was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on April 8th. Southwell Minster not being available owing to the current augmentation into twelve. St. Mary's bells, a well known ring, attracted a goodly number of ringers and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Royal.

A service was held in the choir, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Feever.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by Mr. F. W. Midwinter, in the absence of the chairman, owing to ill-health. A brief silence was observed for four deceased members, namely Messrs. Francis P. Allwood, H. F. Clulow, Nathaniel Moxon and H. Prout.

Canon Feever was elected a vice-president and Messrs. David Wilson, William Hufton, Michael Butler and T. Dutton members of the Guild.

The income and expenditure account showed a surplus on the year's working of £9 0s. 5d., £22 12s. 1d. on capital account and a reserve fund of £100. During the year a grant of £15 had been made to Badworth out of the Bell Restoration Fund, the balance of which stood at £95 9s. Donations of £15 each to Gedling and Sturton-le-Steeple had been promised.

Although the financial position was secure the surplus represented a very slender margin. The cost of printing the annual report swallowed up 52 per cent of the total income, administrative expenses 36 per cent, the Bishop's Appeal Fund 7 per cent, leaving a surplus of 5 per cent to bear ever increasing costs of printing, stationery and advertising.

The membership of the Guild stood at 425, an all time record, and the reports of the District secretaries showed a flourishing state of affairs.

The Peal Committee's report revealed that 49 peals had been rung during the year, with eleven members ringing their first peal. Three members conducted their first peal, which was a very encouraging trend.

### A PRESENTATION

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. W. Raithby, the honorary general secretary, who wished to resign, he having held the office for 12½ years and was prior to that secretary of the Newark District. His resignation was accepted with thanks for his services during the formative years of the Guild and Mr. W. L. Exton was appointed in his place.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Ashford District

Although Hythe is the terminus of the smallest public railway in the world, it is not near any main road or railway, and much of the old world is left in its steep winding ways, with their ancient almshouses, the quaint Town Hall, its old Vicarage and Manor House side by side, and its beautiful Norman Parish Church of St. Leonard, with its fine ring of eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.).

Over 50 ringers and friends met at this ancient Cinque Port on April 22nd for the quarterly meeting of the Ashford District. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Newman, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Willis, from the New English Bible. Mr. W. Chandler was at the piano. Tea was enjoyed at 'The Measure For Measure,' and was kindly given by the Hythe ringers.

At the business part of the meeting, Mr. Nicholas Davies gave a report on the revival of ringing at Hothfield. Five new members joined the Association. C. T. H.

The chairman spoke a few words of appreciation of Mr. Raithby's work and asked Miss Grace Burchnell to make him a presentation on behalf of the Guild. Miss Burchnell then very graciously presented the retiring secretary with a case of pipes.

Mr. Raithby, who was much moved by the presentation, thanked members for their appreciation and said he had met with much kindness and help during his term of office, particularly from the District secretaries, who bore the brunt of the work. He commended Mr. W. L. Exton to them as a hardworking and competent ringer with sound administrative experience behind him.

The Crawford Cup Competition Rules, as provisionally amended by the committee, were confirmed on a majority vote. A great deal of discussion centred on Rule 4, which stated that all members of the Association were eligible to take part in the competition, providing their annual subscriptions or life subscriptions were paid.

As under Rule 17 at least four members in a six-bell contest and five in an eight-bell contest must be from the home tower, it was felt that Rule 4 left the door open for abuse, inasmuch as outside experts who were non-resident life members of the Guild could be brought in.

A few members thought that the Rule should be amended to restrict bands to resident Guild members, but others favoured leaving the Rules unchanged. By a majority vote it was resolved to leave Rule 4 unaltered.

The final of the competition was fixed for September 9th, in the North Notts District.

Under the heading 'Any other business,' Mr. McNeil proposed and Miss Grace Burchnell seconded that the North Notts District be renamed the Retford District. It was, however, felt that this might affront local pride and tradition and that it would be better to leave the initiative with the North Notts District and a resolution was accordingly passed to this effect.

On the question of Southwell Minster bells, which were in process of being augmented to twelve, Mr. W. L. Exton drew attention to his report, which argued that with the full co-operation of the Southwell ringers the Guild should make an effort to join them on their practice night once a month and make a twelve bell practice for the benefit of those who wished to increase their ringing ability. Members appeared to receive this favourably and the idea was left to germinate.

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## GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

### Annual Ringing Week

THE 1961 tour was based on Southampton, an excellent centre for the southern part of Hampshire and for the Isle of Wight. Accommodation is becoming more and more a deciding factor in planning these weeks and the Guild was fortunate in finding a hotel big enough to take the party and modest enough to suit clerical means. Three whole day outings had been planned, one through Shedfield and Soberton to East Meon, one in the Isle of Wight and the third in the Romsey area ending up at Winchester Cathedral. In addition, ringing took place at Hursley, on the way to Southampton, and at North Stoneham and Twyford, on the way home. K. W. H. Felstead had given much help in planning the itineraries, having an intimate knowledge of the area covered.

### A SUCCESSFUL WEEK

Seventeen clerical members took full-time part in the ringing and one part-time. With them were four wives, one sister and the expert. The latter figure was Mr. C. H. Kippin, who gave up part of his holiday to share in the tour. We thought of giving him a temporary rank of sub-deacon, but unfortunately there were no spare dog-collars available! His ready wit, great skill and knowledge of local towers contributed greatly to what was felt by all to have been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful week.

Some years ago the writer heard the Clerical Tour described by a six-bell ringer as 'all Stedman Triples.' This was certainly not true this year. Among Surprise methods, Cambridge Royal was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, and (appropriately at this stronghold of Surprise Royal ringing) St. Michael's, Southampton; Cambridge, Superlative, London, Yorkshire, Bristol and Yorkshire Major were rung, and Surfleet was an addition to the repertoire of Surprise Minor. Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, together with other Plain methods, varied the inevitable Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Double Court was rung and the secretary's course of Cambridge Minor, which is almost a ritual on these tours, took place no less than three times, once when several of the experts were absent. It would seem that the standard of ringing is being well maintained and even improved.

Some very pleasant rings were found, though in the opinion of one member none was outstanding. St. Michael's, Southampton, East Meon, Romsey Abbey and Winchester Cathedral were outstanding among the old churches visited, while Bitterne Park, Southampton, and St. Mary's, Southampton, were of note as modern buildings, the one new and the other restored after bombing during the war.

### PERSONAL

We had hoped for an accession of strength this year from R. Fry and R. Keeley, both ordained during the last year. Unfortunately, neither was able to come. No doubt the date of the tour, the week after Low Sunday, which suits incumbents well, is not so good for curates, because their vicars also want the same period off! We may hope that in future years they will be able to hold that ringing is an essential part of their work and so join us. Certainly, E. B. Wood and C. J. B. Marshall have managed to get off and have been valued members of recent tours. It was a pleasure to have H. F. Warren with us again and we welcomed a new member from the West. R. N. Longridge, of Bourton.

### AN INNOVATION

Grey hairs and a certain reluctance to climb steps remind us of the passage of the years. This year brought a startling reduction in the average age of the party. This came about because we had two whole families with us. Mr. and Mrs. Wood brought Alban (aged 7 months), who promises to be a resolute tower grabber—he holds ropes with a very knowing air! P. T. Robbins brought not only his wife, but also his four delightful children. Mrs. Robbins is, of course, a most capable ringer and was able to stand in for advanced methods. Their family showed excellent belfry discipline. Each family had its own car. The Woods' Mini Minor contained father, mother, baby and an assortment of equipment. It even came

with us in the ferry to the Isle of Wight. We admired the efficient organisation by which Alban was fed by the roadside, while we ate our sandwiches with a half-pint inside. The Robbins' car provided one light touch. In an effort to park well clear of traffic, outside Sherfield English Church, it subsided gently into a ditch. The back-end strong men were called in to lift it bodily back.

### BUSINESS

At the annual meeting on April 12th, remembrance was made of members of the Guild who had passed away since last year. The treasurer presented the statement of accounts, with the gloom expected of all holders of this office. Perhaps if the brethren had known that the Chancellor of the Exchequer planned to let them off 'Schedule A' they might have had a whip-round to relieve his care! Canon C. C. Cox was once again elected president, with enthusiasm, despite his protests at advancing years and the reminder that he had attended every tour since the Guild was founded in 1938. Preb. E. V. Cox and Canon F. Wilkinson were re-elected vice-presidents and the name of Canon B. F. Sheppard was added with acclamation. This year there was happily no difficulty in persuading J. H. B. Andrews again to be secretary and treasurer, an office he carries out with characteristic efficiency, humour and distinction. R. D. St. John Smith and K. W. H. Felstead were re-elected to the committee. Congratulations were offered to E. G. Benson, now a Prebendary of Hereford and to F. A. Sanders, now an Honorary Canon of Winchester. Two possible centres for next year's week were agreed, the Norwich and Yarmouth area or the Shrewsbury and Church Stretton District.

### REGRET AND THANKS

One regret of the week was that the weather was unkind for our day in the Isle of Wight, so detracting from what would otherwise have been a delightful trip. We were, however, enlivened by being described by an official at Southampton Pier as a 'claque of parsons'—an expression with which the writer is not familiar. The inevitable handbells were rung on the boat but no one seemed to be in the least surprised.

The welcome we had, both in the island and on the mainland, was delightful. Incumbents and tower captains vied in the warmth of their reception. Canon E. W. Norris, Vicar of Romsey, gave us a splendid tea and was disappointed that we could not spend more time in his glorious church; so were we. The ringers of Bishopstoke organised a sumptuous tea for us on the first day and this was most welcome. We joined in Evensong at Winchester Cathedral, where the Bishop of Southampton said how glad he was to welcome us and to hear us ringing the Cathedral bells. Incidentally, it was here that the highlight of the tour occurred, a course of Grandsire Cinques rung by a clerical band. It is thought that this the first time that this has been achieved since the Monmouth tour. So, with sincere thanks for all the kindness we received and with memories of pleasant hours of ringing and talking, we came to the end of yet another Clerical Week. We now look forward to the next one.

F. A. S.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The Southern District's April meeting was held at St. Michael's, Heighington, and a group of young ringers from Newcastle swelled the numbers.

Heighington's six bells are rung from the floor of the fine Norman tower, and the ropes fall round the font. The longer draught and a couple of new ropes disconcerted some of the less experienced, but there was enjoyable ringing. Methods included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and London, and a touch of Spliced Plain Bob, Little Bob and St. Clement's.

Local ringers made the arrangements and their wives provided an excellent tea. The churchwardens were thanked by the District secretary, Mr. Peter Rock, who expressed the Association's pleasure that the Heighington tower had become affiliated again. Mr. T. Cooke thanked the ladies for the tea.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the St. Albans District was held on March 18th at Wheathampstead, where there is a delightful six. Some ringers found the long draught troublesome, but much improvement in the handling of long draughts was evident in the local pub later that evening! The day's ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor methods, including London and Cambridge.

The best ringing came from a touch of Norwich Surprise Minor, while the least successful method was Hull, our 'special' method for the meeting. Many visitors from other Hertfordshire districts were present and helped to raise the general standard of ringing. Mr. John Stobbs, of 'The Observer,' was a welcome visitor, accompanied by a young lady with a busy camera.

Mr. Walter Ayre took the chair for the business meeting. It was proposed that Double Norwich be the special method for the meeting of April 15th at St. Michael's, St. Albans, the bells being available in the afternoon and evening. No new resident members were proposed but Mr. Desmond Painter was elected a non-resident life member. Mr. Stanley Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. H. T. Rowe for the use of the bells and the evening service, and thanked those responsible for the tea arrangements.

As a token of appreciation for his work as past secretary of the District, Mr. Huckle was presented with a ringer's car badge.

After the meeting handbells were rung, and ringing continued in the tower until about 8 p.m. M. J.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

Holding their annual meeting at St. Peter's, Jarrow, on April 8th, the North Eastern District re-elected their officers, viz.: Vice-president, Miss D. M. Kellingley; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. N. Lea; District Committee, Mrs. Ainsworth, Miss M. Bertie, Mrs. Bayles and Miss M. Jennings; Central Committee, Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson.

The vote of thanks to the Rector and ladies who prepared the tea was proposed by Miss Wendy Phillips. Next meeting, June 3rd, Gosforth, joint with Durham and Newcastle Association.

## HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Over 40 members attended the quarterly meeting at Armitage Bridge on April 22nd, which was voted a great success. A wide variety of methods was rung, under the captaincy of Mr. Trevor Torbau, of Shelley.

At the business meeting the secretary was instructed to apply for the use of Penistone bells for the annual meeting and prize contest on June 17th.

## SOUTH FOREST BRANCH ENTERTAINED

The South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were the guests of the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at a very successful meeting held at Monmouth on April 22nd. There was a very large attendance, 74 names for tea having been received and more members than that attended on the day.

The service was conducted by Canon Knight, and the tea, provided by Mrs. Jones and her helpers, was a truly splendid one.

Canon Knight presided at the two brief business meetings, which followed. Thanks are due to Canon Knight, Mrs. Jones and all who helped to make this meeting so enjoyable.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On March 26th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, A. Bird 2, K. Buckingham 3, J. Drwitt 4, G. Jenkins 5, B. Taylor (cond.) 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. Brooks 8. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, Mary Buckingham 2, Monica Blagrove 3, B. Taylor 4, A. J. Glass 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, H. P. Schofield 8.



## TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. ALFRED B. PECK

College Youths the world over and the Exercise generally will deeply regret the tragic death of Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who was found dead by the side of the railway line, between Merstham and Redhill, on Thursday, April 27th. Apparently, he fell asleep while travelling by train, the previous night. It stopped at a signal light and it is assumed he awoke suddenly, thought he was at the railway station, stepped out of the carriage and fell. He fall was not detected at the time.

A native of Bedford, Mr. Peck was born in 1883 and learnt to handle a bell at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, when about 16. A year later he was in London, living in lodgings near St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. He was fortunate, for such great ringing personalities as H. R. Newton, J. W. Golding and C. T. B. Brice were members of the band.

Alfred developed as a heavy-bell ringer. In 1909 he rang the tenor of St. Paul's to a peal of Stedman Cinques, but later in life, in 1925, came his finest achievement, of turning in the 62 cwt. tenor of St. Paul's to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—the heaviest bell turned in to a peal single handed.

He had rung over 300 peals by 1936 and then stopped keeping a record. Of his long lengths, there was ringing the seventh in the record peal of Stedman Caters in 1922, and the tenor of Southwark Cathedral to 12,675 Stedman Cinques, a performance lasting 9 hours and 47 minutes. Among the tenors he had turned in to Maximus were St. Mary-le-Bow, Cornhill, Southwark and Cripplegate. To Cambridge Royal he rang at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, and at Westminster Abbey to London and Cambridge. His biggest disappointment occurred on April 12th, 1912, when after ringing the 11th at St. Paul's for 3 hours and 55 minutes the tenor man collapsed in the last course but one.

When 'The Ringing World' was first published Mr. Peck was well established as a prominent London ringer and his was the first of many personalities to be published and this appeared in the first issue. Appropriately, 'Apacc' selected him as No. 1 for his series. His ringing for the past 50 years had centred on St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, where he was the senior member of the band formed 40 years ago. Sunday by Sunday he regularly made the journey from Reigate, a wonderful example of service ringing.

Even though his ringing performances were meritorious, it will be by his services to the Ancient Society of College Youths that his name will go down to posterity. He became a College Youth in 1904 and was Master in 1910. For 20 years (1937-57) he was secretary and the dry humour that invariably accompanied his speech when he reviewed the past year at the annual dinner was one of the events of the evening. He had represented the College Youths on the Central Council since 1933.

A pianoforte maker for 30 years, Mr. Peck was also for 20 years supervisor of blind tuners for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Mr. Peck's daughter was a missionary in Africa for many years and her bravery, when her mission station was attacked, in leading her people on a long trek to safety, was an epic story of the mission field.

The funeral service will be held in Westminster Abbey today (Friday) at 5.45 p.m.

### AN APPRECIATION

With the tragic death of Alfred B. Peck, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its most devoted members. Alfred always retained a strong affection for his native Bedfordshire, where he learned to ring, and any ringer from that county who came to London could expect an especially kind welcome from him. But on coming to London as a young man he gave his heart to the City bells and ringers and thereafter a lifetime of spendid service.

His record as a heavy-bell ringer is well known and his many fine achievements included 9 peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, three of these being on the 11th and two on the tenor, from which he conducted the only peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells, Cambridge in 1925. His style of handling was

unique and completely unorthodox, but even at an advanced age he frequently turned in St. Paul's tenor to Cambridge Twelve and it was a delight to witness his fascinating technique, resulting, as it invariably did, in the setting of a brisk and immaculate beat.

Alfred was first and foremost a College Youth. When elected secretary on the retirement of his illustrious predecessor, William T.



MR. A. B. PECK

Cockerill, his avowed aim was to leave the Society in as good a state as when it was entrusted to his care. He did more than that and during his 20 years in office the membership swelled and he achieved success and popularity, a measure of which could be gauged by the intense enthusiasm displayed when he rose annually at the College Youths' dinner to respond to the toast of 'The Society.'

It is difficult to say what was his greatest contribution to the ringing Exercise in general, but there is no doubt that the present healthy spirit of the College Youths can be largely attributed to his example of devoted service, his spirited defence at all times of the Society's reputation, his obvious affection for the towers he served so faithfully for 60 years, the fierce loyalty he showed to his colleagues and, above all, his sincere respect for those who set the ringing and ceremonial standards on which the Society is traditionally based.

In his speech at each anniversary dinner, he would ask members to stand in silence as the names of those who had passed on since the last gathering and Alfred would often precede this ceremony with the quotation, 'Let us now praise famous men...' This year the name of Alfred B. Peck will be similarly honoured and he will be remembered with pride and affection as a worthy son of 'the fathers that begat us.'

J. E. C.

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### MR. ARTHUR ARMSTRONG

The tragic death at Stafford General Hospital on April 14th of Mr. Arthur Armstrong, of Cannock, Staffs., at the age of 69, will leave a blank hard to fill in local ringing circles.

A large congregation, which included all his ringing colleagues from Cannock and several from Norton Canes, attended the choral funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Cannock, on April 21st. Four of the Cannock band acted as bearers. In the evening a quarter peal was rung half-muffled in his memory.

Arthur commenced his ringing career at the age of 14 at St. James' Church, Norton Canes. He was a regular worshipper and ringer there until the outbreak of World War II.

When ringing recommenced he had moved to Cannock and instantly joined the Cannock St. Luke's band. He remained a regular ringer here until his accident, but returned every Tuesday evening to Norton Canes to help a new band there in their practice. Although he attended his ringing so regularly it was not until six months ago that he rang his first peal. This was a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving to take up another appointment. He was to have been a member of a band which was going to attempt to ring a peal to welcome the new incumbent on the Saturday following his accident.

He will be missed by us all, especially the younger ringers whom he was always so willing to help. May we learn by his example to be better and more regular ringers.

G. B.

### MR. TOM GREENACRE

His many ringing and singing friends in King's Lynn and other parts of the county will learn with regret of the passing on April 13th of Mr. Thomas Greenacre at the age of 69.

Tom, who was one of a large family and has four brothers who ring regularly, sang in Gaywood Church choir at the age of nine and a year or two later learned to ring the bells. So it was here that the love for music and campanology was first learned. Until a few weeks ago Tom seldom missed a practice at Gaywood or King's Lynn and he was never happier than when teaching the young people the art and mysteries of change ringing. He rang in 57 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1909.

It was in 1924 that Tom joined St. Margaret's choir, which he served faithfully up to the time of his death. He was singing at Matins and Evensong the Sunday previous. Singing and ringing was Tom's life. He was a member of the Wisbech male voice choir, the King's Lynn male voice choir, and the Amateur Operatic Society.

It was fitting that the funeral service at St. Margaret's Church should be fully choral, and the bells were rung muffled at the closing of the service. The interment was at St. Faith's, Gaywood. Handbells were rung at the graveside by E. Shipp, E. Greenacre, R. Greenacre and C. Tovell. One of the best.

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

C. F. T.

### QUARTER PEALS

**WATERLOO, LONDON.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1. Miss N. Hales 2. Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3. L. W. Batley 4. C. W. Outley 5. C. M. Meyer 6. D. R. Randall 7. J. A. Hales 8.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles and Minor (720 Plain Bob Minor, 300 Plain Bob Doubles, 240 Grandsire Doubles): D. Cawley 1. J. Baldwin (cond.) 2. Mrs. L. James 3. W. Gray 4. S. James 5. K. Tripp 6. First quarter peal of mixed Doubles and Minor for the whole band. For Evensong.

**WOLLATON, NOTTS.**—On April 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): P. Gurd (first quarter) 1. R. Preston 2. R. Daft 3. Philip Hawcock 4. M. Poppleston 5. Peter Hawcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey D. Stroud, Wollaton ringer.



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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

SILCOCK.—Many happy returns of the day, Elsie, and all best wishes for your birthday on May 9th.—M. 8146

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Peter and Joan Beresford (and mother) is now 2, Dovedale Road, Dartford, Kent. 8143

RAYMOND PARSONS (general secretary, Surrey Association), Jill and family have moved from Brookside, Carshalton, and now live at 31, Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey. 8170

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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ALL SAINTS', LITTLE SHELFORD. CAMBS.—The Lord Bishop of Ely will dedicate the bells, rehung in a new frame, with new treble added to make a ring of six, on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. 8156

BALDOCK. HERTS.—No practice on Wednesday, May 10th.—E. Buck. 8151

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Officers elected for the year 1961/2: President and hon. treasurer, W. J. Ridgman; Master, Miss H. Muirhead; hon. secretary, J. R. Hough. 8166

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## MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Felmersham (8). Saturday, May 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. L. Piron, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8163

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Dronfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, May 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m., at the 'Green Dragon.' Names for tea must be sent to Mr. G. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, near Sheffield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 8120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Waltham, Saturday, May 6th. Striking competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting and ringing competition, Mistley, Saturday, May 6th. Competition 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea must be received by Mr. A. Honeywood, 27, Hanwich Road, Mistley. 8082

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Frensham (6), May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Surrey. 8017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Biggin Hill (6), on May 6th, with ringing after the meeting at Brasted (6). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8058

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8113

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harlington, on May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Cranford. Names for tea to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington. 8058

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Old Bradwell (6), Saturday, May 6th, 5.30 p.m.—F. Vickers. 8157

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, May 6th. Sorry no tea arrangements can be made.—H. Denman. 8158

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, May 6th, meeting at Orston. Ringing at Staunton, 2.30-4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Orston, 4.45, followed by District cup contest, 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 8074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hollesley (8), on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8116

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West C. District.—Evening meeting at Cotton, on May 6th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8064

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6) (not Ardingly as advertised), on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 8093

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, at Gressenhall. Bells (8) available 6 till 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 8122

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Meeting at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, May 13th. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food. 8131

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

Taunton Branch.—Rearranged quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8135

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Plucknett (6), Saturday, May 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, by May 10th.—J. R. Fox, 19, Middle Street, Yeovil. 8168

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch).—Joint meeting, Hedon (8), May 13th, from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, in Alison Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than May 11th, to Mr. C. Hunter, 59 Westlands Drive, Hedon, Hull. 8106

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 13th. Corley bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea at Rectory 5. Asley bells (5) 6 p.m. Can we please see some of the younger members? 8138

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon and South-West Branches.—Joint meeting, Buckfastleigh with Dean Prior, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 8152

DEVON GUILD.—Meeting, Thorverton, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 5136

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Whitley Bay, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.45. Service 4.30 and tea at 5. North Shields bells also 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Gofton, 18, Elmwood Road, Whitley Bay. 8159

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, May 13th, meeting at Chiddingstone, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 'Henry VIII.' Hever. Names essential, to Mr. B. E. Jeffrey, 1, Stanley Terrace, Hever Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 8144

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bulman, Dis. Sec. 8148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malling Lane, Orsett. 8053

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Frampton-on-Severn (6), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester, not later than May 10th. 8161

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton (6), on Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 10th, to F. S. Devereux, 'Chammaine', Kemerton, Tewkesbury.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 8162

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wolton Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge (6), on Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 8140

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 8137



**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, in Christ Church Hall, with further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Frank Oakshott, 20, Lewins Road, Epsom, by May 11th. 8142

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.**—Annual meeting, May 13th. Great Dunmow, ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Stebbing, ringing 5.30 to 6.45. Dinner, Saracen's Head, Dunmow, 7.15 p.m. Names by May 6th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 8061

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage, Saratt, near Rickmansworth. 8109

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe, on May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8134

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Old Alresford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. New Alresford (8) bells 6.30-8 p.m. 8103

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Adlington, Saturday, May 13th. Names for tea please, by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. M. Arrow-smith, 8, Babylon Lane, Adlington, Chorley. Buses 259, 311, 249, Blackburn-Chorley, 5, 35, 48 minutes past each hour. Frequent buses Chorley-Adlington, 122, 126, 130, 313, alight Ridgway Arms.—J. Pilkington and L. Walmsley. 8150

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, on Saturday, May 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Felledge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 8160

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 1s. 6d.). Names by Wednesday, May 10th, to Miss Wendy Kenyon, 220, Hunts Cross Avenue, Woolton, Liverpool. 8172

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, May 13th. Ringing: Cossington (5) 2.30-4 p.m., Sileby (8) 4-4.30 and after meeting. Service, Sileby, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 10th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby, Loughborough, Leics. 8145

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Corringham, Saturday, May, 13th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel.: 2623. 8149

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—May 13th, St. Lawrence's, Brentford. 2.30-4 p.m. Isleworth 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.30. Further ringing, Isleworth, 7.30-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL 3921. 8124

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 13th, at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw. Ringing 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Tea at the Two Brewers 4. Service 5, followed by business meeting, and evening ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can only be supplied to those forwarding named to D. T. C. Smith, 140, Church Lane, N.W.9. (Colindale 8773), not later than May 11th. 8150

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 13th, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 4, St. Modwen's (8) after meeting. Tea and business in St. Modwen's Schools 4.30 p.m., which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 5. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 8118

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Goring and Strealey 3-4.30 p.m. Service Goring 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and S. Stoke after tea. Names for tea by 19th, to Mr. L. G. Haines, 'Whyteleaf,' Elvenden Road, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon. 8133

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Oxon, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, to F. Absolom, Beverley, Warborough, Oxon. No names no tea. 8173

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Calne, on Saturday, May 13th. A.G.M. in Town Hall, 2.15 p.m., welcome by the Mayor, Councillor L. M. Angell. Festival service, Parish Church, 4 p.m., conducted by Vicar, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon. Meat tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m., by ticket only. Ss., to be obtained before Wednesday, May 10th, from F. S. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge. Bells available: Calne (8), Bremhill, Broad Hinton, Lyneham, Hedington (6), Compton Bassett, Yatesbury (5) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 6 to 9; Wootton Bassett (8), Hilmarton (6) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Others bells by arrangement.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. Phone 2297. 8087

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Pulverbatch, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Benson, The Rectory, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury, by Wed., May 10th. 8115

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) & LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).**—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 13th. Sutton Bonnington (5) bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, by May 8th. 8115

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A.G.M., Saturday, May 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton. Ringing: Good Shepherd 3-4 p.m., St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-4 and 7.30-8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m., 3s. per head. Names for tea by May 10th, to R. Percy, 147, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 8088

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wonston, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Coach and Horses, Sutton Scotney. Names please, by previous Tuesday, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants. 8169

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at York, on May 13th. Bells available: Minster (12) 1.15-2.25, 3.30-4 and 6.30-8.30 p.m.; Acomb (6) and Institute of Architectural Study (6) 3-4.15 p.m., and again after meeting. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at York Railway Institute. Names by May 11th to Miss M. E. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Subscriptions are now due, end reports will be available. Members and friends cordially invited to Diocesan family service, in the Minster, at 2.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8119

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 16th, please.—G. W. Bishop, Moor Lane, West Hagbourne. 8105

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, May 20th. Names for tea to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northants, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8155

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Practice meeting, Brandon (6), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 8154

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary by Tuesday, May 16th. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 8173

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Claverley, near Wolverhampton, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Ringing 11 a.m. onwards. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Admission to tea will be by ticket only and no applications for tickets will be entertained after first post Wednesday, May 17th. Remember, no tickets no tea. Application for tea tickets to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Towers available are: St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8), Bridgnorth, Alveley (6), Coalbrookdale (10), Madeley (8), Quat (6) and Worfield (6), Pattingham (8) and Trysull (6) will be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. 8123

### CITY OF BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF RINGING

Saturday, October 28th, 1961.  
is the date.

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More details later. 8131

### QUARTER PEALS

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Sheila Shackel 1, Sheila Bradder 2, H. Wood 3, F. E. Fosberry 4, F. R. Verral 5, G. R. Crisp 6, A. J. Tumber (cond.) 7, H. Botting 8.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—On April 16th, at the Parish Church, Idle, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Mayhew 1, F. S. Wilkinson 2, J. D. Barrow 3, D. I. Cowman 4, D. M. Robertshaw (cond.) 5, H. Buckley 6. First quarter by all except 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and in recognition of Mr. Hartley's services as churchwarden.

**CLAINES, WORCS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Cathleen S. Heaney (first quarter) 1, J. E. Whittall 2, Gillian P. Blackwell 3, R. F. Bryant 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. For Evensong, by the Sunday service band.

**FELMERSHAM, BEDS.**—On April 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Kathleen Rivett 1, F. Rivett 2, Mrs. Mary Mann 3, C. Mann 4, K. C. Fleming 5, P. Payne 6, R. Churchill (cond.) 7, J. Sharman 8. A wedding compliment to Colin Payne and Jean Fuller, both ringers, married this day, also as a belated 21st birthday tribute to K. C. Fleming.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. Gordon 1, H. K. White 2, Mary Thomas 3, J. Napper 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for the Bishop of Oxford's visit for Confirmation, and dedication of memorial tablet to Major David Wedderburn.

**HARROLD, BEDS.**—On April 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Newcastle and Durham): A. Gibbs 1, Avril Ivin 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, S. Ivin 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, B. Patterson (cond.) 6.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On April 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Weatherly 1, F. Bowden 2, Eve Pearson 3, Janet Miles 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. V. Queen (cond.) 7, J. L. Queen 8.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At 80, Park View, on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Price (first quarter 'in hand' as cond.) 1-2, E. F. P. Bryant (first quarter 'in hand') 3-4, A. Jackson (first quarter 'in hand') 5-6. Rung to mark the birth of a second son to the conductor.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On April 9th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw and D. Bradley 3, B. Mills 4, D. Bradley and A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 16th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Meredith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**MARTLEY, WORCS.**—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandire, Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and Southrepps Pleasure): J. A. Tandy 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, J. E. Pullon 3, J. C. Eliel 4, M. D. Fellows 5. Rung on the back five of this ring of six (14 cwt. in E natural), cast by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, in 1673, after meeting short for a peal.

### Late News

We regret to report the death, on April 28th, of Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, Lincs.



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By TOM CHAPMAN

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73524	—	—	—	6	(BBSBBS)
27534	—	—	—	6	(BBSBBS)
45362	—	—	*4	—	*=SBBS
23564	—	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	2	—
32546	—	—	—	3	—
43526	—	—	—	3	—
52436	—	—	—	3	—
32456	S	—	—	—	3
34526	—	—	—	2	—
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## RECENT BELL RESTORATION WORK IN KENT

**D**URING the last month or two the bells have been heard ringing out again from two Kent towers, both of which have been silent for a number of years.

At Birling, which is a small village of some 300 inhabitants, near Maidstone, the old mixed ring of six bells was augmented to eight in 1891 by the addition of a new treble and tenor, the old fourth bell being also recast to be in tune as the fifth of the new ring, the bells being rehung with new fittings in the old frame and two additional cages provided in an upper tier to accommodate the augmented ring. The work was executed by the Whitechapel foundry and the cost defrayed by Ralph P. Nevill, whose name appears on the two new bells. By early 1950 the bells were going very roughly, and they ceased to ring at the advent of a new vicar when the tower simultaneously became supposedly unsafe.

Early this year, Rev. Albert E. Waterhouse, late of Frindsbury, took over the living, and one of the first things he did was to swing-chime some of the bells before services, an idea quite novel to the majority of the parish, since no one had dared carry this out during the incumbency of his predecessor owing to the supposed danger of doing so. Having 'nailed the lie' of the unsafe tower by the inspection of both architect and builder, each of whom pronounced it to be safe to stand up to ringing bells, the writer was requested to do some work about the bells with a view to putting them into ringing order. Inspection of the frame and fittings revealed them to be in quite fair condition, and two afternoons' work was spent in tightening up all visible nuts and oiling the bearings and other moving parts: this was a difficult task since the bearings had dried out and the metal bearing covers had been glued down so tightly by the accumulation of dirt that they had to be prised open. Having refitted the wire to disengage the clock hammer and adjusted most of the ropes, the bells were rung up cautiously one at a time.

The bells were first rung in peal on April 5th on a ringing outing by ringers from many parts of Kent and elsewhere, in the presence of many villagers who had been foretold of the visit. They were found to be ringable but difficult to handle and even more so to hear properly, the second and fourth bells being the chief offenders. However, the general opinion was that the ring was quite tuneful outside, if lacking in 'go' (the tenor weighs 8 cwt. 22 lb. in G), and plenty of recruits were found amongst the villagers who were willing to learn to ring. It is to be hoped that an estimate will be obtained to the approval of the parochial council to enable the worn bearings to be replaced and thus improve the 'go' of the bells.

The other tower to re-enter the ringing circles is that of Hothfield, a village near Ashford. The tenor of the old ring of five bells was recast, a new treble added and the bells rehung in new fittings throughout in the old restored frame (by Alfred Howell, of Ipswich) in 1927. The bells proved to be a handy, light ring (tenor 8½ cwt. in A) and a number of peals were rung on them before the war. However, the church was quite severely damaged during the war years, and a bad crack appeared in the south wall of the tower by the staircase turret. Ringing did continue for a short period after the war, and although the crack showed no visible signs of spreading the bells were finally silenced early in 1948 as a safety precaution.

The tower remained in this state until last year, when a substantial restoration took place, which involved rebuilding most of the stair turret and much of the south wall. Soon after this the living became vacant, and nothing was done about the bells until the date of the institution of the new incumbent had been fixed; then, at the request of the churchwarden (and former ringer), Mr. Woolley, the writer and Mr. John Cooper, of Ashford, inspected the bells one Sunday evening. This was not as easy as it might have seemed, since the belfry key had been conveniently lost the previous Friday, and it required the resources of most of the Evensong congregation to find it after a mass hunt through the church. The bells and fittings were found to be in good order despite their absence of use, but only three of the ropes were found to be serviceable, so three spare ones from Ashford were also fitted. Tightening the frame and oiling was a relatively easy job here, and the bells were rung later that evening by a band that included Mr. Woolley, who had not rung since the bells stopped ringing. Everyone was amazed at the sweetness of tone of the bells, and the 'go' left nothing to be desired.

The bells were rung the following Saturday, April 15th, when Rev. Lancelot E. Dashwood, late of Loughborough, was instituted to the living, and attracted a large crowd of onlookers, including the Bishop of Dover himself, who conducted the institution. Later, a peal attempt in honour of the occasion failed (due mainly to the incapability of the band rather than the ringers), but a good peal was rung on the following Saturday by a mixed band from the district, conducted by Crawford T. Hillis. On this occasion some of the floor under the bell frame was temporarily removed to enable the bells to be heard more clearly.

A new young band is now being taught to handle the bells, and it is hoped that a Wednesday practice night will soon be established. At present the Ashford ringers ring at the church for occasional Sunday morning services, but a special practice—which will be advertised in 'The Ringing World'—is to be held here one Wednesday evening in the near future.

N. J. D.



**TEN BELL PEALS**

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Blackburn Branch.)

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. 2	JOHN PILKINGTON .. 7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG .. 8
NORMAN SMITH .. 4	M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. 9
ERNEST J. GOWER .. 5	WALTER WILKINSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.  
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Very Rev. W. Kay, Provost, on his retirement.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. Treble	JOHN MURFIN .. 6
ARTHUR H. READ .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	GWILYM SALMON .. 8
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 4	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 9
JOHN HARTLESS .. 5	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Stedman. The conductor has now called peals of Stedman from each bell.

STOKE CLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGNESSY .. 6
FREDERICK E. DAY .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.  
First peal on the bells since recasting by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On April 19 (St. Alphege's Day), 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 ST. ALPHEGE IMPERIAL COURT MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	WILLIAM LOVE .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 6
DAVID CUBITT .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The method is No. 274 in the Central Council's Collection of Plain Major Methods (1952).

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Aldis.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUSSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
MRS. T. L. JOCK .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 306).

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38-58.4-58-36.14-14.5.16-16.5

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
*SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 4 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 8736 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 2	ROLAND PARK .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells. The longest length rung for the Association.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

STANLEY HUCKLE .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 6
PATRICIA DOORN .. 3	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
GLADYS MANCHIP .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal together.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 6
*JOHN DREWITT .. 3	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 4	CYRIL H. KINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JACKSON EWBANK .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. BARRY SCHOFIELD.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. First peal for the Association by the treble ringer, who has now completed 60 years as a ringer at this church.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*O. LESLIE WARNER .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
JILL M. LANE .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 6
†M. PETER HOWARD .. 3	ANN M. COX .. 7
DAVID J. TUBBS .. 4	HAROLD A. MAY .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First on eight and on an 'inside' bell.

Rung as a farewell to Ann M. Cox, who is leaving the district for Winchester.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. FOSTER .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. 3	*JAMES W. RAITHEYBY .. 7
*J. DAVID CLARKE .. 4	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First of Surprise on the bells.



EDENBRIDGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. Treble	R. JAMES COOK .. .. . 5
ANDREW MACVE .. .. . 2	RAYMOND FINCH .. .. . 6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. . 3	ALAN ROGERS .. .. . 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. . 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

\* First peal in the method.

FELSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY W. MILLS .. .. Treble	*†PETER L. WOOD .. .. . 5
*MARIAN H. MILLS .. .. . 2	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 6
*JOHN A. WARNER .. .. . 3	*WALTER ARNOLD .. .. . 7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 4	*ALAN R. SYDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

A birthday compliment to Howard W. Egglestone.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*SHELAGH FITZPATRICK .. Treble	*DONALD J. BEACH .. .. . 5
P. MARY BEACH .. .. . 2	*F. NEVILLE PAILING .. 6
S. PATRICIA M. NIX .. .. . 3	PETER NIX .. .. . 7
HERBERT LEWIN .. .. . 4	†JAMES W. TYLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER NIX.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First on tower bells as conductor.

The compliments of the band go to James H. Pailing and Jean M. Addicott and to Alan Minkley and Gillian Stephens on their engagements.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. Treble	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. . 5
*ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. . 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 6
ROY DUESBURY .. .. . 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. . 7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal in the method.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

*RICHARD J. STANNARD .. Treble	*NORMAN M. WATSON .. .. 5
†MAURICE J. ROSE .. .. . 2	HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 6
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. . 3	ARTHUR E. COOK .. .. . 7
HARRY B. FULLER .. .. . 4	RICHARD ROSE .. .. . Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal, first attempt. First of Major as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Holt's Original	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
*ALAN BALDING .. .. . Treble	ALAN J. FROST .. .. . 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. . 2	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. . 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. .. . 3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Tenor
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. .. 4	

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

\* First peal at first attempt. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Dominic Julian, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Chapman, born on April 1st, 1961.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Oswald.

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE COURT MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN .. .. . 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. . 3	ROBIN J. LEE .. .. . 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. . 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 5
*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. 2	*PETER DALE .. .. . 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 3	MICHAEL FISHWICK .. .. 7
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.'

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CARLTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. . 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. . 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. . 7
VERNON GREEN .. .. . 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 57).

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

WALTER W. MILLER .. .. Treble	LENNARD E. LAST .. .. . 5
JACK PILGRIM .. .. . 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. . 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. . 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. . 7
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. . 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 31). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung as a welcome home to Mr. L. E. Last from holiday in Ethiopia.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. . Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. . 5
CYRIL A. WRATIEN .. .. . 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. .. . 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mary and Alan Carveth (president of the Truro Diocesan Guild) on the birth of a son, Steven; also a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. . 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. . 2	*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. . 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. . 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method.

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**SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. 5
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	JOHN RYDER .. .. 6
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

**SHERBORNE, DORSET.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

REGINALD W. REX .. .. Treble	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 5
ERIC T. LEE .. .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 6
*FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* 100th peal.

Rung for St. George's Day; also for the Queen's birthday the previous day.

**WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 6
*LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Miss M. Archer, of Handsworth.

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 7
BRYNLEY SHACKLETON .. .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

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

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Bristol.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O. Claybrook.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	*H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

**CHESTER.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF 5120 GONVILLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
*JOHN S. DEAN .. .. 2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	*ROBIN J. LEE .. .. 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in the method.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**MULBARTON, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., March 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Cambridge, Ipswich Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise Treble Bob.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

**YAXHAM, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

DAVID CUBITT .. .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 4
ERNEST MASTIN .. .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
WILFRED E. ROBINSON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A thanksgiving to the Rev. Dennis Rutt, who is shortly leaving the parish following his appointment as Rector of St. Peter's, Kirkley, Lowestoft.

**HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (West Lindsey Branch.)  
*On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.

JOHN UNDERWOOD .. Treble	JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. .. 4
DELIA E. SMITH .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

**BARMING, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
†PETER F. BORER .. .. 3	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal. † First in eight methods. ‡ First in eight methods 'inside.'

**BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob; 40 changes of method.

DAVID WILLIAMS .. Treble	ALAN D. STEELE .. .. 4
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal of Minor in ten methods in the county, by all the band, and for the Association.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

**CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.	
*BRENDA COLLINS .. Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4
††PETER M. FLECKNEY .. 2	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5
†AUDREY M. HALES .. 3	DIANA M. LAWLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by SHELAGH R. COLLINS.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor. First as conductor.



## GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Cambridge S., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

## ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scored (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 90 lb. in G.

*VIVIEN ROWE .. Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE .. 3
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. 4
NORMAN HAYES .. Tenor	

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN

\* First peal of Doubles. First 5-bell peal for all the band.

## BIGGIN HILL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

JOHN O. WELLER .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. 4
*JANET C. M. PYKE .. 2	MARGARET A. LADD .. 5
ANN GEORGE .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal.

## CUXTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grand-sire, five each of Plain Bob and St. Nicholas' and four each of Winchendon and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in A flat.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 3
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. Tenor	

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb in A.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	ELEANOR ROSE .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN COATES .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. A. Hather (churchwarden) and Mrs. Hather.

## HOTHFIELD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

VIOLET I. E. RELF .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 4
*JOSEPHINE HARDY .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal of Minor, and first 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. E. Dashwood.

## OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES BROWN .. Treble	WILLIAM CRACKNELL .. 4
ALAN FLATT .. 2	DAVID CRACKNELL .. 5
ALBERT LAWS .. 3	GEORGE FILBY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the fifth.

## STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES G. BROCKLEHURST Treble	†T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 4
†MICHAEL HOLT .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
†GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First 'inside.'

Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, and on the eve of St. George's Day.

## NAZEING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 12) Plain Bob, (13 to 42) Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*ELSIE M. BURTON .. Treble	WILLIAM H. ALEY .. 4
ALFRED A. LIVINGSTON .. 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
WALTER P. SAMS .. 3	CHARLES CLAYDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

\* First peal. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. C. W. Sams, the towercaptain, and Mrs. Sams.

## WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

PETER A. SHARP .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS .. 4
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

## BOXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's, (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 4
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*PETER F. BORER .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal in ten methods. Most methods as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

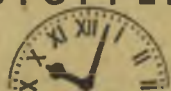
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DAVID E. BELCHAM .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4
JANET E. ROWE .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 3	MARK F. HATCH .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK F. HATCH.

First peal of Bob Minor by all the band.

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### HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Nicholas', Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

PAMELA M. JERVIS... .. Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4
*JENNIFER SCEENY (14) .. 2	*D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 3	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

### MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 5 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

#### A PEAL OF 10080 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 14 extents in 41 methods, as follows: (1) 192 of Whitley, 144 each of Carlisle, Cunecastre and Wooler, and 96 Northumberland; (2) 288 Northumberland and 144 each of Carlisle, Cunecastre and Sandiacre; (3) 288 Newcastle, 192 Munden, 168 Chester and 72 Alnwick; (4) 432 Canterbury and 288 Morpeth; (5) 360 Cunecastre, 288 London and 72 Wells; (6) 384 Lincoln and 336 Coldstream; (7) 216 Lightfoot, 120 each of Annable's London, Netherseale and Rossendale, 96 Stamford and 48 Wearmouth; (8) 432 Bacup and 288 Bam borough; (9) 432 Westminster and 288 Allendale; (10) 216 Cambridge, 144 each of Ipswich and Norfolk, and 72 each of Bourne, Hull and Primrose; (11) 288 Durham, 144 Surfleet, 120 Beverley, 72 York, and 48 each of Berwick and Hexham; (12) Kelso; (13) Warkworth; (14) Norwich: 195 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

PETER T. HURCOMBE... .. Treble	RONALD A. WRIGHT .. .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
VICTOR GRIFFIN... .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

This is the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods rung to a peal.

### PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

TONY PRICE .. .. Treble—2	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 3—4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE... .. 5—Tenor	

Witnessed by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY. Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.  
The first triple double-handed and all double-handed tower bell peal.

### MINIMUS PEAL

WAPLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

*On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 42 extents each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRIAN K. LEWIS .. .. Treble	HUGH N. EVANS .. .. 3
*IAN G. SMITH .. .. 2	HENRY TAYSON .. .. 4
JOHN A. POWELL .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by HUGH N. EVANS.

\* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Minimus in five methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

### HANDBELL PEALS

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., April 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,*

AT 23, SPARCH AVENUE,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and six of Plain Bob.

K. PETER JONES... .. 1—2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3—4
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

CAMBRIDGE.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., April 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,*

AT 2, JORDENS YARD,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*LUCY ALLEN .. .. 1—2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

\* First handbell peal.

The hand would like to thank Mr. Trevor Peters, for without his hospitality the peal would not have been possible.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEALS

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**—On April 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret E. Thewlis 1, Susan J. Howes 2, Helen J. Butler 3, R. H. Jones 4, A. J. Howes 5, F. Absalom 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, D. H. Exon (first half peal) 8.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On April 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: C. Carter 1, J. A. H. Best 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. F. Carter 4, F. W. Lewis 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Longest length for 1 and 4. Rung as a farewell to John F. Carter, who is leaving the district to live in Norfolk, after a peal attempt had failed.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Helen's Church, on March 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, W. A. Smith (cond.) 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, M. Angela Carter 6, C. J. Jones 7, J. Constant 8, J. Berry (covering) 9. First of Major for 1, 2 and 7. Rung to cheer Rev. J. V. Pixall, who was in hospital. Also on March 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Daphne M. Pollard 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Marie R. Cross 5, B. J. Care 6, M. Angela Carter 7, J. A. Constant 8, W. A. Smith (cond.) 9, C. J. Jones 10. Rung for the birth of Andrew Charles Carter, nephew of the ringer of the 7th. First of Plain Bob Caters by all. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, Daphne M. Pollard 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, Marie R. Cross 5, B. J. Care 6, M. Angela Carter 7, C. J. Jones 8, J. Berry 9, W. A. Smith (cond.) 10. First of Royal for all except 3, 5 and 10. Also at St. Nicholas' Church, on March 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Rowson 1, W. A. Smith (cond.) 2, M. Angela Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, Mary Butt 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Minor: H. Greenhalgh 1, Jean Ireland (first on Combined 'inside') 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot (first of Combined) 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Greenhalgh 1, Jean Ireland 2, Enid Roberts (first of Cambridge as cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, C. H. Bagot 5, B. R. Cox. First of Cambridge 4, 5, 6; on the bells and in the State by a local band. For Girl Guides' service.

**ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On April 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Janet Semken (first quarter of Major) 1, R. Duesbury 2, A. R. Andrews 3, A. W. Cole 4, M. C. Barnick 5, D. Culham 6, G. W. Barnes 7, A. G. Semken (first as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Lufkin family, after the rededication of the Lufkin Memorial.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. S. Dear (cond.) 1, E. Wills (first in method) 2, J. I. Dear 3, C. Harwood 4, L. Hughes 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine 8.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, V. J. C. Dale (first as cond.) 3, Miss E. Pryke 4, R. J. Brown 5. For Matins.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4, 8 coverings): D. George 1, A. Baldock (first of Doubles) 2, Audrey Eldridge 3, L. Tapp (first quarter) 4, J. Carr 5, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6, J. M. Swift 7, C. F. Pilbeam 8. For Evensong and as a Thankoffering for the restoration of the church. At the Thanksgiving service, in the afternoon, the Lord Bishop of Chichester preached.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, R. Cooper 2, E. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5. Before Evensong on St. George's Day.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Guthrie 1, A. E. Barker 2, E. Marion Key 3, B. G. Key 4, H. Butler 5, W. Benton 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, G. Bradbury 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Armstrong, for many years a faithful ringer at Cannock, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Feb. 23rd, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson (first quarter) 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, R. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. Also on March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson (cond.) 3, J. Vickery 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. Skelton (covering) 7. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wall 1, M. Armstrong 2, W. Tyson 3, R. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Walls 3, — Jewitt (Bawtry, first quarter in method) 4, W. Tyson 5, J. Vickery 6, R. Skelton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. All rung for Sunday evening services.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Veale 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. H. Stephens 4, H. Epplett (cond.) 5, D. M. Stephens 6. Rung for Father Trewhella, to wish him God-speed and a happy retirement after 20 happy years together, from his own band.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonser 1, Hilary M. Johnson 2, Gillian Tavener 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, A. A. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to consecrate the new lady chapel in this church.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Clarke 1, I. Weatherley 2, D. M. Hughes 3, C. G. Johnstone 4, J. L. Queen 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. J. Sparrow and Miss P. J. Slack, and to mark the re-commencement of regular Sunday ringing with a new band, after a period of five years.

**ESHER, SURREY.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Maybrey 1, H. Colcombe 2, Catherine Powell 3, Joan A. Smith 4, J. Martin 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, Pauline Drury 8. First of Stedman 4, 5 and 8.

**EVEHAM, WORCS.**—On April 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Selby 1, M. G. Selby 2, A. Bagworth 3, B. Coatsworth 4, P. Cattermole 5, M. Lewis 6, R. Overington 7, A. Bishop 8, C. Mew (first of Caters as cond.) 9, A. Clayton 10. First of Caters for 4 and 10. Rung at the suggestion of Mr. G. J. Hemming and with his willing assistance.

**GILLINGHAM, DORSET.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Haines 1, C. J. Redwood 2, Mrs. H. H. Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, J. E. Daniels 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, L. F. Cobb 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Lewis F. Cobb (Ringwood) and Miss Jane Eta W. Shields (Glasgow).

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Spencer (first quarter) 1, G. Beaumont (first quarter) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, J. W. Tyler 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. For morning service.

**GRIMLEY, WORCS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bayliss 1, J. Ranford 2, C. Davis 3, F. Davis 4, J. G. William (cond.) 5, P. Bullock 6.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. E. Woodall 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, R. Chance 3, J. Wightman 4, L. Clisset 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilcock (cond.) 7, I. Shilcock (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, on St. George's Day.

**HAMBLETON, BUCKS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. C. Henbest (first of Doubles) 1, Sally Oates 2, A. K. Street 3, J. A. Cobb 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, E. H. Smith 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb, of Shiplake.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bayliss 1, Sally Oates (first of Triples) 2, E. H. Smith 3, C. J. Tigwell 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, F. G. Henbest 6, J. A. Cobb 7, J. Smith 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb, and a birthday compliment to C. J. Tigwell, the local tower captain.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Daly (first quarter) 1, C. Webb 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, J. King (cond.) 5, Gwen May 6. For Evensong.

**HESTON, MIDD.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Chilcott 1, P. Bettridge (cond.) 2, G. Golding 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, J. Sansom 5, P. Ruch 6, J. Ricketts 8.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFELD, NOTTS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 2, D. A. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. First quarter as conductor. For Matins.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On April 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Maor: R. Fry 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, A. Pendlebury 3, Miss V. Willard 4, W. A. Farmer 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, G. R. Drew 8. For Evensong, on St. George's Day.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Onions 1, B. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Baldwin 3, G. Orchard 4, J. Camp 5, A. Sear 6. A 66th birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. S. J. Orchard, a ringer at this church since 1927.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. White 1, Ann Edwards 2, A. S. Hudson 3, I. R. Panton 4, S. C. Easer 5, J. Clarke (first in method) 6, J. L. Towler 7, A. Hubble (cond.) 8. A compliment to Victor Engelesakis and Mary Hubble, daughter of the conductor, who were married this day at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton, Alberta.

**NORTON CANES, STAFFS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Devey 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker 3, Margaret Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Armstrong, who commenced his ringing career at this church 55 years ago.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Bowley 1, Miss V. Mathews (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. F. W. Blach 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blach 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Kingswell.

**PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. M. Calvert 1, R. W. Ferris (cond. 2, P. B. Gates 3, W. Mundy 4, R. L. Clark 5, R. E. Miller 6. Rung half-muffled for Anzac Day (April 25th).

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On April 30th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): B. Branton 1, H. Goakes 2, G. Bush 3, F. Boyall 4, J. Woodman 5, G. Cowlin 6, M. Parker (cond.) 7, G. Davis 8. Rung in memory of Horace Day, of Market Deeping, and for morning service.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On April 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss S. Sims (first on ten) 2, H. W. Milford 3, A. J. Collings 4, F. E. Day 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, W. G. Lavers 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. To commemorate the opening of the new St. Andrew's C. of E. School.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): R. Thatcher 1, Hazel Young 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, D. Eades 4, E. Brown 5, F. Carter 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son, Stephen John, to Muriel, the wife of John Holbrook, a ringer at this church.

**STANDLAKE, OXON.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Cantwell (first quarter) 1, F. Trinder 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, A. Cantwell (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On April 11th, at St. Paul's, 1,568 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1, Miss I. A. Abrahams 2, Miss M. R. Page 3, E. A. Haines 4, R. Haines 5, R. N. Marlow 6, L. A. Page 7, H. H. Abrahams (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 1, 3 and 7. Rung in memory of Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart, former Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On April 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Collins (first away from tenor) 1, J. L. Queen 2, P. C. Plant 3, I. R. Slee (first as cond.) 4, P. R. Turner 5. Rung by Shebbear College Society as a wedding compliment to John Trible and Margery Davey, married the previous day.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob): Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, D. T. Heathcote (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

**STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.**—On April 23rd, at St. Paul's, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cook 1, I. Hodgson 2, F. Howard 3, D. Beaumont 4, K. Hall (first as cond.) 5, J. Beaumont 6. Sunday service ringers at this church.

**STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.**—On April 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Patricia A. Royston 1, W. D. Bailey 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, A. R. Bridges 4, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 5, D. E. Culham 6. A birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Swain 1, D. Gullick (cond.) 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Mumson 7, R. Luxon 8. For the Easter Festival.

**THORNFORD, DORSET.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. E. Pinney 1, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, J. Looker 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, Rev. C. Marshall 5, G. Marshall (first quarter) 6.

**TORQUAY, DEVON.**—At St. Saviour's, Tor Mohun, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Forester (first quarter) 1, P. A. Lock 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. J. Harvey 4, W. Simmonds (cond.) 5, K. E. Fursdon 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. G. E. Porter and Mrs. Porter, on their retirement.

**WEMBDON, SOMERSET.**—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey M. Short 1, Freda Phillips (first of Minor) 2, C. Clarke 3, F. Sweet 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong for the Patronal Festival.

**WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Coombs 1, H. N. Evans 2, H. Taysom 3, Margaret Wild 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, J. Ferris 6. Rung as birthday compliments to Jennifer Coombs and Mrs. W. M. Beece.



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Occasionally we report tower-bell peals where one ringer has rung two bells.

Now has come a peal of Minor from Preston Candover, Hampshire, in which three ringers each rang two bells. The band consisted of Tony Price 1-2, Frank C. Price 3-4, Frank T. Blagrove 5-6. The performance will go down to posterity, as far as peal ringing is concerned.

The peal at Haxey, Lincolnshire, on April 15th, is believed to be only the second peal on the bells.

The quarter peal of St. Albans Delight (see 'Ringing World,' April 28th) was rung at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and not at St. Peter's, as printed.

Congratulations to Adelaide ringers, who have rung their first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor, which is the first in South Australia by a local band.

Mr. Len Derrick is ringing peals again, after his illness. He made a welcome return with a peal at Yatton, Somerset. The band wish him many more peals in the near future.

Another of our first issue readers has come to light, with the renewal of his subscription. He is Mr. E. Austin Head, of Needham, Suffolk, who learnt to ring under the late Mr. F. Lambert, of Halesworth.

Mr. A. Clayton, Master of the Putney ringers, hopes to enter a theological college in August. He has been succeeded by Mr. C. Mew as Master and the secretary and steeple-keeper is Mr. B. Bull.

The departure of Mr. John F. Carter, from Pangbourne, Berks, to Holkham, Norfolk, was marked by an attempt for a farewell peal. Unfortunately, the peal was lost in the first extent, due to two bells changing course. As there was not time for a second attempt for a full peal, a half peal was successfully rung and this was the longest length for Clifford and John Carter. Afterwards the band were most hospitably entertained by John and Barbara Carter and they extend not only their thanks, but best wishes for ringing in Norfolk.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

A peal of Spliced Minor, consisting of 10,080 changes in 41 methods, was rung at Mildenhall, Wilts, on April 29th. This was the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal. The conductor was John R. Mayne.

St. Peter's Church tower, Dorchester, is now encased in scaffolding and repairs are proceeding. Ringing will be curtailed and for a time will have to cease.

The ringers of Daventry were intimately connected with the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough to consecrate a new lady chapel in their church, as they had made themselves responsible for raising £80 to meet the cost of one of the candlesticks.

A correspondent sends us a cutting from 'The Essex County Standard' reporting a full peal at Sudbury on April 8th. In this Miss Joy Munson rang her first peal and was the first woman parishioner to do so. We await the report of the peal.

Next Wednesday afternoon the ceremony of consecration of Guildford Cathedral will be televised. It has not been possible for the builders to hoist the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell in the tower, but it will be on view in the south ambulatory.

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is in the City Hospital, Exeter (Marnheal Ward), for an operation and treatment. We are sure his many friends will think of him and wish him restoration to health and activity.

Floods played havoc with the band who planned to ring a quarter peal at Thornford, Dorset, on April 25th. Mr. Walter Poole safely negotiated one flood-bound road, got stranded in the middle of another, had to be towed out and failed to reach his destination. Another car, containing three of the band, got stuck in the middle of another flooded road and was driven out on the starter-motor. Instead of Cambridge Surprise, a quarter of Stedman Doubles was rung, the local tower master, Mr. Marshall, standing in.

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*Arrangements for Whitsun*

Headquarters will be the Grand Hotel, Trinity Street, Hanley, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the weekend.

**WHIT TUESDAY**

Holy Communion at the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, at 8 a.m. Breakfast for ticket holders in the Town Hall, opposite the Church, afterwards.

Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Will members be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and tea in the Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters.

**RINGING ARRANGEMENTS**

**WHIT SATURDAY.**—2.4 p.m.: Kidsgrove (6), Tunstall (8) and Wolstanton (8); 3-5: Brown Edge (6) and Norton (8); 4-6: Newcastle (10); 7-9: Hanley (10) and Stoke (8).

**SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.**—Morning commencing 10 a.m. Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Newcastle (10), Wolstanton (8), Tunstall (8), Hanley (10), Longton (8), Stoke (8), Bucknall (6), Brown Edge (6), Biddulph (6), Leek (10), Kidsgrove (6), Cheddleton (6), Kingsley (6), Cheadle R.C. (8), Silverdale (8), Keele (6), Madeley (6), Audley (8), Swynerton (6), Alton (8), Betley (6) and Fenton (8) (9.30-10 a.m., 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.). Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Draycott-le-Moors (8) 4.30-6.30 p.m.

**WHIT MONDAY.**—10 a.m.-12 noon: Broughton (8) and Stone (8); 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Eccleshall (8) and Swynerton (6); 2.4: Leek (10), Horton (6) and Cheddleton (6); 2.30-4.30: Marchington (6); 3-5: Kingsley (6), Rochester (8) and Uttoxeter (8); 4-5: Hanley (10); 6-8 p.m.: Audley (8) and Betley (6).

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

**NEW RECORD LENGTH FOR DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION**

Since April 24th, 1905, the record length for the Durham and Newcastle Association has been a peal of 7,232 Double Oxford Bob Major, rung by the Christ Church, South Shields, band at Tanfield, Co. Durham.

From time to time there have been thoughts about breaking this record and on Easter Monday there was an attempt at the Morpeth Watch Tower at 8,000 odd Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This attempt failed in the early stages.

Permission was kindly given for an attempt for 10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Allendale, by the Rector, the Rev. G. A. M. Dale. This lovely town lies in an isolated situation, about 12 miles to the S.W. of Hexham, and stands above the East Allen dale.

Mr. Eric Critchley had prepared compositions of various lengths for the attempt to be made on Saturday, April 22nd. As the morning of the attempt dawned, the writer and potential conductor, who had unwisely carried his new moped up a steep flight of steps on the previous Thursday, awoke with various muscular aches and pains, and as these did not disperse during the morning he decided to go to Allendale and just ring a bell, the lighter the better. Mr. Robin G. Turner very obligingly undertook to call the peal, at an hour's notice, and so we set off into changes on the light, easy running eight, at about 2.40 p.m. The back six bells are hung on plain bearings, but they were well greased beforehand by Mr. Lister, an Allendale ringer, who is at present training a local band.

Approaching the uncharted 8,000's, the writer, realising that the full 10,080 was going to take half an hour longer than he had estimated and because his aforesaid aches and pains were still present in full vigour, asked Robin to shorten the peal by six courses. Thus the 55 year old record was broken by a peal of 8,736 changes, rung in 4 hours 55 minutes.

Afterwards various people in the town, including the Rector, commented favourably on the ringing and expressed the hope that we would come again shortly, J. A. A.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 19



MR. PAUL L. TAYLOR,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Most of those who have rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile, either for peals or on outings, will be well acquainted with Mr. Paul Lea Taylor, head of the famous bell founding firm which bears his name. When he is at home, he is usually able to find time to welcome visitors, and sometimes

personally conducts them over the foundry. He is always very willing to give permission for any ringing, and indeed the fact that the bells are available for peals so frequently is a great help to many Midland ringers in building large peal totals.

Paul Taylor was born on January 25th, 1914, at Quorn, Leicestershire, and educated at Oundle School and Sheffield University, where he took his degree as a B.Eng. It was only natural that he would follow the career of his ancestors, and he is proud of the fact that he is the fifth generation of Taylor bell founders. He was taught to ring at Loughborough, and his first peal was rung at the Bell Foundry tower, being Bob Minor, on December 12th, 1938. His peal total is a modest one, but his work as head of the firm—he took over this position in 1947 on the death of his father, Mr. E. Denison Taylor—frequently entails him travelling all over the British Isles and abroad. He has little time, therefore, to devote to this side of the art, but nevertheless has rung 106, in several methods up to Stedman Caters.

Paul is an honorary member of the Central Council, and a vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. As a University man himself, he is keenly interested in the welfare of the Universities Association, and is president of that Association. He also holds a similar office with the newly formed Nottingham University Society.

Outside bells, his great interest is music, and he enjoys scraping assiduously (as he puts it!) on the violin and viola. Amongst well known people who have visited the bell foundry, and been received by Paul, is the Duchess of Kent, who visited them in June, 1959, and he had quite a busy time on the television when the B.B.C. visited the foundry about four years ago.

It is very safe to say that while Paul is head of Taylor's Bell Foundry he and his staff will always strive to maintain the high standard of work which always results from a 'Taylor' ring of bells.

APACE.

**A PROTEST**

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, has sent the following letter to the editor of 'The Sunday Pictorial.'

'I am impelled to write to you to protest at the most unseemly and inaccurate representation of bell ringing depicted in "Sunday Pictorial," April 30th.

'Bell ringing is a highly skilled art, devoted primarily to the service of God and the worship of His Church, and in its practice is far removed from the fantastic contortions portrayed in your unsightly pictures.

'Neither the dignity of this ancient English art nor your own reputation can expect to be enhanced by your photographer's indiscretion.'

[For letters, see page 319.]

**10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

234567 5ths M W H

274365	—			
645723	—	—	—	
542763	—			
246753	—			
426357	—		—	3
34625	—		—	3
23645	3		—	3

Twice repeated.

Rung as 8,736 (by omission of 3 blocks of 3 hobs in last part), at Allendale, Northumberland, on April 22nd, 1961, conducted by Robin G. Turner.

The peal at Madeley, Staffs (page 297), was not rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen, but the peal at Bucknall on April 21st in this issue was. Our correspondent apologises.

For Mr. Albert Walker's 85th birthday on May 3rd, he took part in 27 courses of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral. The peal then, unfortunately, broke down, so there was an adjournment elsewhere!

**13,440 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR IN SIX METHODS**

Dear Sir,—We give notice that it is our intention to attempt the composition No. 1, by A. J. Pitman, given in your issue of April 28th, 1961, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), on Saturday, May 20th.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

Dear Sir.—This is to give notice that a band will attempt to ring 13,440 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, on Saturday, May 20th, commencing at 10 a.m., at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, by kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor. The composition to be used is Mr. A. J. Pitman's No. 2 arrangement, on page 287 of your issue for April 28th, 1961.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHIN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

**ST. MARY'S, FLINT, BELLS TO BE RESTORED**

The six bells at St. Mary's Parish Church, Flint, which have not been rung since 1936, have been dismantled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and sent to Loughborough. The tenor bell is to be recast, the other five retuned and two new bells added to make a ring of eight. A new metal frame is also to be provided.

The restoration work, including the steel frame work, is estimated to cost about £2,000 and already about £1,500 has been subscribed by parishioners and friends. The secretary and treasurer of the fund is Miss S. E. Flynn, J.P., 19, Chapel Street, Flint, who will be glad to receive donations. The church was built in 1848 and the treble bell, dated 1873, was provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

To get ready for the return of the bells, local bellringers are being recruited. It is hoped to have more than one team, including one composed entirely of women.



## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

THE 54th annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on April 15th. The bells of Holy Trinity Church are a tremendous attraction and well over a hundred were given the opportunity to ring them during the afternoon and evening. The service, taken by the curate, was well attended. Members were sorry to learn that Canon Prentice was ill and they sent him their best wishes for an early recovery. All arrangements for the meeting were made by members of the local band.

The business meeting, with the president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, in the chair, was held after the tea. But before it started there was a pleasing ceremony—the presentation by the president to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Windsor, the Ringing Master and his wife, of a tea trolley, as a wedding present, subscribed to by members of the Guild. Mr. Perrens' good wishes to them for a very happy future was warmly endorsed by the meeting.

Opening the meeting, the chairman made reference to the two veterans who had passed on since the last meeting—Mr. Adolphus Roberts and Mr. Tom Male, both of whom had been members of the Guild for over 50 years. Members stood in silence as a token to their memory. Both had done much for the Guild in its infancy.

### IMPROVED STANDARD

In presenting his report for the past year, the honorary general secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) stated that a new ring of eight had been installed at Atherston, but had not been dedicated, and that the six at Kenilworth had been rehung. The past year had been one of progress throughout the Diocese, meetings had been well attended and the standard of ringing had improved. Many young people were to be seen at the meetings: this was a good omen for the future of the Guild. He expressed sincere thanks to the officers of the Guild for their help during the past year, and referred, in particular, to their chairman for his ready assistance at all times.

### DEDICATION RINGING

Close contact was kept with the new Cathedral authorities, so that ringers should be in the picture when that magnificent building was dedicated in May, 1962. A further meeting had been arranged with the Provost to ascertain the actual date of the service for ringers during the Festival of Dedication. The Lord Bishop had suggested that as many peals as possible should be rung in the Diocese on the actual day of dedication, and all the bells not taking part in peals should be rung at the time of dedication. This would be a formidable task for the members, and it was not too early to start making their plans for this momentous occasion.

He paid tribute to the sub-committee who had the onerous task of revising the Guild Rules, for the very able way they had carried out their task. The new Rules proposed and which he hoped the members would now adopt would certainly be easier to interpret than the present ones.

The honorary treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, in presenting the financial report stated that the membership was now over 300, and that the finances of the Guild were in a satisfactory state. The Bell Restoration Fund had over £34 available. The Northern and Southern Branch secretaries both reported that progress was good, that new bands had been formed in some churches, and that it was noticeable that the main support at meetings was by young people.

### DIVISION OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The principal item on the agenda was the adoption of the revised Rules. These were accepted without comment. There were three controversial items to deal with, the Division

of the Southern Branch, which was left with that Branch to make a definite recommendation of how they proposed to carry this out, so that it could be dealt with at the next A.G.M. The other two items, Certificates of Affiliation for Towers and Competition Ringing, were rejected. Many new members were elected and there were several ratifications. All the officers were re-elected as was the honorary auditor, all being thanked for their work during the past year.

The peal secretary, Mr. P. Stone, reported that 25 peals had been rung during the past year and was the highest number to be rung in a year for over ten years. Four members had rung their first peal, 30 members had rung their first in a new method, and the conducting had been shared by 14 members. Before the meeting closed the secretary reminded those present of the biannual rally, which was to be held at Chilvers Coton on July 1st. The next meeting would be at Stoke-in-Coventry.

## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Critical observations were passed by Mr. J. D. Johnson, the general secretary, at the Worcestershire and Districts Association's 76th annual meeting held at Worcester on Easter Monday, on the practice of ringing the front six of a ring of eight and the front eight of a ring of twelve. He described it, according to 'The Evesham Standard,' as 'an agony in sound that grates on the ears.'

Mr. Johnson called attention to this practice in the hope that it would be discontinued although the rules of the Association did not forbid such ringing.

In his report, Mr. Johnson said that more young people were taking up bellringing and the number of members continued to increase.

The Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. L. P. Milburn), who presided, was re-elected president. Other re-elections were: clerical vice-presidents, Bishop C. E. Stuart, Canons T. Keith-Murray, T. Charles-Jones and J. R. Bamber, the Revs. H. Hartley and A. Webb; lay vice-presidents, Messrs. J. R. Newman and W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson. The Rev. I. J. Birch resigned as chaplain and was elected a clerical vice-president.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Backwell on April 15th and the fine octave was put to good use prior to the Association form of service, which was conducted by the Rev. L. W. Fussell, of Wraxall.

An excellent tea, prepared and served by the lady members of the Branch, was enjoyed in the Women's Institute Hall, and Rev. L. W. Fussell took the chair at the business meeting, which followed. A new member from Backwell and another from Wrington were elected and one lapsed member from Yatton was re-elected. Subject to permission the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall in July, with monthly practice meetings at Publow and Portbury for May and June, respectively. The Branch will ring for and attend Evensong at Portishead on St. Peter's Day, Thursday, June 29th.

Ringing was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

The half yearly Corporate Communion was held at Portishead on April 23rd, when some 22 members rang for and attended the Parish Communion. Breakfast was afterwards taken in a nearby cafe.

M. J. H.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Reigate on April 15th, must have been the shortest for many years. Ringing at St. Mary's had been followed by the Association service (taken fittingly by the Rev. K. G. Hoare, our ringing Rector of Godstone) and a magnificent home-made tea, enjoyed by 67 people in the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, presided at the business meeting, which soon moved on to the committee's report for 1960. No startling events had occurred during the year, but it had been rather a year of consolidation. A start had been made in training bands needing outside help; the quarter peal total (which is a significant measure of vitality) had increased to 146 from 118 in 1959; and Sunday service ringing had been maintained in most affiliated towers.

The meeting stood to the memory of four members who had died during the year: Messrs. F. Digby, C. W. R. Grimwood, H. Farrington and E. E. Tidy.

### REPORTS FROM 1880

After the treasurer had assured us we were in a healthy financial state, Mr. Roberts presented an encouraging report on the library, which had been quite well used during the year. He announced that the complete set of Association reports, 1880-1959, had been bound and were on display at the meeting, and said that although gifts of interesting books were always welcome at 18, Blackborough Road, Reigate, we should particularly appreciate reports for the years 1880-1922, 1931, 1933 and 1935. This was to complete a duplicate set.

Mr. R. F. Layton had been patiently writing up the latest peal book, and he was warmly thanked for this. These books were also on display and attracted an interested crowd before and after the meeting.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc, including Mr. Darby as Master and Mr. R. Parsons as secretary.

Some Rule amendments were then swiftly disposed of, including one which fixed the date of the A.G.M., on the first Saturday in May, instead of the second after Easter.

When the committee announced that members aged 16 or less would only have to pay a half-rate subscription of 2s. next year, something happened. The meeting stirred. We could feel the breath of battle at last. Almost before the old 'uns could complain: 'one wedding pays for two-and-a-half subscriptions,' a young 'un had jumped up and was actually asking for a cheap sub. for as long as he/she stayed at school. The young 'un persisted. However, the chairman's promise to 'look into it' achieved the truce, tension eased, and the meeting relaxed once more.

The secretary announced that discussions were under way with the Guildford Guild on the proposed merger; and that next year's meeting would be on May 5th (it was hoped) at either Southwark or Kingston. And so, with the usual hearty votes of thanks, did the meeting close after a mere... 45 minutes.

F. E. K.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting was held at St. James' Church, Blunham, on April 8th. A short service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, with Mr. M. Lockett at the organ.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise, with rounds for the probationers. About 25 members were present at tea, which was served in the Parish Hall by Miss Joan Harding and other lady helpers.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'A TRAVESTY'

Dear Sir.—May I through the medium of the columns of 'The Ringing World' make the strongest possible protest at the disgraceful exhibition in a national Sunday newspaper, last weekend, showing two girls being given a 'supposed' lesson in handling a bell rope.

The pictures are—to me—abominable, and nothing but a travesty of the truth, in what should be good behaviour and decent conduct in a ringing room, and I have no hesitation whatever in saying that the person who allowed the girls to behave in the way they did, and to be photographed, knowing full well that the pictures might be published in a national newspaper, should be cleared out of the belfry neck and crop, and never allowed in again.

This kind of falsity can only result in creating a wrong impression in the minds of many, especially those who are always ready to misjudge and adversely criticise, given the opportunity.

I appreciate that this incident is only another of the sensation-mongering activities of the type of periodical concerned, but I realise that many parents, upon seeing such pictures, would have second thoughts about allowing their young people to enter a belfry in such things take place.

I appeal, therefore, to all sensible ringers, and particularly captains of towers, to dispel any doubts that may arise in the minds of parents of their ringers, and to extend an invitation to the parents to visit the belfry and see their youngsters at work, both at practice and Sunday ringing. They would then be able to treat pictures and articles of doubtful authenticity with the contempt such things deserve.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD,  
Ringing Master,  
Chesterfield Parish Church.

## 'BAD TASTE AND SACRILEGIOUS'

Dear Sir.—I have today had shown to me a copy of the 'Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th. I am far from prudish, but I feel the Tower Master and any other responsible members of Great Salkeld, Cumberland, should be severely reprimanded for allowing the photographs to be taken in their belfry, which were spread across the centre pages of the paper.

Not only are the photographs in extremely bad taste, even sacrilegious considering they were taken in church, but the ropes are not being pulled in a normal manner.

Presumably the girls hung on to the sallies when the bells were half down and anyone doing this in ignorance with the bells up could be seriously injured.

This sort of thing can only give the art and bellringers a bad name, and that it should have been allowed to happen is shameful.—Yours faithfully,

Brentwood, Essex.  
R. J. BROWN.

## NEW WAYS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir.—Looking at the centre pages of the 'Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th, one cannot help but feel that ringers are being taught a different way these days. It shows two learners at Great Salkeld, Cumberland, rising to the occasion, and disappearing out of view upwards! It seems that either this picture was 'staged' or that learners are now being taught to ring down in one pull.—Yours faithfully,

D. BROOKES.

Putney.  
P.S.—This letter does not, as it may seem at first sight, have a plain course.—D. B.

## GOOD FRIDAY RINGING

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted to pass a few observations on a recent letter concerning ringing during Holy Week.

Whilst I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. F. Hopgood that all practices, peals and quarters should be curtailed during Holy Week, I am afraid I do not share the same opinion regarding ringing on Good Friday.

When one considers that the primary purpose of church bells is to call people to worship and to be a witness of the Christian faith in that parish, then surely Good Friday is one of the great days of the year when the bells should be rung. Whether or not they are rung half-muffled I consider a matter of personal opinion, although half-muffled ringing has a peculiar beauty of its own, and adds a striking contrast to the 'open' ringing on Easter Sunday, proclaiming the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

Regrettably these days, Good Friday seems, to the majority of people, to be just another excuse for a day off and perhaps a lie on in bed. Surely we can, by our half-muffled ringing, at least remind people of the solemn importance of the day. After all the organ is not silenced, and many beautiful choral works are rendered; why then should our bells stay silent?

It has always been our custom to ring on Good Friday, and I know that if we did miss, our Vicar would soon be asking why.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. SOUTHWOOD.  
Truro, Cornwall.

## HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir.—Whilst there is some truth in what Mr. Hopgood says, as regards Holy Week ringing and the period of Lent in general, I must protest against his statement that half-muffled ringing on Good Friday is 'a lot of hokey.'

Our church is situated against A6, one of the busiest roads in the North-West. We ring our bells half-muffled at 10 for the morning service on Good Friday. At that hour hundreds, if not thousands, of hikers, cyclists, motorists are streaming up the road to the Peak District. These people cannot fail to hear the bells, and what better reminder could they have of the solemnity of the day? What effect, if any, it may have on them is impossible to assess, but the fact remains that more hear them (the bells) than are likely to attend a service, and the church authorities approve. Whether the ringers concerned 'can't keep their hands off a rope' is beside the point.—Yours, etc.,

P. LAFLIN.  
Stockport.

## FOR INDIVIDUAL INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter 'Ringing in Holy Week.' Mr. Hopgood might be interested to learn that at Bexley we ring during Holy Week at the express wish of the Vicar.

Surely this is a matter which must be decided by each individual incumbent. I, myself, can see no harm in reminding those who pass by that Good Friday is not another Bank Holiday and that there is something 'on' in the church.—Yours faithfully,

MARY R. ANDREWS.  
Bexley, Kent.

## THE WEDDING PEAL

Dear Sir.—May I reply to Mr. Robert Smith, whose letter you printed on April 28th? Since my first letter to you I have received from the principals involved a most spontaneous, generous and heart-warming apology. This entitles them to be left strictly out of the issues now raised by Mr. Smith when he says that 'a number of points stated (i.e., by me) appear to be a little way from the truth.' I do not practise untruths and needs must reply.

The facts are these. I had to make a distressing choice between competing duties, which meant I could not ring for the wedding of two local ringers. As soon as I knew of this I told them of it and of my great regret. Hearing that some of their ringing friends were likely to be at the wedding I asked for details, wishing to make the best possible arrangements for everyone. I think it possible that it was this request for information about visiting ringers when led to a later misunderstanding. I must emphasise, however, that I did not, as Mr. Smith states in his letter, tell them that as I would be away there could be no ringing for their wedding. Nor is it the case, as he implies, that I ever contemplated ringing a peal which would have been beyond the competence of the local band, with the two honeymooners away. What is true is that we, at Sutton, had always intended to ring for the wedding and at the same bell practice as I asked about visiting ringers our own were asked to do this. That they did it royally is shown by the fact that all eight of them turned up, led by my wife and son, who otherwise would have been with me; a local band of eight for six bells.

At the wedding visiting ringers were welcomed and pressed to ring. One of them praised the bells and my wife offered to get them for her for a future peal. This friendly approach did not elicit the natural response that she was in fact to ring one there that very afternoon. None of the visitors present who were to ring in that peal told any Sutton ringer of it, much less were any courtesies exchanged with my wife, who was acting as leader for me as to arrangements re chimes, keys, etc. Small wonder that the local ringers felt resentment later on hearing their own bells ring to a peal, and by whom.

If Mr. Smith will carefully re-read my first letter he will see that it does not preclude that at an earlier date a vague suggestion had been made to the Vicar about some ringing during the afternoon. What it does say is what the Vicar told me, he had no idea that anything in the nature of a formal peal was to be rung and that had this been the case he would have told me of it. It also says that I, as tower leader, had no knowledge whatsoever of a peal, nor had I of the afternoon ringing; I went on to say that this constituted 'a deplorable lack of courtesy amongst ringers.' Surely Mr. Smith is not suggesting that a partial courtesy to the clergy and total discourtesy amongst ourselves is the standard to be accepted or that young people today would accept it as their ultimate aim? I think far more highly of them than this.

May I conclude by recommending to Mr. Smith that he now does what I did; that he makes immediate personal contact with me as I did with the chief people concerned. I should be delighted to meet him and at least to advise him as to how he might avoid the excesses of immaturity in the future.—Yours faithfully,

C. LAWTON.  
Sutton, Lane End,  
Macclesfield.

Note.—This correspondence should now be closed.—Ed.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—On May 17th history is being made, when, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, the New Cathedral of the Guildford Diocese is being dedicated. Although the tower is not completed, ringers should know that a fund exists to help towards the cost of hanging a ring of bells at a later date. One bell of 124 cwt., in memory of Alfred Pulling, is already cast and is being hung, with electrical controlling mechanism, for immediate use. This bell will be incorporated in the ringing peal.

About £400 has been raised by donations and with £200 of other moneys available, covers the cost as estimated. Unfortunately the Cathedral authorities cannot find the £200 required to connect up the electrical mechanism and the cost of the building work involved, and have asked the ringers to be responsible for this amount; also, I should be extremely grateful for any donations, large or small, towards this amount. Ringers in the Diocese have already done very well, in addition to the burden of their individual church appeals for raising money to build the Cathedral.

Please send what you can afford to the undersigned. It will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES DENYER.

15, Crondall Lane,  
Farnham, Surrey.

## MR. REGINALD REX

Dear Sir,—Re 'Personalities of the Exercise—17'. I cannot describe the great personal joy it gave me to read the excellent article of the ringing career of that great friend of mine Reg Rex. We were very great friends in the late 20's and 30's, at Newbury, and later at Donnington, where I was resident as gardener, at The Priory and Reg was gardener at the famous historical Donnington Castle. We were neighbours and in the same profession. Reg would call at my house to go ringing at Newbury, Thatcham, etc., and we used often to call for old Sam, at the Donnington Hospital. What happy times those were, Reg, when we were struggling to get the last few pounds for the two trebles at Newbury Parish Church, in 1933!

I recall, especially, the only peal of Triples I ever rang at Bucklebury, with the late Miss Stella Davis, and Reg called the peal; also my only peal of Minor at Peasemore, and our cycle trips to Isley, Bucklebury, Highclere. What happy memories! I am sorry I have not met Reg for about seven years, but I humbly take my hat off to so great a ringer and friend, for his great courage in overcoming so great a handicap as the loss of an arm. May he live many years to enjoy this great art, to which he is devoted, and such a great example to us all. Thank you, Reg, for very many happy memories.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

## A PUZZLE

Dear Sir,—In an old book of puzzles, I recently came across the following problem: 'A correspondent, who is apparently much interested in campanology, asks me how he is to instruct what he calls a "true and correct" peal for four bells. He says that every possible permutation of the four bells must be rung once, and once only. He adds that no bell must move more than one place at a time, that no bell must make more than two successive strokes in either the first or the last place, and that the last change must be able to pass into the first.'

The solution given at the end of the book was not the expected extent of Bob Minimus, but the following:

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3413214224321341142132433  
1242341313412432324314212  
12244331114422233441121

Would this be regarded as a regular method, and can anyone but a name to it?—Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

Thurso, Caithness.

Note.—Readers should turn the paper sideways to read the method.—Ed.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Dorchester Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on April 22nd at Frampton, in traditionally April weather, with rather prolonged showers. A considerable amount of work has been done on the tower at Frampton in the past year or so and the bells are now rung from the ground floor. The bells are difficult to hear in the ringing room, but can be heard better in the church; also one has to be careful while ringing the 4th and 5th or one might catch the wrong sally!

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Brayford), with the choir in attendance. In his address he stressed that each man and woman should play their part first for God's sake and then for his people's sake and then for the satisfaction of doing it for God and his people.

Tea was served to 33 members in the Village Hall. The meeting was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Members stood in silence in memory of Lord Shaftesbury (Guild president) and Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart (past Master of the Guild).

Four new members were elected. It was decided that the next meeting should be at Wyke Regis on July 1st. Branch practices were arranged as follows, at fortnightly intervals, subject to confirmation: May 6th, Leigh; May 20th, Upwey; June 3rd, Litton Cheney; June 17th, Charminster; July 15th, Abbotsbury. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Calne were discussed.

Charminster bells were now back from the foundry and would be rehung during the next three weeks. Dedication would be on Whit Sunday at morning service (11 a.m.). Practice nights would be Thursdays. Members took the opportunity of ringing at Sydling during the evening.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## Farnham District

Despite really miserable weather a good crowd attended the Worplesdon meeting on April 22nd. The Rector, the Rev. the Hon. A. C. V. Elphinstone, conducted the service, and ringing was stopped for a short period for a christening.

The Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, took the chair at the meeting, which followed tea. Fifty-nine people were present and among the subjects discussed were the District outing to Bognor in July, the autumn festival to be held in the Farnham District on September 30th and the District ringing competition, which is to be held at Bentley on June 3rd.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

## Peak District

A very successful meeting was held at Darley Dale on April 22nd, when about 30 ringers attended. Visitors made up the majority of these, the East and West coasts being represented and well known ringers from Rotherham and Stoke-on-Trent were also present. It was a pleasure to see a boy of 11 stand in a course of Bristol and something like 65 years 'bridging' the gap between the treble and 2nd ringer in a touch of Siedman.

David Kingman, of Matlock, was elected a member at this meeting and we are happy to have this tower represented

G. R.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Lewisham District

Between 70 and 80 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District—a joint meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild—at Dartford on April 22nd.

As the church is currently awaiting the induction of a new Vicar, a former ringer, Canon Groom, of Lamorbey, kindly conducted the service. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

An excellent tea, prepared and served by local ringers and friends, was followed by the usual business meeting. It is planned to hold the next quarterly meeting on July 22nd at Bromley Common.

M. R. A.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

## Central District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Central District was held in Reading on April 29th. Afternoon ringing, ranging from rounds to Grandsire Cinques, took place at St. Laurence's, followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar. The organist was Mrs. Lock. After a buffet-style tea in St. Mary's Church House, the gentlemen were banished to ring handbells while the business meeting, attended by 26 members, took place.

Mrs. Lock (vice-president), in the chair, welcomed members from a wide area—some from as far afield as Yorkshire. The secretary (Mrs. S. Bullock), in her report, stated that all parts of the District had been visited during the year, the attendance had been fair at all five meetings and that 13 new members had been elected, bringing the total membership to a round 100. The financial position was sound.

The officers and District Committee were re-elected, and Mrs. E. Savory and Miss C. Rimmer were elected as representatives on the General Committee. During the election of new members, a letter was read from Mrs. Pipe, of Grundsburg, proposing 20 new members from East Anglia, who wished to revive the Eastern District. Once elected, they could then in turn elect their own District officers. This made a total of 27 new members.

It was hoped that the next annual District meeting would be at Hendon on March 31st, 1962, and the next District meeting at Benington (joint with Hertford County) on July 29th. Members were also reminded about the A.G.M. at Bedford on July 1st. Appropriate votes of thanks concluded the meeting, with a special one to the Diserens family. Evening ringing at St. Mary's included an excellent half-course of Cambridge by an all-ladies' band.

J. D.

## Bedfordshire and Northants Branch

The six-bell tower of Milton Ernest was chosen for the annual meeting of the Beds and Northants Branch of the Ladies' Guild on April 29th. The attendance was disappointing, only 12 ringers were present before tea, eight of them ladies and only one representing Northamptonshire.

A service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Daniels, and then tea was served in the Village Hall. At the business meeting, for which Mrs. M. Mann took the chair, the following officers were elected: Vice-president: Mrs. M. Mann; secretary and treasurer: Miss K. Rivett; committee: the Misses S. Collins, D. Lawless, S. Percival and Mrs. F. Spavins.

It was decided to hold District meetings regularly on the last Saturday of alternate months and if possible to have the next meeting at Kettering on May 27th.

Ringing Master for the meeting was Mrs. M. Mann.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## East Berks and South Bucks Branch

About 100 members attended the Branch annual meeting, held at Bray on April 22nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. W. Doran, and the chairman of the Branch, the Rev. E. Perkins, gave a very fine address. During the service members of the Branch who had passed away since the last annual meeting were remembered.

A good tea was enjoyed before the meeting began. The chairman thanked the secretary (Miss D. Hague), the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the Ringing Master (Mr. E. G. Swift) for their work during the year. Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. E. Perkins; secretary, Miss D. Hague; treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cornwall; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. H. Oglesby.

After a report on the ringing activities of the year by Mr. E. G. Swift and the usual vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m. This varied from rounds to Bristol and Cambridge.

D. H.



## OBITUARY

### MR. HORACE M. DAY

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on April 30th at the age of 79, of Mr. Horace Mason Day, the well known Market Deeping, Lincs, ringer, after being ill with bronchitis since December last.

Born at Tallington and later moving to Market Deeping, Horace did not take up ringing until he was about 30 years of age. During Army service in the Bristol area in the First World War, he gained valuable ringing experience on all numbers. Upon returning home his enthusiasm and ability as a conductor led to the rapid expansion of ringing activities in the Deeping area, resulting in many peals of Multi-Minor methods being achieved.

Spliced Surprise Minor soon took a firm hold, culminating in the ringing, in 1936, of the then record peal in 32 methods, which Horace conducted not once, but four or five times. He subsequently featured in the pre-war 'Ringing World' series of 'Leading Conductors.' Another of his pre-war achievements was conducting 10,080 changes in 14 methods at West Deeping.

His activities were not confined to six bells for he also found time to practise and ring peals of Surprise Major and Royal. Many ringers owe their introduction to Surprise ringing to Horace and he was always happy to have called their first peal in this field. In his late sixties and seventies he conducted his own yearly birthday peal, the last such occasion being in 1959, when, at the age of 72, he conducted a seventeen Spliced Surprise Minor peal at Ripplingale, Lincs, and this was the last peal in which he took part. No details of his peals are available but he took part in over 300.

As well as a ringer, Horace was, in earlier years, a keen competition cyclist, being a prize-winner on many occasions. He was a chorister for over seventy years and up to his death sang in both the Market Deeping and Deeping St. James' choirs.

His cheerful, joking, lively personality will be sadly missed by the hundreds of ringers throughout the country who had the pleasure of knowing him. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

The funeral took place on May 1st at St. Guthlac's Church, Market Deeping, and among the large congregation were some 30 ringers representing over 20 towers in Lincolnshire and Northants. Immediately following the funeral ringing took place at Market Deeping and Deeping St. James and in the evening a memorial peal was rung at West Deeping.

### MR. R. H. KNIGHT

The sudden death of Mr. R. H. Knight, of St. Martin's, Stamford, on April 26th was a great shock to his fellow ringers, as the previous evening he had attended practice and took part in most of the ringing.

It was on the five bells of Alwalton, Northants, over 60 years ago that he learnt to ring. Later he lived at Easton-on-the-Hill, where there were only four bells, but some 30 years ago he came to Stamford and joined All Saints' band. The possessor of a fine tenor voice, he sang in the choir of each church where he lived.

'Bob,' as he was affectionately known, was not a prolific peal ringer, his total being only 25, but he was always ready to take part in ringing, anywhere and at any time. His sincere and warmhearted friendliness made him very popular wherever he went and it is for these qualities that he will be best remembered.

J. H. B.

### MR. W. STANNARD AN APPRECIATION

By the death, on March 17th at the age of 75, of Mr. William Stannard, the Bury St. Edmunds company has lost a most capable ringer and conductor, whose place will be very hard to fill.

He had been a member of the Norman tower band for 40 years and insisted on good striking. When learning a new method he would insist on ringing it until the striking was to his satisfaction. The North-West District of the Suffolk Guild has lost a good supporter of their meetings. May he rest in peace.

A. F. B.

### FUNERAL OF MR. A. B. PECK

There were at least 150 ringers present at the funeral service for Mr. Alfred B. Peck at Westminster Abbey, last Friday. The service was conducted by the Sub-Dean, the Rev. Adam Fox (in the absence of the Dean), assisted by the Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry.

The cortege was met at the entrance to the cloisters by the clergy and the coffin, covered by the Abbey pall and borne by the Abbey bearers, escorted through the cloisters and into the Abbey, by the west cloister door, and thence to St. George's Chapel, in which the service was held.

In addition to the Westminster Abbey ringers there were present Mr. H. Langdon (Alfred's lifelong ringing friend), Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council) and D. Beresford (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

At the conclusion of the impressive service, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. N. Pitstow (secretary, Westminster Abbey ringers) 1-2, J. E. Chilcott (secretary, the Ancient Society of College Youths) 3-4, J. F. Smallwood (Trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths) 5-6, M. F. Moreton (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) 7-8.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung the same evening at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, with the bells half-muffled, by members and supernumeraries of the Westminster Abbey band to the memory of their late colleague.

The body remained overnight in the Abbey, where deceased had served for over 40 years, and was taken the following morning for cremation at Streatham Crematorium.

The sympathy of his wide circle of friends is extended to his two daughters. One is a missionary in Africa and the other, who is married, was residing with her father.

### MR. A. B. PECK APPRECIATIONS

A correspondent writes:—

As one of the younger generation of ringers, may I say how deeply the loss of Mr. Peck will be felt by many ringers who only knew him for a comparatively short time.

If we youngsters were inclined to boast about our performances, Mr. Peck was never slow to remind us about some of the things he had done—and it was worth hearing his reminiscences. I remember, especially, two of his stories, which he often used to tell to remind us that only the best is good enough, in ringing as in anything else.

He told us often about the time when he went for a handbell peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Challis Winney. Over three-quarters of the peal had been rung without a single mistake, when Mr. Peck inadvertently failed to dodge with himself in 4-5 (he was ringing 3-4). Mr. Winney, he told us, immediately put his bells down; which Mr. Peck felt was absolutely right, because one single mistake in a peal of Triples means that you have not rung 5,040 different changes.

Mr. Peck was also fond of quoting something which was written to him in a letter from Mr. F. Dench: 'What's the use of kidding yourself you've rung a peal, when you know in your heart you haven't?'

Mr. Peck is no longer with us, but I sincerely hope that his example will live. He had no patience with the young of today (and he admitted that they are few) who take no notice of what has been done by previous generations of ringers; he used to say, 'Where would I be, where would any of us be, if it hadn't been for what other ringers have done before us?'

Let us remember him, then, as one for whom perfection was the only goal in ringing, but yet would tolerate those whom he knew to be doing their best, and to be striving always to do better still, as he himself did.

The news of the passing, in tragic circumstances, of Alfred B. Peck, came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends, and to College Youths in particular. He was well known in all parts of the country and was

highly respected, not only because of his great ringing ability, but because of the sterling quality of his character. The Ancient Society has never produced a more worthy son, and he stood in the esteem, awe, affection of all members of the Society, old or young. College Youths will remember, with pride and gratitude, his service for nearly 20 years as secretary of the Society, and the cheerfulness with which he took on the colossal job of succeeding the late W. T. Cockerill, another great character.

Alfred Peck was a most modest man, and was never known to boast of his achievements. He was, however, a most doughty champion of the traditions of the College Youths, and woe betide any youngster who failed to respect them. Underneath his rather rugged manners, there was a gentleness and charm which was irresistible. He had always a kindly word for the youngster who could be seen to be trying.

His example in peal ringing was one which we would all do well to follow. When he started for a peal, his ambition was never to strike a bad blow or make a mistake. In this he invariably succeeded. He was a regular ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral for over 50 years, and also the senior member of the Westminster Abbey band, which he joined when it was formed about 40 years ago. We have lost a dear friend, and we shall miss him, but we shall never forget him.

Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's victory won,  
Now comes rest.

J. F. S.

I deeply regret the passing of my old friend, Alfred Peck, in such tragic circumstances, for we were College Youths together in London, during the last stages of our teens. For the purpose of the record, Alfred became a College Youth before 1904, for I rang in his first peal on ten bells at St. Magnus', City, on September 19th, 1902, when he rang the tenor to a round 5,000 of Stedman Caters.

He served his Cathedral and Abbey faithfully, was ever loyal to the College Youths, therefore he will not be forgotten, when the pages of our ringing history are referred to for examples of true and faithful personalities.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

### MR. R. ARCHER

The death of Mr Robert (Bob) Archer, of Winlaton, Co. Durham, on April 26th, is deeply regretted. He was a bellringer for many years and for the last few years people's warden, serving his church faithfully and cheerfully. Besides his church activities he was also a keen worker for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, being an officer in the local corps.

The funeral took place at Winlaton on April 29th and on the previous evening four of his ringing comrades—W. C. Bennett, H. Jenkins, T. Bullerwell and A. Allison—carried the coffin into St. Paul's Church, where it rested for the night. The bells were rung half-muffled prior to the funeral service next day, by the local band, assisted by Stephen Thompson, from Whickham. The Rector, Rev. J. G. Fox, officiated and in an address paid tribute to 'Bob's' work. Four members of the Ambulance Brigade acted as underbearers and he was laid to rest almost in the shadow of the tower which he loved and served so well.

R. W. L.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 12th, 1911.—

Many and often curious are the ways in which peals are lost. A smash up, a shift course or a broken rope are occurrences with which every peal ringer meets. At Rotherham the other day the band met with an equally effective quietus when attempting a peal of Stedman. The gas went out and—well, there was the end of it. But the peal has since been rung, and we congratulate Mr. Lee upon scoring Stedman Triples for his 70th birthday.

Nat a hundred miles from Brighton there was a 'gas' incident last Sunday evening. After ringing for service the steeplekeeper absent-mindedly turned off the gas at the meter, and extinguished all the lights in the church.



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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WILL all ringing friends please note, that after May 27th the address of Mr. John A. Underwood, will be 5, Marshall Road, Exhall, near Coventry. 8201

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### PERSONAL

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### MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual ringing week, Sussex, August 19th-26th. Will any member who has not received a circular and is interested in coming please write to me. Resident members should apply to the secretary, R. Hough (Jesus). To be certain of accommodation, reservations should reach me by the end of May.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent. 8171

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HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.—Owing to the Cathedral Consecration service there will not be a Surprise Major practice on May 17th. 8200

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH, NEWBURY, BERKS., propose to start a ringers' library. Will anyone who has unwanted books on ringing, churches or bells kindly forward them to C. J. Castell, 63, Paddock Road, Newbury. All books will be acknowledged and postage refunded. 8177

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to extra choir practices for the forthcoming broadcast, there will be no practice ringing at St. Peter's, Mansfield, Thursday, May 18th. 8209

### MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Meeting, Thorverton, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 5136

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, May 13th, meeting at Chiddingstone, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 'Henry VIII.' Hever. Names essential to Mr. B. E. Jeffery, 1, Stanley Terrace, Hever Road, Edenbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 8144

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bulman, Dis. Sec. 8148

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, in Christ Church Hall, with further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Frank Oakshott, 20, Lewins Road, Epsom. 8142

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford Group.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Brent Pelham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Great Hornead.—H. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe, on May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring own tea.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 8149

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Old Alresford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. New Alresford (8) bells 6.30-8 p.m. 8103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Corringham, Saturday, May, 13th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel.: 2623. 8149

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—May 13th. St. Lawrence's, Brentford. 2.30-4 p.m. Isleworth 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Church Hall 5.30. Further ringing, Isleworth, 7.30-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 8124

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 13th, at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw. Ringing 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Tea at the Two Brewers 4. Service 5, followed by business meeting, and evening ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can only be supplied to those forwarding names to D. T. C. Smith, 140, Church Lane, N.W.9. (Colindale 8773). 8150

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 13th, at Burton-on-Trent. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30 to 4. St. Modwen's (8) after meeting. Tea and business in St. Modwen's Schools 4.30 p.m., which includes election of officers and a motion to amend Rule 5. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 8118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Goring and Strealey 3-4.30 p.m. Service Goring 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Goring and S. Stoke after tea. Names to Mr. L. G. Haines, 'Whyteleaf', Elvendon Road, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon. 8133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Oxon, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, Beverley, Warborough, Oxon. No names to tea. 8173

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Publow (6), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8193

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting and ringing contest, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, front 6, from 3 p.m. Contest 4. Tea and judges' comments at 5 p.m. Names most essential by 17th, to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. General ringing after tea. 8191

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 8205

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting, Saturday, May 20th, at Crich. Bells 2.30 to 5 and 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8191

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 17th, to J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 8192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Tewin, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Own tea arrangements (no cafes).—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup 31. Saviour, Saturday, May 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8206

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Medbourne, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea time later.—L. W. Allen. 8197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Milton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at The Peacock Inn. Names for tea please, to Mr. S. Dewey, Church Cottage, Croxton Kerrial, by Wednesday, May 17th.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8181

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Winfarthing, Saturday May 20th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8179

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 20th, Horsham St. Faith. Bells (6) from 6 till 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8174

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 16th, please.—G. W. Bishop, Moor Lane, West Hagbourne. 8105

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8176

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Brandon (6), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 8154

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at Thakeham (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester, by previous Wednesday. 8199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8210

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral bells (12) available from 4 p.m. onwards. Crofton (6) and Felkirk (6) each from 2.30-4.30. Tea in the Social Service Hall, Providence Street, Wakefield, at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, by 18th. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8204

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8187

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary by Tuesday, May 16th. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Claverley, near Wolverhampton, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Ringing 11 a.m. onwards. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Admission to tea will be by ticket only and no applications for tickets will be entertained after first post Wednesday, May 17th. Remember, no tickets no tea. Application for tea tickets to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Towers available are: St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (8), Bridgnorth, Alveley (6), Coalbrookdale (10), Madeley (8), Quatt (6) and Worfield (6). Pattingham (8) and Trysull (6) will be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. 8123

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Wiveliscombe, May 27th, 6.30 p.m. Please note alteration of date.—A. R. Tudball. 8196

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock, 5.15 p.m. Sorry, cannot guarantee tea unless names are set to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8186

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please, to Mr. T. Bird, Brickfields, Bulmer, near Sudbury, Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham, 1.55 p.m., returning 9 p.m., also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland. Romney Marsh, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Superlative. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8202

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swaffham, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, please, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood. King's Lynn. 8203

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd, to J. Keyte. Freehold, Oxford, all ringers welcome. 8182

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—May 27th, practice meeting at Sopley. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those who notify by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8190

**VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.** June 24th.—Please will all who hope to attend send names to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 8188

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## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

THE annual tour of the Oxford University Society, from April 1st until the 6th, was based on Lyme Regis. For the railway enthusiast, the branch line from Axminster to Lyme is of some interest, because the one carriage train is often hauled by an Adams tank, cast in 1885.

The tour organiser, Robin Pittman, had an adequate number of resident and old members on parade, the latter including Harry Miles and Dermot Roaf, who is to be congratulated on (i) producing the worst U.A. circulars ever seen, (ii) being elected to a fellowship at Exeter College, Oxford, (iii) outdoing the spiced band by announcing his engagement to Miss Caroline Hughes, (iv) talking more than anyone else. The Society also welcomed Miss Marie Cross, who has helped several 'generations' of resident members.

Ringling on Easter Sunday, after the customary leisurely morning on the octaves at Lyme Regis and Whitchurch Canonicoorum, assumed a more serious aspect in the afternoon, when Rodney Meadows organised what may be called a 'tower grab,' which included eight towers and tea with his parents, to whom the Society tenders its grateful thanks and appreciation.

Towers visited were: Chideock (6) Symonds-bury (6), Askerswell (6), Powerstock (6) Stoke Abbott (5), Thorncombe (6), Netherbury (5) and Hawkchurch (6).

The tour proper started on Monday with a day in the Exeter area. The ringling at Sidbury (8) was somewhat 'off-beat,' but that at Exeter Cathedral, on the magnificent twelve, made everyone 'wake up.' Rounds and Stedman Cinques were rung and Frank Mack, who joined the Society on this and subsequent days, seemed to be the only one who, through familiarity, was not psychologically affected by the thought of 72 cwt. swinging above him.

In order to pass the afternoon, the Society rang on three excellent octaves: Heavivree, where Norman Mallet recorded our efforts, which for no apparent reason were below standard; Broadclyst, a really magnificent ring, and Ottery St. Mary, another fine ring, although the 'draught' caused some trouble except to the immediate Past Master and secretary, who found it much to their liking.

Tuesday saw the Society at Broadwindsor, a pleasant six, where 'Rodders' and some of the 'oldies' attempted some Killamarsh—not all. Here the Rev. Christopher Marshall, from Crewkerne, and Michael White were welcome. At Beaminster, a good old-fashioned eight, there occurred some bad old-fashioned ringling and a few old-fashioned looks from some members did not pass unnoticed. The fine eight at Crewkerne were put to better use and a touch of nine spiced was brought round.

### CLERICAL GUILD

At Chard an invasion by the 'Clerical Guild,' in the form of Preb. E. V. Cox, a secretary of the Society from 1902-03, the Rev. N. Coleridge, and the president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, took place. After ringling at Axminster, the Society was entertained to a most expansive tea by Preb. Cox. This gesture was greatly appreciated, and pleased as the members were to met Preb. Cox, one cannot help feeling that he was equally delighted to join and ring again with his old Society.

At Uphyme (6) the visit had been previously publicised in the 'Parish Paper,' in rather odd terms—to quote: '... the Oxford University Society will be giving the parish an exhibition of campanology... change ringers never say a word while they pull their cords through the airy cheeses (!), ... we still ring our bells in the Queen Anne style, and, possibly, the fashion will change and we shall be in the van of the mode, just as Sir Roger de Coverley's fifty year old coat became the very latest thing every ten years...'

In the evening a handbell peal was attempted and broke down after a few minutes.

Wednesday brought the longest round trip of the tour. An atrocious course of Yorkshire started the day at Ilminster (8) and the ringling did not improve much, either here or at Taunton, where a misunderstanding caused a delay at St. James' (8), of three-quarters of an hour. A touch of Stedman Cinques at

St. Mary's 'came round,' with only a few bells crossed, the conductor having been kept in his rightful place.

Wellington, a fine octave, produced better ringling, but at Cullompton, on the excellent light ten, nothing much was achieved except the first lead of London Royal (3X), some Yorkshire Royal and two very slow touches of Stedman. Some of the best ringling of the day was performed on the light eight at Honiton. During the day Rodney Meadows complained of gout in his right thumb (which he attributed to the consumption of inferior port wine). The gravity of this affliction can only be appreciated by those who have seen the victim's ringling style.

The last day, as usual, arrived far too quickly. The party rang at Bridport, another good eight, before the 'pièce de résistance,' Litton Cheney. Here the tenor may be raised without the clapper contacting the bell. Just as one is about to set the bell and tell the local ringers they're talking rubbish—the bell must be 'tied'—a crash occurs and a note somewhere in the region of F is heard.

A leisurely lunch at Abbotsbury was followed by a visit to the disused branch line station and for ringling on the six (depending on one's tastes). Wyke Regis (8), the last tower of the tour, produced some reasonable spiced Stedman and Superlative (with bobs at the half-lead).

After ringling several members left to go their separate ways, whilst the remainder visited the Isle of Portland, which is a mass of stone workings, with ugly townships, exhibiting much red brick and abundant evidence of a lack of planning.

The party was extremely pleased to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Powell and Roger Keeley from Lyme and John Manley from Ottery St. Mary, as well as those mentioned previously. The standard of the bells was high; that of the ringling disappointing. All in all an excellent tour, and grateful thanks are due to the organiser for his efficiency and discipline, and to all incumbents and ringers who met the party.

C. J. B. T.

### OUTING

#### CORSTON, SOMERSET

There has to be a first time for everything and this was the case on April 22nd, when the Corston ringers experienced a wet afternoon for the first time on one of their outings. Accompanied by friends from Twerton, Warmley and Chew Magna, and Mr. W. Lampard, from Australia, five towers in Wiltshire were visited.

The first call was at Southbroom, Devizes, where the light ring of six was put to good use in the time available. At Bishop's Cannings ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, but for some reason the standard was not worthy of these delightful bells. A picnic tea was planned for at Chirton before ringling there, but as there was no shelter and the rain still fell steadily it was decided to have a 'dry' tea. However, before the meal was over a clearance of the clouds was spotted and as this gradually spread it was decided to 'brew up' while some of the party raised the light six. The learners contended manfully with the long draught.

The rain had now ceased and a move was made to Market Lavington, where the heavier six were put to good use before going on to the last tower at West Lavington. Highlights of the day were a well struck, all-ladies six score of Stedman Doubles and a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at West Lavington.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, to those who met us at their towers and not least to Mr. H. Gunner, who made all the arrangements.

There are still vacancies in the Buckinghamshire Education Committee's ringing course at Missenden Abbey, from June 2nd-4th. Inclusive charges: Bucks and Oxfordshire students £1 15s., others £3 5s. Enrolment forms from the Warden, Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucks.



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## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE'S APPEAL

'Then I went down to the Potter's house,  
and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.' (Jer. xviii, 3.)

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE** is the remotest part of a little-known county. The traveller by road is carried through its western or southern borders, and train window-gazers catch only fleeting glimpses of it as they are carried northwestwards along the main line from Stafford to Crewe. The countryside is generally unexplored, except by North Staffordshire people or their nearest neighbours. The products of the Potteries are known all over the world, but who could tell you the situation of Stoke-on-Trent without a surreptitious glance at the nearest map?

These circumstances have tended to preserve the individuality of the district and its people, and have at the same time been the source of misconception. The self-sufficiency, too, of the complementary staple industries, ceramics and coal-mining, has not fostered great movement to or from its city.

This northern countryside of the Saxon hundreds of Pirehill and Totmanslow is quite different from central or southern Staffordshire. Its dialect is related, if it has any affinities, to Derbyshire and Cheshire. It is a hilly district formed of the south-west fringes of the Pennines, fanning out from Axe Edge (1,700 feet). In this wild, lonely watershed rise the Trent, Blythe, Hamps, Churnet, Manifold and Dove (a Staffordshire river and dale as far as Utometer), whose wooded valleys run away to the lowland. In the north-west the hills cease abruptly in a rampart overlooking the Cheshire Plain, dominated by Mow Cop, from which on a clear day you can distinguish Liverpool Cathedral more than forty miles away.

The high moorlands are bleak and inhospitable, bare windswept Mornridge and Lady Edge, the gaunt cliffs of the Roches, the lonely Mermaid Inn above Thorncliff, a landscape of dry-stone walls, small-windowed low stone cottages, and churches defensive against the harsh elements of nature. The pleasantly wooded country to the south and west has a richer farmland and quiet mellow villages. From the last of these lower hills by Broughton, you can look beyond Shropshire to the mountains of Wales in the distance.

Apart from their products, the Potteries—the city of Stoke-on-Trent federated in 1910 from the six towns of Longton, Fenton, Stoke-upon-Trent, Hanley, Burslem and Tunstall—have been immortalised through the writings of Arnold Bennett and the nostalgic pictures of smoke-shrouded townscapes which are the delight of geographers and the B.B.C. This impression of the city, valid perhaps until the 1930's, is no longer a true one. The coal-fired 'bottle' ovens, which were a characteristic of the skyline, have all but vanished as a result of the most important development the pottery industry has undergone—the installation of tunnel kilns continuously fired by gas, electricity or oil. Stoke has long ceased to have more than a minor reference in the Ministry's lists for atmospheric pollution.

The city extends some ten miles from its southern suburbs, through the six towns, to Goldenhill in the north, each town still possessing its own civic buildings although the present administration is concentrated in Stoke and Hanley, the latter now the main shopping centre. The face of the city is rapidly changing as the Development Plan bears fruit, while Burslem holds a special interest as a town centre, modernised and decorated as a unit under the auspices of the Civic Trust.

If it is an anachronism that the geographical centre of Stoke-on-Trent is a farm, it is nevertheless one of the attractions of the city for those who live and work here that it is nowhere more than three miles across, so that access to the countryside in any direction entails little of the time and effort normally expected in industrial areas. The city lives with the country rather than escapes to it.

Although some parts of the city have a history dating back to pre-Conquest days, the major growth of the townships followed the rapid expansion of the pottery industry in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and much domestic and ecclesiastical architecture reflected this development. Burslem has the oldest of the churches, with a tower dating from the 15th century, and a classical nave and chancel. Its six bells by William Dobson (1828) are, alas, now rarely rung. St. John the Baptist, Lane End (Longton), is a brick church of the eighteenth century (its ring of eight installed in 1815), as is Hanley Parish Church, for which Edward Arnold cast eight of its ten bells in 1790. The Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke, with a good ring of eight, was rebuilt in the 19th century, two arches of the ancient church being preserved in the churchyard. Fenton has a brick tower of particularly fine proportions, with a modern octave. Tunstall, the most northerly of the pottery towns, has a 19th century church, typical of the period, and it was here that J. W. Washbrook and his sons rang from 1910 to the early 1920's.

The churches of many of the villages close to the Potteries and other towns in North Staffordshire bear witness to those times of change and growth—old rings were renewed or augmented, new rings installed. In the rural areas, less affected by the repercussions of industrial progress, is to be found much interesting church architecture and craftsmanship—Broughton, a complete and untouched example of native Gothic (1630); Eccleshall, where formerly were the palaces of the bishops of Lichfield; Betley, with its wooden arcading; Draycott, Marchington, Cheddleton, and many more. In these churches are to be found the oldest surviving bells both individually and as rings. Draycott-le-Moors has in fact the oldest ring, having possessed five bells as early as 1678. Newest is the eight (an old five recast with added metal and reopened in 1959) at Alton, beautifully situated above the valley of the Churnet.

The North Staffordshire Association, founded in 1882, was the first to be established in the Diocese of Lichfield. Its early records demonstrate the strong individuality of the district, and particularly the special tradition of Minor ringing, with its characteristic closed hand-stroke lead, practised in the moorland towers. The majority of the peals were rung in seven Minor methods, mainly Treble Bob or Surprise, and including many methods no longer recognised by the Council! While the strength of these traditions has diminished, they still survive, preserved to an extent by the necessity to be independent and self-sufficient. It is a paradox that in this present age of highly developed transport, communication is still a problem, and towers formerly members of the North Staffordshire Association, such as Ellastone and Mayfield, have now become virtually inaccessible except by private transport.

North Staffordshire covers some 450 square miles and its ringers are a scattered community of some 32 active ringing towers, all but one of the accessible method ringing towers being affiliated to the Association. To ring at many of these towers will mean exploration either by car or on the coach outings; we hope those attending the Central Council meeting will enjoy our countryside and our bells—we are all looking forward to welcoming them here.

E. H. E.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,  
A PEAL OF 5100 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.			
JOHN PHILLIPS .. ..	Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT ..	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ..	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	3	DENNIS RANDALL ..	9
WILLIAM T. COOK ..	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ..	10
ALAN J. FROST ..	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION ..	11
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	6	JAMES PHILLIPS ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

Rung to mark the centenary of a record length of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung in this tower by the Society on April 27th, 1861.  
Alfred Peck was remembered with affection.

LONDON, E.C.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK ..	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	8
ALAN J. FROST ..	3	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	9
ALAN F. THIRST ..	4	PETER BORDER ..	10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	11
*TREVOR N. BAILEY ..	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

DAWN V. ELSON ..	Treble	*W. DAVID WARD ..	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	2	*W. NORMAN GENNA ..	7
CHARLES COLES ..	3	*WILLIAM A. YATES ..	8
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	9
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE ..	5	ALAN R. PINK ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Royal in the method.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in C sharp.

CECIL W. PIPE ..	Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ..	6
DIANA M. PIPE ..	2	HARRY D. LISTER ..	7
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	3	RODERICK W. PIPE ..	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	4	EDWIN R. GOATE ..	9
DAVID H. BUXTON ..	5	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

HAROLD LONYON ..	Treble	BASIL JONES ..	6
JOHN WORTH ..	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	8
A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	4	ROBERT B. SMITH ..	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

GREENWICH, S.E.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ..	6
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ..	2	DENNIS G. BROWN ..	7
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	3	JOHN W. SMITH ..	8
*FREDA CANNON ..	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	9
PERCY J. SPICE ..	5	JACK DAFTERS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. HOLFIELD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middletown's. Tenor 10½ cwt.			
ALAN J. FROST ..	Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT ..	5
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS ..	2	PETER M. ADCOCK ..	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN ..	7
†MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Cambridge Major.

LONDON.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTEHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt.			
JOHN PHILLIPS ..	Treble	TREVOR N. BAILEY ..	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	2	WILLIAM T. COOK ..	6
ROBERT W. HINDE ..	3	DENNIS RANDALL ..	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ..	4	MICHAEL J. ROWE ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal on the recast bells.

Rung in honour of the 35th birthday of H.M. the Queen.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ..	Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE ..	5
*DIANA M. PIPE ..	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	7
CECIL W. PIPE ..	4	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

BRIAN HARRIS ..	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5
CHRISTINE MACNAIR ..	2	BASIL JONES ..	6
CAROL FERNLEY ..	3	PETER LAFIN ..	7
JOHN WORTH ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*CAROLYN VIBERT ..	Treble	MICHAEL V. WHITE ..	5
R. ROGER SAVORY ..	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER ..	6
†VIVIAN ROWE ..	3	DEREK C. JACKSON ..	7
DAVID E. HOUSE ..	4	TOM CHAPMAN ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Hill, organist at St. Mary's for 47 years.

CLANFIELD, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G flat.			
*KENNETH LEACH ..	Treble	ROY WOOD ..	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN ..	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY ..	6
JAMES P. BLOND ..	3	ROBERT B. BLOND ..	7
FRANK E. GODDEN ..	4	PETER CORDEROY ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS ..	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON ..	2	KENNETH ARTHUR ..	6
CHARLES N. LEA ..	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	7
DENIS A. BAYLES ..	4	ERIC N. HARRISON ..	Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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



## ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

LESLIE E. SMITH .. .. Treble	S. JAMES DUNN .. .. 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 2	JOHN S. RANK .. .. 6
TOM W. SENIOR .. .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 7
RONALD BIRCH .. .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

## EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 gr., approx.

*RONALD DUCKER .. .. Treble	*JOHN POTTS .. .. 5
†JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 6
‡ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. .. 7
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First on eight bells.

‡ 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5
*REGINALD J. MARTIN .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 7
HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal for 22 years.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5120 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. .. Treble	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 6
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7
IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the seventh.

## MEOPHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD GROVES .. .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
*JOHN D. COLEMAN .. .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 7
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4	REGINALD L. SILLS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in the method.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BROADWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
VERNON GREEN .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

## BROADWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

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## LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

FREDERICK WIGMORE .. Treble	*ROY SPENCER .. .. 5
FREDERICK S. PARSONS .. 2	M. ROWLAND REED .. 6
SIDNEY HAW .. .. 3	TREVOR A. BEVIS .. .. 7
PETER LANGTON .. .. 4	THOMAS BUSH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Haw.

## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 6
BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 3	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

In memoriam John Dearlove.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM W. WHITMORE .. 5
ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 6
STEPHEN IVIN .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

## TOTNES, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Parish and Priory Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HERBERT C. SPENCER .. Treble	FREDERICK E. DAY .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 2	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 6
WILLIAMS G. LAVERS .. 3	D. ROY BOULD .. .. 7
*PETER A. LOCK .. .. 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Major.

## YATTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK .. 5
KATE WRIGHT .. .. 2	JOHN W. OWEN .. .. 6
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 3	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. 7
*THOMAS W. HARRIS .. 4	ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells, and of Major since 1912.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
STANLEY JENNER .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First 12-Spliced by all except the ringer of the fifth, first in the county, and for the Association.

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## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

## BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	*REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 7
*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LOTHBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method.

## WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 5
GILLIAN TAVENER .. .. 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. .. 6
ERIC BILLINGS .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 7
ROBIN WILSON .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung in memoriam Alfred B. Peck and Horace M. Day.

## AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32½ cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS BARKER .. .. Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. .. 5
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 2	†ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 7
*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 4	*ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

In memoriam Alfred B. Peck.

## EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part .. .. Treble	JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 2	JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. .. 6
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT .. 3	ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS .. .. 7
GEORGE W. BISOP .. .. 4	HARRY R. WELLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HIBBERT.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Alfred B. Peck.

## FOBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 HERWARD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY SMITH .. .. Treble	GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 5
JOHN L. FENNEL .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
DAVID E. BELCHAM .. .. 4	ERNEST J. BLOWER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

## LOTHBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

—36—14—56—38, 14—14, 38—34—38

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. Treble	JOHN HIGGS .. .. 4
BRIAN MILLS .. .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 3	*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* 125th peal.

## BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

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

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	JACK PILGRIM .. .. 4
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*GEOFFREY BRIDGES (11) .. Treble	DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. 4
*ALAN H. BRIDGES (13) .. 2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. .. 5
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor on tower bells.

Rung in memoriam Harry Shardlow (April 12th, 1947) and Frank Shardlow (April 5th, 1961).

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 4
JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 2	IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 3	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* First peal. 75th peal for the Society.

## WOOTTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. GEORGES DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. Treble	RICHARD J. DANBY .. .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. .. 4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method.

Rung to commemorate the Festival of St. George, Patron Saint.

## BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents Kent T.B. and five Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER F. FRY .. .. Treble	*PETER CLARKSON .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2	*ALFRED LYNALL .. .. 5
GEOFFREY GREEN .. .. 3	†GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal in two methods. † 100th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (4) Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in 12 methods.



## YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. 4
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (ten callings) and five Morris's 240's, two Price's and two Pitman's 240's.

JAMES R. MUSSON .. .. Treble	WALTER WESTON .. .. 4
HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of esteem and respect for Mr. William B. Barker, a faithful worshipper and benefactor of St. Denis' Church for the past 20 years. R.I.P.

## PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., April 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB IV DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4
JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D.21).  
Rung to welcome the birth of Joanne, daughter of Gordon H. Lane (Guild Ringing Master) and Mrs. Lane.

## BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: (1 to 11) Grandsire, (12 to 22)

Plain Bob, (23 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

*STEVEN R. BILLINGS .. .. Treble	†BRIAN C. LAW .. .. 3
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 4
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

GERALD M. ROUSE .. .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 4
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 2	HARRY S. STEBBINGS .. .. 5
*ANN VOWLES .. .. 3	SIDNEY C. EASTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

\* First peal. H. Stebbings has now 'circled the tower' twice.

A compliment to Mary Hubble and Victor Englesakis, who were married this day at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Edmonton, Alberta.

## CHARTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Norwich, Netherseale, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in E.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
*VIOLET I. E. RELF .. .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5
ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First of Surprise and seven methods on the bells.

## KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cuneastre, Wells, London, Stamford, Rossendale, Norwich and Cambridge.

K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings Tenor 10 cwt.

*PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. Treble	†SHEILA GILES .. .. 4
THOMAS R. COLLINS .. .. 2	†MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. .. 5
PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 3	*WILLIAM R. PEARCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. COLLINS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor.

## RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, three of Oxford and three of Kent.

*E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 4
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Child-wall.

*DONALD FELLOWS .. .. Treble	†CHRISTINE RIMMER .. .. 4
†CELIA BLAND .. .. 2	†PETER FELS .. .. 5
†ALISON MACFARLANE .. 3	MICHAEL FROST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL FROST.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First in four methods. ‡ First 'inside.'  
First peal by St. Stephen's Sunday service band since the bells were recast in 1957.

## SHORNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

*JOHN W. GANDER .. .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
†JOHN D. COLEMAN .. .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal. † First in seven methods.

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**MINIMUS PEAL**

NEWTOWN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINIMUS**

Being 105 extents.

Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Treble	DAVID E. PAPWORTH.. .. 3
DOROTHY R. PEARCE.. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. Tenor

Supervised by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minimus ever rung.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., March 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5-6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3-4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

*On Wed., April 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
JOHN VERNON .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 7-8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

A compliment to John Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, and Miss Elizabeth Wilcox, of Hinckley, on their engagement.

LONDON, S.W.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor size 18 in G

JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 1-2	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7-8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 3-4	WILLIAM T. COOK.. .. 9-10
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 5-6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

**DERBY.**

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., April 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,*

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In ten methods, being six extents each of Clifford's Pleasure and St. David's, five each of Southrepps, R. Canterbury, St. Columb and Litchurch, two each of Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day, and four of Old.

Tenor size 5 in F.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE.. .. 3-4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Walklate.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., April 17, 1961, in 3 Hours,*

AT 9, FIRST AVENUE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 1-2	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 5-6
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 7-8

\*J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

AT 17, QUEEN STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*JOYCE DODDS .. .. 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT GREENGATES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. .. 5-6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.. 3-4	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Rachel Harrison.

**John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**



## LONG LENGTH

**WALTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 6th, 3,360 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 2,400 Reverse Canterbury): D. J. Barnett 1, T. J. Millsom 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, C. J. A. Brown 5. The longest length on the bells.

## HALF PEAL

**RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICS.**—On April 22nd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Hurst 1, T. G. Still 2, G. W. Mason 3, D. G. Wilford 4, R. K. Mason (cond.) 5. First half peal by all the band. A peal attempt brought round. Rung for Feast of St. George, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Ratcliffe.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Critchley 1, G. W. Critchley 2, H. J. Eldred 3, A. M. Stacey 4, R. C. Harris 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, W. J. Bradbrooke 8. For Evensong.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eborall (first quarter) 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher (cond.) 3, M. E. Pollard 4, D. Oliver 5, L. Harrison 6.

**BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): B. Payne 1, D. Orledge 2, R. J. Drewson 3, A. B. Skingle 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On April 24th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: Elizabeth Bowden 1, R. G. Hooper 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. M. Gray 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8, D. E. Cobb 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. First of Royal in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 2, Miss J. L. Lavender 3, J. Schofield 4, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 5, R. J. Cook 6, L. Bance 7, R. W. Hinde 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney 3, R. J. Brown 4, Miss B. Fisher (first in 2 methods as cond.) 5. For parish Communion.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On April 30th, at 10, Church Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minors: E. D. Elderkin (first quarter) 1-2, H. N. Evans 3-4, J. R. Goodenough (first as cond.) 5-6. A 21st birthday compliment to A. J. Tumber.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Northeast (first of Triples) 1, A. T. Shekton 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Game 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, V. Griggs 8. For Evensong.

**BURN, CAMBS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Hough 1, H. E. Bishop 2, H. Muirhead (cond.) 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, H. C. Lewis 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, J. R. Taylor 7, N. R. Waite 8. Rung on an outing by the Cambridge University Guild.

**BRATTON, WILTS.**—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. J. Hawkins 1, A. Bartlett 2, E. E. Norris (first in method) 3, P. W. J. Harding 4, F. S. Slaford 5, N. G. Knece (first in method as cond.) 6.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob Minor: G. Charlton 1, T. Padbury 2, L. Penfold 3, H. Parsons 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation Sunday.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, R. A. Appleby 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Martin John, son of Joan and Peter Dawson.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On April 30th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. N. Peacock 1, J. R. Hough 2, B. C. Webster 3, H. C. Lewis 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, H. E. Bishop 6, J. R. Taylor 7, A. J. Griffin (first as cond.) 8.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ersten 1, J. Riley 2, V. Sheppard 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, W. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Rowland, the Rector's mother.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Mason (first quarter) 1, Dorothy E. Beamish 2, M. Hodgkinson (first quarter) 3, J. Draycott 4, E. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. Day (first quarter) 6.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Measures (15, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. H. Jones 3, S. H. Jones 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung for the patronal festival, at the conclusion of the Swadlincote District St. George's Day Scout Parade service.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, G. Wall 3, W. Tyson 4, R. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, N. Errington (covering) 7. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Pearson 1, G. Wall 2, M. Armstrong 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, R. Oliver (covering) 7. Both for Evensong.

**CRANFORD, MIDDXX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Uphill (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, B. Bull 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, J. Munton 5, A. Millidge 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On May 7th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss H. Talbot 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. W. Razzell 3, R. Stevens (first on 10) 4, N. G. Steere 5, N. Brown 6, G. H. Humphries 7, R. G. Abbott 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, F. E. Collins 10.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Carr (first of Stedman Triples) 1, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 2, A. W. G. Sayers 3, G. Stocker 4, G. W. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Russell 1, J. F. Atkins 2, B. M. W. Dobbie 3, L. H. Smith (first of Triples) 4, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 5, A. Timmins 6, H. Fearn 7, T. R. Russell 8.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Yorke-Parker 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, H. Fuller 3, W. Paul 4, J. E. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On April 22nd, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Miss R. Greaves 1, Miss M. Greaves 2, Miss A. Greaves 3, E. Daniels 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. For Rogation Sunday.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Branch (first quarter) 1, E. R. Goate 2, Miss V. J. Cooper (first quarter) 3, W. Kerrison 4, C. Bailey 5, R. F. Prime 6, R. Bickers 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDXX.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. James (first quarter) 1, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 2, T. Darn 3, Miss W. Smith 4, A. Corran 5, L. Grice 6. First quarter in four methods for all the band. Rung for morning service on St. George's Day.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby (cond.) 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins 3, F. Hoad 4, S. Clarke 5, E. Curson 6, J. Aley 7, W. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Wood, a member of the band for more than 20 years, who died recently, aged 41 years.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Slade (first of Triples as cond.) 1, J. M. G. Anthony 2, Miss S. J. Heaseman 3, C. W. Simpson 4, R. E. Waters 5, J. Small 6, F. P. Wright 7, J. C. Pitcher 8. For Evensong.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Downing 1, Mrs. C. A. Levett 2, Miss J. M. Downing 3, S. F. Buckland 4, A. Jackson 5, A. A. Price 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Buckland.

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On April 16th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss V. Lacey 1, Miss C. Cowley 2, Miss J. Exon 3, D. Swift 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. For evening service.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Marilyn Davies 1, Sylvia Flewin 2, E. Williams 3, D. Jones 4, H. Allberry 5, J. Hasted 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, N. Bridger 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For morning service, and a welcome to Susan Marshall, granddaughter of conductor, born December 4th.

**INGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Y. Parker 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, J. W. Paul 4, H. Ivings 5. For the christening of Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Farnham Saints.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob): Miss M. Erik 1, K. D. Waples 2, R. W. Picton 3, R. J. Picton 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Longhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, P. Harper (first 'inside') 3, K. D. Waples (cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Evensong.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Mason 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, E. J. Clements 3, T. H. Bent 4, T. G. Still 5, W. J. Tanser 6, G. H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon F. R. C. Payne, late of St. Margaret's, who died on May 2nd, aged 88. Rung by the local band.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Mills 1, F. Gant 2, C. Hughes 3, D. Elisdon 4, Miss V. Hester 5, C. Willmington 6, H. Neill (cond.) 7, J. Crampion 8. For Evensong.

**LINTON, KENT.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Grice 1, W. Manser 2, F. Leeson 3, L. Mantering 4, J. Wallis 5, B. Baker 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. R. O. Hambro, of Linton Park, for twenty years Vicar's warden and benefactor to the church, interred the previous day.

**LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 2, W. Rawlings 3, M. P. Moreton 4, R. W. Meadows 5, J. Phillips 6, J. R. Crampion 7, D. Randall 8. Rung half-muffled by members and supernumeraries of the Westminster Abbey band, in memory of their late colleague, A. B. Peck.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Wendy Bowak 2, Ann Hancock 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Wendy Bowak. Also on May 7th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Apstios 1, R. G. Havard 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, J. Wallace 4, E. J. R. Hartley 5, W. J. Goodfellow (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Margaret Stirling, friend of all the ringers who was leaving the area. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Harding 1, Ruth Havard (first quarter) 2, R. Havard 3, E. Hartley 4, A. Hartley 5, Yvonne Harding 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, A. Millidge (first 'inside') 3, B. Bull 4, L. Allen 5, B. Coatsworth 6. For Evensong, and in memory of the late Alfred Peck.

**STAPLETON, GLOS.**—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, I. Smith 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, W. Lampard 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to Rita M. Webb.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At Immanuel, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Talbot 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, E. Talbot 3, R. Trebilcock 4, J. Euston 5, A. Shelton 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, Miss J. Hanning 8. For Matins.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.**—On April 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Ducker 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, H. F. Gibson 3, H. Rodmell 4, L. Rodmell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution of the Rev. W. Richardson as Vicar.

**SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBS.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss O. B. Carter 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, A. G. Orbell 3, C. F. Sargent 4, D. G. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, P. Shieldrick (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Fuller.

**TAVISTOCK, DEVON.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. S. Shepherd (first of Triples) 1, Miss S. P. Sims 2, W. G. Lavers 3, A. W. Coles 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. Arranged for Mr. A. W. Coles, on holiday.

**WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.**—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Daniels 1, Mrs. W. R. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Bevan 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, F. Nutland 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Melville Bailey, who was interred this day.

**WESTMINSTER.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Emery 1, I. Hughes 2, D. E. Belcham 3, C. Simpson 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. B. Peck.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On April 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denwon 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Crisp 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on April 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denwon 1, A. Payne 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Crisp 4, G. Thoday (cond.) 5, G. Lucas 6. For Matins.

**WORTHING, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood (cond.) 2, R. Wilson 3, H. Weaver 4, D. Smith 5, J. Reed 6, L. Skilwell 7, T. Horne (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.



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In connection with the Central Council's meeting at Stoke-on-Trent, Mr. Ewart H. Edge informs us that the maximum party for the visit to the establishment of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, Ltd., was oversubscribed very early and the full number of places on a supplementary visit to Mr. Edge's firm's factory have also been taken up.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Wareham on April 15th was Mr. L. F. Cobb's 50th peal and not 15th, as printed in 'The Ringing World.'

Although a quarter peal was not possible, the bells of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, were rung half-muffled on Sunday, May 7th, in affectionate memory of Mr. Alfred B. Peck.

Seven of the new Gresley, Derbys, band (all under 16) have rung a quarter peal since the bells were installed two years ago. Barbara Measures, the latest, is the first lady member to do so.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Irthlingborough on April 15th was arranged for the visit of two Norfolk ringers—Mr. T. E. Spight (Wymondham) and Mr. P. M. Adcock (Mulbarton).

In sending us a peal of Kent T.B. Minimus, a correspondent anticipates events at Stoke-on-Trent. He writes: 'Probably the last four bell peals in view of the Central Council's motion.'

The peal of Lincolnshire at Stoke-by-Nayland on April 22nd was rung as a welcome to Diana and George Pipe, who are on holiday from Australia for three months. It was also Mr. C. J. Sedgley's first peal of Surprise Major on the treble, in over 50 years of ringing!

Because of 'undesirable characters' finding the ringers' entrance to the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, a new one is necessary. Visiting ringers should note that access to the church is now gained by entering through the Vicarage gate immediately adjoining the passage door of the choir vestry, thence into the passage by another side door leading from the forecourt of the Vicarage.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. J. Holloway, of Crewe, is among the ringers who have written to the editor of 'The Sunday Pictorial' regarding the pictures from St. Cuthbert's, Great Salkeld, Cumberland, which he regards as being in the worst possible taste. He concludes: 'I wonder if the incumbent (if there is one?) has given permission for this unseemly report.'

Ringing at Bolsover, Derbyshire, is temporarily suspended during the building of a new ringing room as part of the restoration of the church following the fire which destroyed the nave and chancel early in 1960.

Mr. John H. Gartside, a faithful service ringer at St. Laurence's, Chorley, and a stalwart of the Preston Branch for the past 50 years, is another ringer who has taken 'The Ringing World' regularly since the first issue in 1911.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, Bath, informs us that for the first time he is able to agree with Mr. Amos. 'We, too, in Somerset have suffered from tower grabbers who (1) rang without permission; (2) used electric shavers in the belfry; (3) failed to appear at towers where they had made arrangements to ring.'

For the first time since the war the bells of St. Giles', Ashted, are silent. On April 10th they were removed to the Loughborough Bell Foundry to be overhauled and quarter turned. A new metal frame is to be provided and also new fittings. Three quarter peals were rung prior to removal, one being specially arranged for three of the younger members to score their first quarter.

At the end-of-term service of St. Helena's School the front bells of Chesterfield Parish Church were rung by lady members of the tower—the Misses Dorothy Atrill, Gill Atrill, Kay Marsden, Jane Lowe, Christine Sherwood, Mrs. Elsie Silcock and Mrs. Peter Watson. The five Misses are pupils at St. Helena's School. The ringing was favourably commented upon.

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## Arrangements for Whitsun

Headquarters will be the Grand Hotel, Trinity Street, Hanley, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the weekend.

## WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion at the Parish Church, Stoke-on-Trent, at 8 a.m. Breakfast for ticket holders in the Town Hall, opposite the Church, afterwards.

Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Will members be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and tea in the Jubilee Hall, Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters.

## RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

WHIT SATURDAY—2-4 p.m.: Kildsgrove (6), Tunstall (8) and Wolstanton (8); 3-5: Brown Edge (6) and Norton (8); 4-6: Newcastle (10); 7-9: Hanley (10) and Stoke (8).

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING—Morning commencing 10 a.m. Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Newcastle (10), Wolstanton (8), Tunstall (8), Hanley (10), Longton (8), Stoke (8), Bucknall (6), Brown Edge (6), Biddulph (6), Leek (10), Kildsgrove (6), Cheddleton (6), Kingsley (6), Cheadle R.C. (8), Silverdale (8), Keele (6), Madeley (6), Audley (8), Swynerton (6), Alton (8), Beley (6) and Fenton (8) (9.30-10 a.m., 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Evening commencing 5.30 p.m. Draycott-le-Moors (8) 4.30-6.30 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY.—10 a.m.-12 noon: Broughton (8) and Stone (8); 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Eccleshall (8) and Swynnerton (6); 2-4: Leek (10), Horton (6) and Cheddleton (6); 2.30-4.30: Marchington (6); 3-5: Kingsley (6), Rochester (8) and Uttoxeter (8); 4-5: Hanley (10); 6-8 p.m.: Audley (8) and Beley (6).

E. A. BARNETT,  
Honorary Secretary.

## 40 Years Ago

May 17th was the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung by St. Martin's Guild and on the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. The peal was rung on the old 12 bells, which were on plain bearings and took 4 hours 11 minutes to complete.

The band consisted of Thomas Reeves 1, Thomas Russam 2, George F. Swan 3, Albert Walker (cond.) 4, Albert E. Norman 5, Morris J. Morris 6, Ernest T. Allaway 7, J. Frank Smallwood 8, Percy O. Laffin 9, A. Paddon Smith 10, John Neal 11, James E. Groves 12. The only survivors of the band are the conductor, J. F. Smallwood and A. Paddon Smith.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 19th, 1911.—

A good deal of concern is again being manifested for the safety of some of London's historic buildings, particularly such churches as St. Clement Danes', on account of the timber structures which are being erected round them to accommodate spectators of the Coronation procession. There is, of course, a risk of fire, but the desire for a golden harvest, whether for private gain or church purposes, dwarfs such considerations which an opportunity occurs such as is offered by a Coronation.

Burslem bells, in Staffordshire, were hung in the year 1818. It was left to a band in the year of grace 1911 to ring the first peal upon them. There can be few towers in England in which the bells have had to wait nearly a century for the first five thousand to be recorded upon them.

The first half of a restoration and building scheme, estimated to cost £25,000 in 10 years, has been completed at West Wickham Church, Kent. On April 29th the extension was blessed by the Bishop of Croydon and a commemorative stone unveiled by Lord Dunboyn, Commissary-General of the Diocese of Canterbury; the ringers played their part in the traditional manner by ringing a peal in seven Minor methods.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 20



MR. JOSEPH RIDYARD,  
Lancashire Association.

The Lancashire Association, which is one of the largest in the country, has always been able to rely on a large number of enthusiastic ringers to enhance its reputation. Since the last war, most resident members would agree that the most successful and competent conductor, who is also a native of the county, has been Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport. His range of methods has been a wide one, and he has the necessary ability to help people through their first peals in any method they wish to ring. Yet, unlike most well-known conductors, his main successes have come to him in later life, when he was over 50, and mainly due to the loyal peal ringing band he has kept together to practise Surprise methods.

Joseph was born into a keen ringing family at Worsley, near Manchester, on April 20th, 1896. He was the younger son of the late Richard Ridyard, who, with his brothers, were among the leaders of ringing in Lancashire at the end of the last century and at the beginning of this one. He was educated at St. Mark's School, Worsley, and started work, as a boy, in the gardens of the Earl of Ellesmere, at Worsley Hall, and has been a gardener ever since. His father taught him to ring in 1910, but he left home in 1912, and didn't do much ringing until after the First World War. In 1914, and early 1915, he was employed on

the Earl Manvers Estate, at Perlethorpe, North Notts, and they had a band from the estate who rang on the six bells at the private church there. (These bells were, unfortunately, sold after the last war.)

In 1919, after returning to Worsley, he took up serious ringing again, and rang the tenor behind to his first peal on January 14th, 1920. A month later he scored his first 'inside.' Both peals were Grandsire Triples at Worsley and both were conducted by his cousin, Joseph H. Ridyard. In January, 1925, he came to live at Southport, and has since been a regular service ringer at Christ Church, and captain for a good number of years.

His present total of peals is about 400, of which he has conducted 250, and most of these have been rung for the Lancashire Association. He has called peals in about 25 different Surprise methods, with a good measure of London and Bristol. These have included Cambridge, from Minor to Maximus, and Langley, from Major to Maximus. He has also called Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob on all numbers, the latter being somewhat unusual. His first peal on twelve was Stedman Cinques, rung at Walsall, conducted by the late Thomas J. Elton, about 1930. One performance which he remembers with pride, during his early years of peal ringing, was a strictly 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Walkden on June 20th, 1931, at the third attempt. Amongst other well known Lancashire ringers in this performance were Messrs. P. Crook, C. Gudgeon and A. Tomlinson. He has had the pleasure of conducting a peal with his son and daughter together, and he has rung over 100 peals with his daughter, Margaret, including London and Bristol.

During the war years, from 1939-1945, he was a vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and he has represented them on the Central Council since 1951. For the last two years he has been the Ringing Master at Liverpool Cathedral, and hopes, if it is at all possible, to call a peal there. At present there are a few disadvantages with regard to time, services and residents, but he hopes they will be overcome in due course.

He remembers, with gratitude, the great help and encouragement he received from the late Walter Wolstencroft and Arthur Tomlinson during the early 1920's, and also from the late Benjamin A. Knights and Edward Jenkins, the 'Wizard of the North,' in later years.

Joseph is of a friendly and modest disposition, but he can be quite sure that the skill which he uses to maintain and increase the standard of ringing in West Lancashire is much appreciated. More power to his elbow!

APACE.

## Silent And Non-Conducted Peal Attempt

On Whit Monday, eight members of the Central Council are to attempt to ring, silent and non-conducted, Mr. A. J. Pitman's 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major composition in five methods. The attempt is to be made at Silverdale, Hanley, Staffordshire, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The composition contains 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Double Norwich. Cambridge Surprise Bob Major and some call changes were rung at the North-East District meeting, held at Leiston on April 29th, and attended by 30 members. The Rev. Mr. Borland conducted the service, and at the business meeting (with Mr. P. Bedford in the chair) three ringing and two honorary members were elected. Mr. J. W. Blythe was thanked for arranging the tea and Mr. Bailey for arranging bells, service and organist.

Next quarterly meeting, Tunstall and Blaxhall, July 22nd.

## 32 Towers In a Day

The record number of towers rung at in a day was raised from 24 to 32 by a band which toured Buckinghamshire on May 6th.

Twelve ringers took part, all of whom rang changes at every tower, in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor. The day was not without incident, since bells slipped wheel on two occasions, and a broken rope had to be spliced, all necessitating visits to the bell chambers. Not the least among the hazards of one of these visits was an accumulation of twigs and birds' nests, which completely blocked the narrow spiral staircase at one tower.

The band would like to thank all those who met them at the towers and other persons who contributed to the success of the day, in however small a measure.

R. K. R.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Twelve new members were elected at the monthly meeting of the Bedford District, held at Felmersham on May 6th, when the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Sidebottom. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting, Harrold, June 3rd.



## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT DARLINGTON

THE fifth A.G.M. of the British Railways Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Darlington on April 29th. To visit Darlington was very fitting on this occasion as St. John's Church is reputed to have foundations of the old type stone sleepers, given to them by Mr. Pearse, who was one time the chairman of the old North Eastern Railway.

It was with regret that the local clergy were unable to come along to see us all at tea time, as they were attending a Diocesan Conference.

Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, together with his wife and two daughters, and Mr. T. Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, who rings at Ormesby, where the peal attempt was made on Friday evening, were among the visitors. The Ladies' Guild was also represented by Miss Killingley, of Richmond, who is vice-president for the area.

Those who arrived on the eve of the A.G.M. enjoyed a full evening's programme, and although the peal attempt of Cambridge Major came to grief after 1½ hours' ringing, compensation came with a visit to Holy Trinity Church, Stockton, and a ring on the 10 (27½ cwt.). The ringing arrangements during Saturday were as follows: St. John's (8), where ringing commenced at 10.45 a.m.; Holy Trinity (6) and St. Cuthbert's (8). All ringing under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Benram Kynaston, was of a high standard.

### TEA AND BUSINESS

Tea was held in the Church Hall, where approximately 40 members, including the past Master, Mr. Harold Walker, and the late honorary secretary, Mr. Frank Stenson, were present. All regions (in spite of the long distances) were well represented.

The Master, who presided, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the visitors. Over 30 members gave notice of their inability to attend the meeting with apologies. All stood in silence to the memory of Mr. R. Langford and others who had passed on since the last A.G.M.

After the accounts had been adopted the chairman suggested that there should be a change in the financial year and that it should start on January 1st. Mr. W. J. Thomas moved and Mr. H. Walker seconded that the honorary secretary close the accounts on December 31st each year and this was agreed to.

Mr. B. Kynaston was again re-elected to the office of Master of the Guild. The regional officers re-elected were as follows: Western, Mr. B. Kynaston; Southern, Mr. C. A. Bassett; London Midland, Mr. S. Foskett; North-Eastern, Mr. H. Walker. Mr. R. Meadows succeeds Mr. M. N. Bland as Ringing Master of the Eastern Region. Mr. Harold Walker moved the re-election of Mr. J. A. Hoare as honorary secretary, the second being Mr. W. J. Thomas. The re-election of Mr. Brough, as the auditor, was proposed by Mr. Foskett, and also Mr. F. Morgan to fill the vacancy of assistant auditor, seconded by Mr. Frank Stenson.

Mr. Foskett moved that the A.G.M. be held at Derby in April, 1962, and this was carried. Taunton was selected for the autumn meeting.

The honorary secretary raised the subject of affiliation to the Central Council. Mr. F. Stenson moved that the honorary secretary take the necessary steps to make application for affiliation. This was seconded by Mr. Bassett. Mr. Meadows opposed the motion, as he thought it was not really necessary, and further the Guild was not in a position to

pay expenses. The motion was then put to the vote and was lost.

The programme for the autumn meeting, already prepared by Mr. Tomlin, was read, giving particulars of travel, also members were asked to advise the honorary secretary of their wish to stand in a peal attempt on Friday evening prior to the meeting. Free passes for wives of members attending was again discussed, and Mr. W. J. Thomas moved that the honorary secretary write to the joint secretary of the British Railways Staff Association regarding this matter.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. R. White, Mr. R. Leighton and Mr. W. Norrott.

The Master, in closing the meeting, expressed in no small way sincere thanks to Mr. Fred Hodgson for the arrangements made, also those who helped at the Church Hall during tea time, and to the honorary secretary.

J. A. H.

## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR BY THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A SUCCESSFUL year was reviewed by the Suffolk Guild at the annual general meeting held at Ipswich on April 8th and attended by over 60 members. Ringing was available to suit all tastes, the following towers being open: St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Clement's and St. Andrew's, Rushmere. The Guild service was held in St. Margaret's Church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Marks).

Mr. C. W. Pipe, vice-chairman, presided at the meeting. The Ringing Master (Mr. Leslie G. Brett), in his report, said it was a much improved year, with 110 peals rung against 79 in 1959. With only one peal of Maximus recorded there were 11 of Royal, including two of London. Also Grundisburgh Surprise, by C. J. Sedgley, was rung for the first time as was the Major. The 29 peals of Major were made up by a variety of Surprise methods and Double Norwich was not entirely forgotten.

It was, undoubtedly, an interesting year for Minor, with 62 peals. Of these, 18 were in seven methods, two of seven Surprise, 11 in more than seven methods.

Whilst congratulating the conductors, and all who took part in these peals, special mention should be made of the 11 Surprise at Blythburgh, only surpassed by 14 Surprise at Barkingham. Likewise the 12,240 in 17 methods at Ashbocking, also a record.

The peals were rung in 42 towers; there were 30 conductors, headed by Rodney Pipe, with 24.

### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Mr. John W. Blythe, general secretary and treasurer, reported a membership of 514—an increase of 21. 'We must do all we can to attract young people to take up the art and there are signs of improvement from various parts of the Diocese, which we hope will lead to more bells being rung regularly for Sunday service.'

The report expressed sympathy with the relatives of the following losses by death: Rev. Paul Greaves, Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, James Ramsay, George Pryke and William Weedon.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, the technical adviser, reported that during 1960 he had submitted a further 21 reports on the contents of Suffolk church towers, bringing the total inspection to date to 208. Nine of these reports related to rings of bells at Stowmarket.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

When the Rochester District met at Rainham on April 15th, a fine eight cast by Robert Mot in 1582, it was the local captain, Mr. F. J. Cheal, who did the honours in the belfry and saw to the needs of younger members. He had his reward in being able to welcome several old friends.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. Clifford, not only conducted the service, but presided at the meeting, when four new members were elected. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, proposed the vote of thanks and this included the organist and all members and lady friends at Rainham, who had helped with the tea, which was enjoyed by between 80 and 90 ringers.

Main business at the meeting was the need for the Kent County Association to increase its present subscription of 3s. per annum. This was stressed by Mr. B. May, the Association's treasurer. After hearing the views of Messrs. B. Dunk, E. Barton and S. Rayfield, besides some visitors from Canterbury, a motion in favour of the increase was passed.

St. Mary's, Ipswich, St. George's, Bradfield, Barnardiston, Elmwell, Burgate, Glemsford, Wissett and Stradishall. Of these St. George's, Bradfield, Barnardiston and Elmwell were quite George, Barnardiston and Elmwell were quite unringable and the others, though ringable, were in need of attention from the bell-hanger. Burgate has, unfortunately, a badly cracked tower.

A faculty had been granted to Aldeburgh to recast all except the present second bell of 1622, and to rehang the six bells in a new timber eight-bell frame. At Wickham Market it was proposed to put in a new first floor to the tower, some 10 feet above the ground, to make a new ringing chamber. This will allow the ground floor of the tower to be used as part of the church and will make the bells easier to handle.

Eye bells were still at the foundry. The bell frame and support beams needed to be repaired. If more money was not forthcoming then the alternative was putting the bells back in the existing frame and support structure, which would not make a satisfactory job.

The meeting approved the revised rules, which had been redrafted to meet present day requirements.

## DURHAM UNIVERSITY GOES WEST

Durham University Society visited Carlisle on March 4th, ringing en route at Hexham and Allendale, where on the light ring of eight Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round.

Ringing at Carlisle Cathedral was preceded by a hazardous ascent through the gallery overlooking the sanctuary and the reward was not disappointing. Everyone enjoyed the bells and some useful ringing was accomplished. We were fortunate to ring at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, as the church is shortly to be demolished. After an excellent tea, Brampton was visited. Here we managed to struggle through a course of London and Plain Bob Minor was almost denied us: Stedman, Cambridge and Kent were successfully rung, not forgetting rounds of quite high class.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and captains of towers visited. John Thorley (honorary secretary) deserves to be congratulated on this very successful tour.

N. D. J. W.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WASHING OF BELLS

Dear Sir.—In answer to the good ringing friends of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney Australia, we also, at St. Andrew's, Wiveliscombe, washed down every bell after being rung a few years ago. Two other ringers also washed down the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. NURCOMBE.

Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

## COMMENT INVITED

Dear Sir.—I imagine most ringers were a little dismayed at the picture in 'The Sunday Pictorial' of April 30th, purporting to show ringing instruction at Great Salkeld.

Whilst making allowance for the journal in question, perhaps someone at the receiving end of the camera might like to comment on the publication of the results.

The pictures, as usual, do no credit to the Exercise, and it seems surprising that the opportunity to take them should have arisen.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

## XINGU SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—I have followed with interest the recent correspondence regarding the apparent falseness of the above named method.

I have in my possession the figures for Cranford Surprise, which is almost identical to Xingu, in that the fourth bell makes five sets of 3rds places in the first lead of the plain course, and I am, consequently, wondering if this method also does not comply with the ruling of the Central Council.

I append the notation for Cranford below.  
—36.—14.—12.—1236—34—3.

6th place. L.E. 156342.

Yours faithfully,

DONALD LAWSON.

Preston.

## 'SO NARROW-MINDED'

Dear Sir.—Reading F. Hopgood's letter ('R.W.' page 287), I was dismayed to find him so narrow-minded. If we are not allowed to ring half-muffled in Holy Week for our Lord's death, then may I suggest we do not ring for anyone else's. Surely if anyone deserves this token of respect, He, who died for our salvation, does.

To say that to ring on Good Friday is a lot of hokey is an unchristian attitude and has nothing to do with the fact that a ringer cannot keep his hands off a rope. Surely it is our duty to ring the bells half-muffled for the death of our Lord.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Yorks.

## COUNTING YOUR PLACE

Dear Sir.—I am still learning ringing, and as there appear to be two ideas as to how I should count the place my bell is striking in, I wondered if anyone could give me advice on the correct procedure, if any.

If I am ringing six bells do I count 123456 at every change, and put accent on the place I am in, or do I just count the place I am in and ignore the other five.

As an example; suppose I am ringing the third to Plain Bob Minor, do I count 123456, 123456, 123456, 123456, 123456, and so on, or do I just say 3-4-5-6-5, etc.—Yours faithfully,

F. AITCH.

Co. Durham.

## BELL RINGING BADGES

Dear Sir.—Having seen the references to the above in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' I hope the conditions given below will clarify a few points:

### BOY SCOUT BADGES

The following are the qualifications as laid down in 'Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Boy Scouts' Association.'

Bellringer Badge for under 15 years.—

#### (A) TOWER BELLS.

- (1) Have a knowledge of the parts of a bell and fittings;
- (2) Demonstrate maintenance and rope splicing;
- (3) Be proficient in 'handling' a bell, up to say 6-7 cwt., to keep it in full control and be able to 'set' it, as required by the examiner;
- (4) Be able to ring a bell in 'rounds,' in proper time, and to 'stand' when ordered.

### ALTERNATIVE

#### (B) HANDBELLS.

- (1) Have a knowledge of the construction of handbells, and their tuning;
- (2) Demonstrate, as a member of a team, that he is capable of giving a performance of simple tunes in harmony;
- (3) Be able to ring a pair of handbells in 'rounds.'

Senior Bellringer (over 15 years).—

#### (A) TOWER BELLS.

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bellringer Badge (as above);
- (2) Be able to give the name by which methods are identified on different numbers of bells;
- (3) Be able to write out the changes of two simple methods; one on an odd number, and one on an even number of bells, and to describe the working of any one bell in these methods;
- (4) Be able to ring a plain course in the method in 3.

### ALTERNATIVE

#### (B) HANDBELLS.

- (1) Pass or have passed the Bellringer Badge;
- (2) Be able to give the names by which methods are known on different numbers of bells;
- (3) Understand what is meant by the 'position' of a pair of bells in 'plain hunting' on six bells;
- (4) Be able to ring a pair of bells in either the plain course of Bob Minor or the plain course of Grandsire Triples.

The local Association of Boys Scouts to which the Scout belongs has the power to appoint suitable examiners. The examiner appointed decides if a sufficiently high standard has been achieved and usually takes into account, not only the actual standard achieved, but the mental standard and whether the examinee has the amount of effort shown, etc. Standards generally should not be too high, neither should they be too low, but above all they should be consistent.

### GIRL GUIDES

The qualifications for this were published recently. The above remarks about examiners are true for Guides.

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The ringing part of this award is not one of a test, but one for the Public Service section. Six months' actual service is required.

Ringing is only one possible section; acting as a server will also qualify, as service with the Church, almost every form of public service can count. Some other alternatives are:

- (a) Service within the Scout Movement;
- (b) Helping in the Award Scheme;
- (c) Help in Youth Service;
- (d) Public Service (i.e., Ambulance, Fire Service, etc.);
- (e) General Social Service;
- (f) The Church;
- (g) Special Projects;
- (h) Animal Welfare.

This information comes from the Duke of Edinburgh handbook, published for the use of the Boy Scouts, but the conditions are similar for the normal youth scheme.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PLUMB.

Evesham, Worcs.

## A WEST COUNTRY VIEW

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Hopgood's letter it may be of interest to your readers to know the views of my father (late Vicar of Buckland Newton). To ensure that the ringers would give of their best on Easter Sunday, he always expected normal service and practice ringing to continue during the first five weeks of Lent. To proclaim to the parish that Good Friday was something more than the customary day for planting potatoes, he asked for the bells to be rung half-muffled before both services. For other week night services during Holy Week the bells were chimed.

Incidentally, my father had very firm views regarding ringing on Remembrance Sunday. For Matins the bells had to be rung half-muffled as a token of respect to those who did not return and for Evensong open in thankfulness for peace and those who were spared.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

## To Tom Lane

The following verses are dedicated to Tom Lane, clerk and sexton at Hallow Church, Worcestershire, who died in 1942. From 1917 to 1939 he was a very loyal bellringer.

Who is it from the old church tower  
Sends forth the chimes at evening hour  
To keep th: milk from turning sour?

TOM LANE!

Who is it in the steeple high  
Some strange new method oft will try,  
Until the nearby stream runs dry?

TOM LANE!

Who it is tries, on summer's night,  
To cheer us up with music bright—  
But makes us shut our windows tight?

TOM LANE!

Who finds an outlet for his skill  
By ringing peals and peals, until  
The people cry out, 'Peace, be still!'

TOM LANE!

Who rounds the bells while we're abed  
On Sunday morn, with tired head,  
Until we wish that he were dead?

TOM LANE!

Who gives a welcome to the brave,  
Who often makes the public rave,  
And tolls us lastly to the grave?

TOM LANE!

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison 5, For St. George's Day.

OXFORDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 23rd, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Roy (first quarter) 1, S. Brown 2, T. Gillott 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5.

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## OBITUARY

MR. E. E. BARBER

AN APPRECIATION

By the passing of Mr. Ernest Edgar Barber, at the age of 87, on April 9th, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association of Change Ringers lost one of its outstanding members of this century. He was perhaps the last survivor of the original Malvern Link band, formed in 1900.

The writer, together with many others, came under his influence in the early years of the century, and it was due largely to his tuition that we made good progress in Siedman Triples (his favourite method). It was not, however, only his knowledge of campanology that endeared him to everyone who came in contact with him, but his old world courtesy and the way he had of making the veriest novice feel at home in his company.

It was nothing to him to walk the eight miles from Malvern to Worcester to ring at All Saints' or St. Helen's, when there was no ringing at Malvern, and no bus service like the present time. He would laughingly say it was only about six miles as the crow flies, but he couldn't come that way.

He was a great example to all ringers in his service to the church, chorister, server, sidesman, ringer and, for 17 years, churchwarden. I know of no one to whom that 'end of the road' eulogy could be more deservedly applied than to Ernest Barber.

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'  
W. H. L.

## MR. WILLIAM OLIVER

Mr. William ('Bilby') Oliver, of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, band, passed away in hospital on May 4th, at the age of 86 years. He was employed at the railway wagon shops in Darlington until his retirement, 21 years ago, prior to which he worked at a similar establishment in Shildon. He went to Darlington to reside in 1923, but before this he had lived in the village of Heighington practically all his life. He always loved the country and had an unending fund of anecdotes about country life and people generally.

He learned to ring on the six at Heighington, and for many years was a member of the band which regularly rang Bob Minimus on the middle four, with the treble leading and tenor covering. On moving to Darlington his interest in ringing led him to Holy Trinity and although not a young man he persevered until he was proficient in ringing into teens of Surprise Minor methods as well as Plain and Treble Bob methods.

He rang about 50 peals, mostly of Surprise Minor, and although he rang a few of Triples and Major he was never really happy on more than six bells. He was stricken with deafness a few years ago, which got progressively worse and this, coupled with the complaint to which he succumbed, interfered with his ringing. However, he used to visit the tower whenever he felt inclined, to have a pull and to regale us with his usual stories. He was an amusing and cheerful colleague and we shall miss him.

The funeral service took place on May 6th, followed by cremation.

R. P.

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## SOME SPRING OUTINGS

### CATTISTOCK, DORSET

Ever since the arrival of the new incumbent at Cattistock, just two years ago, the local ringers have been slightly sceptical of the merits of what they considered must be 'those sheep bells' at Preston Candover (6), tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

At long last they know, because they have 'had a go.' Tom Lippitt, the former captain at Cattistock, mastered the treble (less than 2 cwt.) first go, and after a bit of tuition by the P.C. captain (Michael Slater), the bells were going fairly well in rounds and call changes. (Of course, we had to break a stay, which had hastily to be renewed for the two handed peal so successfully rung later in the day.)

Among those who welcomed us was Mr. Lewis Cockey, late of St. Stephen's, Ealing, who gave much time, one Whitsun holiday long ago, in training the post-war band at P.C. to handle a bell. Lunch was provided by local friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dicker, Margaret and Susan (Margaret had the doubtful honour of breaking the only other stay since the recasting and rehanging in 1955) and a call at the 'local' made the visit perfect.

Tea at Bitterne Park, Southampton, was provided by the local band, and the party was welcomed by the Rev. R. O. Stephenson, the Vicar. Rounds and call changes on their light eight showed the added opportunities for ringing in Southampton since the end of the war.

The rest of the tour included Coombe Bissett, where sleepy honey bees dropped languidly through the sally holes; Old and New Alresford, the latter where the writer learned his first change ringing under the late Mr. Newnham and Leslie Tremere; Fordingbridge and Cranborne. We thank all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring and those tower captains who welcomed us to their towers.

Cattistock is a 'country tower,' typical of perhaps any diocese or county. There's not much chance of learning method ringing and the older members are committed to 'call changes,' but Cattistock has ten ringers under their captain, George Gorringe, who sees to it that there is Sunday ringing for morning or evening service on six or eight bells. The 'method' of ringing is by calling the letters of the alphabet by which each ringer knows which bells he must follow from a card in front of him.

C. E. C. B.

### MERROW, SURREY

The annual outing of Merrow ringers and friends from other nearby towers took place on April 29th, when seven Sussex churches were visited. The first tower was Henfield (8), where a course of Cambridge Major was brought round. A touch of Kent Major was one of the methods rung at Shoreham (8).

The last ring of the morning was on the ten bells of St. Peter's, Brighton, where Kent Royal and Grandsire and Siedman Caters were good practice for those who do most of their ringing on six or eight bells.

The first tower after lunch was Seaford (8), where Double Norwich was rung for the only time during the day. At Alfriston (6) ringing takes place in the middle of the church, in full view of the congregation, and several visitors to the church sat down and watched the ringing. After tea ringing was at Hurstpierpoint (8) and West Grinstead (6), where Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung, although the long draught caused a certain amount of difficulty.

Grateful thanks to the ringers who made us welcome and to incumbents for giving us permission to ring.  
R. I. V.

### MARCH ST. WENDREDA

Bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their outing on May 6th, visiting churches in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northants.

St. Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, rebuilt in the 1930's, has a very fine octave of medium weight, and having rung these the tourists headed for Blunham—a ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. The treble in the sturdy tower makes an all-out attempt to outspoke its neighbours!

At Bedford, the ringers partook of lunch, and then visited the Church of St. Mary and St. Helena, Elstow. Poor John Bunyan! The immortal tinker was a ringer in this pleasant village, and he would be familiar with one of the six bells. Yet he regarded bells and the ringing of them as sinful! As a buoyant youth he was imaginative and fearful. This great man, who pulled a rope before taking up a pen, was a Puritan. The bells 'go' well, the tenor turning the scales at 8 cwt.

Newport Pagnell has a musical ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) and it was a joy to ring them. At Wollaston, the ringers were confronted with a restored church, set attractively amid a well-cared-for garden. A fine steeple houses a heavy and noble ring of six and these are rung from the ground floor, the ropes being arranged in a circle around the altar. The bells demand much strength to ring them and the rope draught is tricky (25 feet), but their tonal qualities can only be described as superb.

Having partaken of tea at Wellingborough, the tourists entered All Hallows' Church and rang the eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.). How does one describe the qualities of this ring? The stentorian voices of the bells are ethereal and these, with the splendour of a magnificent, mediaeval church, bathed in evening sunlight, provided a fitting end to an enjoyable day.

Many thanks to clergy and towerkeepers, who met the visitors.  
T. A. B.



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## REDEDICATION

### HARROW-ON-THE-HILL

As reported in this issue, the bells of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, rang out their first quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples after a silence of more than four years, on April 16th.

The tower is an old one, having a Norman foundation and, early in 1957, it was found that the main structural timbers in the upper portion of the tower and in the spire were being subjected to the ravages of the death watch beetle. On further investigation, the main timbers supporting the bell frame were found to be in a poor state and it was considered that it would be unsafe to ring the bells until some major repairs had been carried out.

During the following years, much consultation took place between the ringers and the Parochial Church Council and eventually it was decided to have the bells (tenor 21 cwt. approximately) recast and hung in a new cast-iron frame. Before the work was put in hand by Taylors, of Loughborough, it was noted that the existing 3rd and 6th were both of 17th century origin, having been cast in 1654 and 1683 respectively and it was suggested that, if it were possible, these two might be retuned only.

In August, 1960, Taylor's began the work of removing the bells from the old wooden frame and, by January of this year, news was heard that a new ring of eight bells (tenor 19½ cwt. in E) was ready at the foundry, the two 17th century bells having been successfully retuned to form the 4th and 7th of the new ring. The original inscriptions were reproduced on the recast bells, together with the names of the present Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Blackburne, and churchwardens, Messrs. K. W. Hollier and V. A. A. Elgood. Moreover, at this time, the frame (to take ten bells) was almost complete on the foundry floor and only sundry fittings were required for completion of the job.

At long last, on March 25th (Lady Day, appropriately enough) the bells were rededicated by the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at an impressive service, conducted by the Vicar. The Rev. Taylor gave the address, which was in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th. The service was attended by Mr. Paul L. Taylor, principal of the Loughborough Foundry and a large number of parishioners and visiting ringers from the county; afterwards, about 120 were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers.

During the remainder of the evening, good use was made of the new bells, the ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise methods. To conclude an enjoyable occasion, the local band provided an excellent supper, with suitable liquid refreshment, which was much appreciated by about sixty ringers and friends.

C. E. S.

## RINGERS' SUNDAY AT CARBIS BAY

Sunday, April 30th, the day after the local Branch festival, was set aside at Carbis Bay as Ringers' Sunday. This was the first time such an observance has been kept, and it appears to have been very much appreciated.

The ten bells were rung before the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, which the ringers attended and at which a special intention was made. At the morning service the lessons were read by Evangeline Roberts and Peter Fincher, and at Evensong by Anne Olds and Margaret Gollop.

The Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts) devoted his morning and evening sermons to matters concerning bells and ringers, and in the evening made special reference to the subject of new churches, so many of which were not planned even for the addition of a tower for bells, and by way of interest read from 'The Ringing World' the resolution to be brought before the Central Council at its next meeting in connection with this matter, which he said he hoped would be brought to the notice of all concerned.

It is hoped to make such a Sunday an annual occasion.

## PULLING MEMORIAL BELL



THE ALFRED H. PULLING MEMORIAL BELL arriving at Guildford Cathedral on May 12th from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Contributions are still required to meet the cost of its installation, and these should be sent to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

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## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch held at Gwinear on April 29th was as well attended as ever when nearly 100 turned up from the majority of the towers in the Branch, as well as some Truro Branch members, including Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president). The Diocesan Ringing Master (Mr. Douglas Burnett) sent an apology owing to his Branch, the Mid-Cornwall, holding its meeting the same afternoon at St. Dennis.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Gwinear, Rev. J. A. Croft, who also gave an address and welcomed the members. Miss Margaret Faulk, a local ringer, was at the organ. A collection for the Branch Fund amounted to £3 7s. 6d. and a splendid tea was provided.

Miss Eileen Symons, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and Paul was proposed for the autumn festival.

The chairman asked those present to stand in memory of Mr. Bob Woolridge, who had recently died, and who was one of the old and faithful Madron ringers. She also referred to the loss St. Mary's, Penzance, would sustain by the departure of the Rev. G. W. Ruming, who, since coming as curate, had done much to help the local ringers' progress. He was going to Calstock as Rector, and would there have a ring of six.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Branch secretary, thanked the Vicar for his welcome, and Mr. C. Stapleton, local captain, for making such excellent arrangements, as well as Mr. W. Shepherd, Phillack, and Mr. Harry Miles, Lekant, for arranging, respectively, for the eight and six to be available also. Carbis Bay tower was also open. With two sixes, an eight and ten available, everyone got plenty of ringing.

**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Huddleston 2, P. E. Parry 3, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 4, C. Abbott 5, S. G. Riches 6, J. A. Bennett 7, C. Rugman 8. In memoriam D. M. L., laid to rest this day.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

### Newark District

The Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild decided to hold the District elimination contest for the Crawford Cup on the normal May meeting day, at Orston on May 6th.

Since the contest was not due to commence until 6 p.m., Staunton-in-the-Vale bells were available in the afternoon, and approximately 18 ringers gathered there, and a variety of Doubles and Minimus methods were rung.

Tea was kindly arranged at Orston by Mr. Foster and his lady helpers and after the plates were emptied a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. Sutton-on-Trent was confirmed as the place for the July meeting, to be held on the first Saturday.

Four teams entered for the contest and the winners were Whatton-in-the-Vale, with 80 faults. The other bands scored as follows: Balderton 112 faults, Sutton-on-Trent 117, and Newark 133. The standard of striking was good and the contest created a great deal of interest. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, of Holme Pierrepont.

Whatton band now goes on to the final to compete with the winning team from the other three Districts of the Guild.

B. M. R.

## Society Of Sherwood Youths, 1672

The first joint meeting between the Sherwood Youths and the Derbyshire Association, at Sawley on April 29th, was a great success and about 60 members sat down to a really excellent tea kindly arranged by the Sawley Ringing Master, Mr. D. Marshall, and prepared by the ladies of the church.

Methods rung included Yorkshire, Bristol, London and a very fine touch of Stedman. Both Societies expressed a desire for a joint meeting annually.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

JACKSON.—On May 9th, 1961, to Derek and Ruth (nee Carey), a son, Timothy Charles, 78, Atherley Road, Southampton. 8226

## DEATH

BURROW.—On May 5th, 1961 (suddenly at 'The Nook,' Bampton, Devon, late Brook Street), Victor N., aged 57. Interred Bampton Churchyard, May 9th. 8229

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bounphrey have now left Hazel Grove and live at 35, Brighourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, Cumberland. All ringers welcome, especially peal ringing bands, seven strong, within 50 miles. 8239

The address of Mr. Harold J. Hazell is now 278, Carterhatch Lane, Enfield, Middlesex.

## PERSONAL

... LET us run with patience the race that is set before us.' (Heb. xii. lb.)

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTION.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 2731

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

EXETER, DEVON.—Bed and Breakfast, 10s. 6d.: £3 5s. per week. Central area. Car parking space. Near bus routes.—Mrs. Dilnutt, 18, South Avenue, Exeter. 8153

## MISCELLANEOUS

NORTH WEALD.—Will the ringer of the 4th bell in the quarter, rung on April 16th, please send his name and address to H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald, Essex, and will Dennis Ellesdon, ringer of the 4th in the peal on April 15th, also send his address.

NO practice at St. Michael's, Bray, Berks, on Thursday, May 25th.—J. E. Norsworthy, Ringing Master. 8222

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

## MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 8192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Tewin, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Own tea arrangements (no cafes).—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8180

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Winfarthing, Saturday May 20th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8179

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 20th, Horsham St. Faith. Bells (6) from 6 till 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8174

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 20th, at Thakeham (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 8199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8210

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Wakefield, May 20th. Cathedral bells (12) available from 4 p.m. onwards. Crofton (6) and Felkirk (6) each from 2.30-4.30. Tea in the Social Service Hall, Providence Street, Wakefield, at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield. New reports will be available. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8204

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8187

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Address by the Archdeacon of Southend. Annual meeting immediately after service. Light refreshments in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s.; tea, as a running buffet, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Admission to lunch and tea by ticket only, to be obtained from general secretary. Ringing: Cathedral from 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. Service touch at 10.45 a.m. Further ringing from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Writtle (8), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6-9 p.m., Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), High Easter (6), Springfield (6).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Aldford, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, before Thursday, May 25th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards, Lane, Chester. 8240

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8241

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, May 27th, at Shardlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8243

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, May 27th, Tickhill. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8227

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock, 5.15 p.m. Sorry, cannot guarantee tea unless names are sent to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Rovedon Hamlet, Harlow. 8186

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please, to Mr. T. Bird, Brickfields, Bulmer, near Sudbury, Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham, 1.55 p.m., returning 9 p.m., also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural and City Branches.—Sat., May 27th. Filton (6 bells) 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Notice of teas to Mr. D. Voss, 59, Station Road, Filton. 8220

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, May 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Codrington, Ledbury. 8223

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 27th. Ewys Harold. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 24th, to T. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 8244

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, All Hallows', Bisham, Parish Church, Sat., May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, Romney Marsh, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting at Raunds (Northants), on Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea, Service 7.30 p.m. 8242

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Batley, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to Miss S. Mudd, 129, Healey Lane, Batley. 8217

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoke Golding, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton. 8230

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Caythorpe (8), May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich. Superlative. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8202

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 8219

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swaffham, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, please, to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8203

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd, to J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. All ringers welcome. 8182

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Binfield, on May 27th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Stedman Doubles.—B. C. Castle. 8212

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Windsor, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8175

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a meeting at Roade, on May 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 24th, to Mr. A. Cozens, 13, Grafton Road, Roade, or to me.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane North, Moulton. 8237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Preston (5), May 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8228

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—May 27th, practice meeting at Semley. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those who notify by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8190

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Stoke-on-Tern on May 27th, 6.30 p.m. 8165

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Meeting at Buckminster, near Grantham, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Mr. F. J. Williams, Church Lane, Eaton, Grantham, by May 23rd. 8224

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Cup contest at Selston (6), on Saturday, May 27th. Draw 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, not later than Wednesday, May 24th.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 8218

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield, on May 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8238

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Chenies (6), May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th, to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Millway, Bushey. 8234

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Sydmonton (6), May 27th. Echinswell bells also available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service, Sydmonton, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify 'D. Papworth, Boundary Hall, Tadley, Burghclere (6) after tea.—G. Dodd, Sec. 8248

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Walkern, on June 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8221



## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 257)

*'The Tocsin.'*—The expression Tocsin is derived from two old French words, *tocque-sing*, from *toquer*, to strike, and *sing*, little bell. This name is sometimes given in bellfries to a certain bell struck only in case of alarm, such as fire, the arrival or approach of an enemy, the outbreak of revolution and, in former times, as the signal for religious massacre. The manner of ringing the Tocsin is hurried and more hurried (yet regular and with but occasional intermittence) according to the urgency of the occasion. . . .

*New Ring of Bells at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.*—This ring has been augmented and spliced—two new trebles added to the old six, three of which have been recast—work by Messrs. Warner, of London, and hung by Boswell, On Sat., April 10th, 1873, seven members of the St. Martin Society of Change-ringers of Birmingham, assisted by Mr. Boswell, rang 5,040 Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

*Mr. Elijah Roberts, the change-ringer.*—Mr. Elijah Roberts' exploits with hand-bells fixed in a box and struck with a pellet are the most extraordinary of all. He was the most accomplished change-ringer upon hand-bells the world has yet produced. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about 12 years of age. In 1824 (when in his 17th year) he rang his first peal which consisted of courses of various methods commencing with changes on 7 bells, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples. Treble Bob Triples.

'Changes on 8 bells—Grandsire Major, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major; on 9 bells—Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman's Caters, Treble Bob Caters; on 10—Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal; on 11—Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman's Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques; on 12—Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus; and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on 16 bells, the whole containing 5,186 changes in 3 hrs. 27 mins. rung at Birmingham.'

Also, on Oct. 14th, 1827, 5,040 Treble Bob Maximus with the Kent variation, 3 hrs. 22 mins., at Birmingham. Also, on April 9th, 1830, 7,536 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 4 hrs. 51 mins., at Birmingham.

Then, June 30th, 1833, 'a very intricate peal of that much-admired and musical method, Stedman's Cinques, with the bells in the titmuses and every musical position,' 5,016 changes, 3 hrs. 24 mins., at Birmingham.

On March 23rd, 1837, 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 'being the full extent of changes with the large bells at home,' 13 hrs. 43 mins.

'Thus Mr. Roberts has, solely and unassisted, surpassed by many thousands of changes the longest peals that have been rung on 12 bells by any 12 men in the world. Besides, he has composed, conducted and rung upwards of 100 peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in various churches of the United Kingdom. He died in 1865.'

*St. Peter's, Sandwich, Kent.*—Quex Institution, Isle of Thanet, J. Powell Powell, Esq., Patron and Founder, On Sat., Dec. 27th, 1823, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 1 min. 'The first (or maiden) Peal on these bells and conducted by W. Shipway.'

*St. Nicholas', Ash, next Sandwich, Kent.*—Quex Institution . . . On Sat., Feb. 18th, 1826, 5,040 'Holt's True and Complete Peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the first true peal ever rung in this Steeple though the bells have been hung 36 years.'

'*Christ Church, Bath.*—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have lately [i.e., to May 10th, 1873] added two trebles to the former ring of six. They are the gift of the Miss Hallidays. . . .

*New Ring of Bells at Gorleston, Suffolk.* (Gorleston, for administrative purposes, is now included in the borough of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.—C.R.) Special Service, Easter Day, 1873, to open the new ring of six bells presented by Miss M. Chevallier Roberts, of Wykeham Lodge, Hershham, Esher. Founders, Mears and Stainbank. Tenor 10 cwt, in G.

The steeple was dressed with flags and all turned out to hear the joyous sound which had been silent for more than 50 years.' Dr. Raven, of Yarmouth, preached the sermon.

*Variance between the Bishop and Prior of Worcester for not Ringing at the Bishop's Coming.*—Of the like matter also, we read in the said Register falling between the Bishop of Worcester and the Priory of the said town for not ringing at the Bishop's coming into the church, whereupon much suit and contention was between them till at length the Archbishop of Canterbury took up the matter. The like stir for bell-ringing and for processions had almost happened between the Archbishop of Canterbury successor to this Thomas Arundel, named Henry Chichester on the one part and the Abbey of St. Albans on the other part. . . .

*Holy Trinity Church, Hull.*—Easter Monday, 1873: 5,040 Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor 25 cwt. 'This is the first or maiden peal on these bells.'

*The First True Peals of Triples.*—The first true peal of Grandsire Triples containing 148 bobs and two doubles was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, July 7th, 1751. This peal was composed and called by Mr. John Holt, who was seated in the belfry with the manuscript in his hand. The first true peal of Stedman's Triples containing 732 bobs and 22 singles was rung on Wed., May 22nd, 1799, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, composed and called by Mr. John Noonan, who was seated in the belfry with the manuscript.

'*Ne Plus Ultra*' Peal at Braughing, Herts. —Sat., May 10th, 1873 (being the anniversary of the Braughing Ringing Society), the Benington Company and ringers from London and neighbouring towns and villages "enjoyed the very best day's ringing that was ever known on this fine ring of eight bells"—tenor 20 cwt, in F—Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Kent, Stedman and Double London Court Bob Major, all adding up to 3,948 changes.

*New Clock and Chimes at Winchester Town Hall.*—Clock by Gillett and Bland, Croydon. 'The bells are very superior and clean castings by Warner and Sons of London. Fifth bell 16 cwt, in F, the others 7 cwt, 2 qrs., 5 cwt, 2 qrs., 5 cwt., and 4 cwt, 2 qrs.

'Messrs. Gillett and Bland are now manufacturing a new clock for Bradford Town Hall to play 14 tunes on 13 bells and weighing nearly 17 tons, which will cost about £4,500.'

*Leatherhead, Surrey.*—July 30th, 1792: four true and complete peals of Treble Bob. 'The above is the last ever rang on the six old Bells.' May 17th, 1808: 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6 hrs. 4 mins.

'*Prostitution of Church Bells.*—Mr. Skipworth, who was imprisoned at Holloway for contempt of Court in the Tichborne Case, returned to his residence, Moorton House, near Caister last week. [i.e., about May, 1873.] The church bells were rung, bands of music played in the streets and triumphal arches were erected along the route from the railway station to his residence.'

*New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Mary's, Dundee.*—By Mears and Stainbank. Tenor 20 cwt, in E. On Wed., May 21st, 1873, they were handed over to the Town Council on behalf of the community. Same day opened by the College Youths—5,040 Holt's Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 7 mins.

'We hope the Youths of Dundee will vie with those of Aberdeen and learn to strike Grandsire Triples, as they did, soon after the ring of 8 was set up in that city.'

'*Toledo.*—Of all the bells in Spain, that belonging to the Cathedral of Toledo is most celebrated for its size and the stories connected with it . . . fifteen shoemakers, they say, could sit under it and draw out their cobblers' thread without touching. Weight said to be 17 tons. . . .

*St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.*—The Society of Southwark Youths on Sat., June 29th, 1861, Rang a Funeral Peal in memory of the late Mr. James Braidwood, late Supt. of the London Fire Brigade, who lost his life at the Great fire in Tooley Street, London Bridge, June 22nd. . . .

*St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex.*—College Youths, Oct. 6th, 1788: 6,204 Cinques on Stedman's Principle. 4 hrs 47 mins. ' . . . this great performance being the first in this method on twelve bells is an instance of that unrivalled merit to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance'

(To be continued)

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please, to Mr. J. Muller, School House, Ash, Sevenoaks. 8233

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Seal and Seal Chart on June 3rd. Bells of both towers available at 3 p.m. Service at Seal at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 31st, to Mr. E. Drawbridge, 7, Zambra Way, Seal, Sevenoaks. 8245

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Next meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify the Rev. E. G. Close, The Vicarage, Morton, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, May 29th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8235

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Caistor (6), June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 31st, to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 8231

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead (6), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 31st, to Mr. C. Woods, 'Broomside,' Polstead, Colchester, Essex. 8216

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

Considering the weather, the F.A. cup tie and the rather out of the way position of Cross Stone Church, Todmorden, the meeting on May 6th was really well attended. Methods rung included London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Cambridge and Superlative, and it is believed that this was the first time five Surprise methods had been rung at an Archdeaconry Guild meeting.

A pleasant service was held in the church and tea was at the Bay Horse Inn. After the business meeting some perfectly struck handbell ringing was given by members of the All Souls' Sunday service band.

D. S.

## PORTBURY (SOMERSET) RINGERS' SUNDAY

To mark the completion of redecoration work in the ringing chamber, Portbury ringers held their first Ringers' Sunday on April 23rd. Members of the congregation visited the belfry at the conclusion of both morning and evening service, and in the evening visiting ringers were welcomed from Portishead, Wrington, Winford, Long Ashton, Weston-in-Gordano and Nailsea. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Jack Ramsay, and the lessons were read by Audrey Frost and Gerald Skelly. The hymns and prayers were taken from the Bath and Wells service sheet, and ringing continued for about an hour at the conclusion of the service.

## LEICESTER RINGERS' WEDDING

In the presence of many Leicester ringers the wedding took place on April 15th at St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, Leicester, of Miss Patricia A. Wardle and Mr. R. S. Morris, Ringing Master of the Aylestone bellringers.

The bride, who is secretary to the Aylestone band, is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wardle.

In the evening a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Aylestone in their honour.

## NEW MASTER OF LINCOLN GUILD

Mr. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, is the new Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He has been succeeded in the post of Guild secretary, that he has held for the past 13 years, by Mr. John Freeman.

## 13,440 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I thank you for having the compositions published in 'The Ringing World' so quickly, and I am very pleased and surprised that two bands have already decided to attempt the peals, which are exceptionally difficult, and I wish them success.

I shall be grateful if you can point out in 'The Ringing World' that the bob Middle, shown in No. 2 after the course end 64523, should not be inserted. I presume I entered this in my copy in error. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Lillington, Leamington Spa.



**ST. GEORGE'S DOUBLES**

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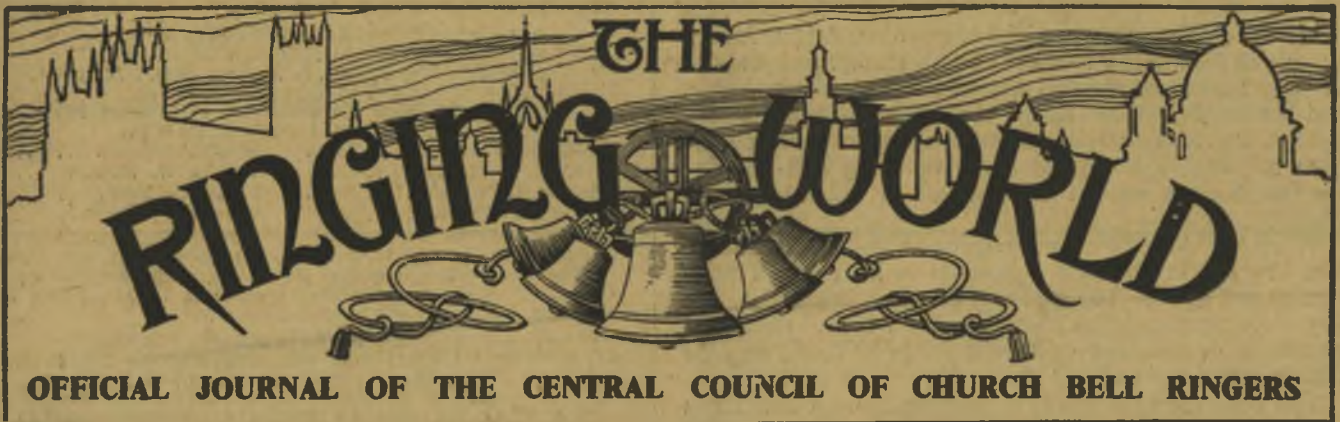
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### WITH HOT PASTIES

**M**ARHAMCHURCH isn't a chocolate box show village, all thatch and oldest inhabitants. The one-time green—which like many in this corner of North East Cornwall and North East Devon is a narrow triangle—is now all tarmac, and the houses and cottages stand up and face the weather instead of snuggling cosily as they do in the southern combes, for Marhamchurch stands on a hill-top. But it's a village of great charm and it feels happy, and the Church of St. Marwenne, which stands at the broad end of the triangle, is a singularly charming one, full of space and light, and graced with a fine example of perhaps the best type of flooring ever used in churches—small slates set on edge in perfect squares. The bells are a sweet little six in a neat, low tower, and they go like tops, which promised well for the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers' Festival on May 13th.

In an exclusively agricultural area, the weather means an enormous amount to any function, and not by any means in the obvious way. A perfect, cloudless day did not spell good attendance this year, for with wet weather almost unbroken until the previous Monday and all the tilling behindhand, there were many farmers who had to keep their tractors going from dawn till dark if they were to get their corn tilled at all. However, there were well over a hundred in church, and the bells were kept going well both before and after. As Marhamchurch has no parson, the Guild's secretary conducted the service, and the Rural Dean, the Vicar of Bude, was the preacher. It has always been a tradition for the clergy to attend the T.V.G.R. Festival, whether ringers or no, and many far larger societies might have envied us the presence of no less than seven parsons at our Guild office.

Whatever may or may not be our abilities as ringers—and we mostly ring call-changes only—we in the Tamar Valley can claim a place second to none as providers, and consumers, of refreshments. Marhamchurch, who had agreed to act as hosts after another tower had run into rope trouble at only a fortnight's notice, gave us hot and delicious pasties, ham sandwiches, jam tarts and cream (Cornish, of course; it'll be Devonshire next year when we go to Ashwater), cakes in infinite variety, as much as the hungriest ringer could eat and all for half-a-crown, in their very handsome Bray Institute.

After the tea it is the custom for each band to make its way over the district and for every tower affiliated to be open for the evening, so there was plenty of bell music in the Tamar Valley on May 13th. Some bands ranged outside the Guild's confines, and one such learnt one lesson which it passes on gratis to all steeplekeepers: C\*p\*d\*x has 1,001 uses, but mending bell ropes is not one of them.

J. G. M. S.

### THE PITSTOWS OF SAFFRON WALDEN

By H. C. STACEY, F.C.I.S., D.P.A.

**H**ISTORY of Saffron Walden is incomplete without some record of the Pitstow family's connection with the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers, this being the oldest of its kind in the country. These recollections were made by Mr. Alfred Pitstow (now 85 years) and by Mr. Harold Pitstow and Mr. Leonard Pitstow.

When Alfred, at the age of 12 years, went up to the tower with Arthur F. James, the son of a watchmaker and jeweller of King Street, who was responsible for winding the clock, they tied the clappers of two of the bells and taught themselves to ring. At this time the company as a whole did little change-ringing, but Alfred's father, Frederick Pitstow, and his uncles, Nathan John Pitstow and Ernest Alfred Pitstow, were capable of doing so. The brother Nathan and Frederick often walked the nine miles to Stansted to get some practice.

The three brothers—Nathan, Frederick and Ernest—also toured Devon and Cornwall several times with the Revs. F. E. Robinson and G. F. Coleridge. This party rang changes on Exeter Cathedral's ten bells for the first time, the tenor being 67 cwt., in bad condition and extremely difficult to handle. They also toured Suffolk and Norfolk and rang 11 peals in nine days, one on the ten at Aylsham and one on the 12 at Norwich on the same day—commonplace today, perhaps, but in those days (1880's) a unique performance.

Alfred Pitstow and Arthur James gradually mastered change-ringing and they made the ringers at Saffron Walden up to eight, who ultimately tackled and mastered most of the intricate methods, which could only be rung in those days at Burton-on-Trent and Benington. Ringers from many parts of the county went to Saffron Walden to learn these methods.

Nathan Pitstow (who used to live where Alfred resides now) became widely known as a composer. Mr. Alfred Pitstow is the only surviving member of the company which followed in the tradition of the Saffron Walden ringers of the 17th century. In 1892, when Alfred was only 17, there was a lady band of ringers, and he taught them to ring!

In 1914, the eight bells cast by Bryants, of Hertford, in 1798 from the metal of a previous ring, were augmented to 12, and Alfred conducted the first peal on them. By this time Nathan had died, but Ernest's two sons, Leonard and Harold, had joined the company and were both still at the Grammar School. Harold rang his first peal on Saffron Walden bells in 1912 when he was 15, and after a distinguished career now lives at Banstead, Surrey, and is principal of Westminster Abbey ringers as well as captain of the Baustead band.

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Mr. Alfred Pitstow's youthful companion, Arthur James, succeeded his father's business of watchmaker and jeweller in King Street and married Ernest Pitstow's sister, Annie, and Leonard Pitstow learnt the trade with his uncle, Arthur, and today carries on the same business, which has been responsible for maintaining, repairing and winding the parish clock since it was installed in 1823 at the cost of £240.

When Mr. Alfred Pitstow resigned as conductor in 1940, Mr. Leonard Pitstow was appointed in his place, a position he still holds. The first peal of which the Society has any record was rung on Christmas Day, 1753. Details of notable achievements on the bells are to be found on nine tablets round the walls of the parish church tower.

The bells are now found to be hanging in a dangerous state, and until £2,500 has been spent on extensive repairs to the church tower and bells, the bells must not be rung. Mr. Leonard Pitstow has launched an appeal, and subscriptions can be sent to Mr. H. C. Stacey, Municipal Offices, Saffron Walden, Essex.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,  
**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*STANLEY JENNER .. 8
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 9
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 10
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. 11
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 6	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by D. E. PARSONS (No. 4). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

In memoriam Alfred B. Peck, a life member of this Association.

## TEN BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,  
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

*JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	†PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
*JOHN MANLEY .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
†JANET K. SECKER .. 3	JOHN N. DISERENS .. 8
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	†FRANK W. LEWIS .. 9
†PATRICIA HEATHER .. 5	VINCENT T. CHERILL .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters on a working bell. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 IBSTOCK SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First in the method; rung without previous practice.

Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. B. G. Warwick and R. Kingsley Mason.

## STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

HARRY D. LISTER .. Treble	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	*WALTER W. MELLER .. 7
*MURIEL R. PAGE .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 8
RICHARD F. PRIME .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 9
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor. Rung at a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Ruffles and Mrs. Margaret Last, married this day.

## BIRMINGHAM.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

### AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	TERENCE I. ROPER .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Russell S. Morris and Miss Patricia A. Wardle, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier this day.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

### ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. Canon Ronald Allen, Vicar of Edgbaston, upon his appointment as Rural Dean.

## FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

### A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method for all except J. M. Thorley.

## HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

PETER BORDER .. Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 5
ANN BARR .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5376 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.	
FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT.. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Tenor
Composed by S. J. IVIN.	
First peal in the method by all.	
In memory of Horace M. Day, interred this day at Market Deeping.	

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.	
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE.. .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
*MRS. BETTY PERCY .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
JOHN A. DOWNING .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor
Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.	
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.	
*First peal of Double Norwich, and on the bells.	
Rung on the 26th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.	

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 5
EILEEN FEARN .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
HAROLD C. LONYON .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor
Composed by S. IVIN.	
Conducted by JOHN WORTH.	

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.	
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON.	
Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.	
First peal in the method for the Society, also by all the band except the conductor.	

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.	
*GILLIAN M. TRENT .. .. Treble	J. JAMES JEFFRIES .. .. 5
AUDREY J. KNIGHT .. .. 2	RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 6
EDWARD P. HAINES .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 7
JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.	
*First peal.	

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., May 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
Middleton's.	
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Treble	JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	T. ERIC LEE .. .. 6
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 7
RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Tenor
Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.	
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Wyndham Edgar.	

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,  
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor
Composed by S. J. IVIN.	
Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.	
First peal in the method by all.	

WASHINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., May 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
*GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES.. .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE.. .. 6
LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 3	PETER A. SHARP.. .. 7
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. .. Tenor
Composed by A. CRAVEN.	
Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.	
*100th peal. First as conductor.	

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.	
DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING.. .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS.. .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 3	TOM PAGE .. .. 7
*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor
Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.	
Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.	
*First peal in the method.	

Rung as an expression of appreciation for the work in Guildford of the Very Rev. Walter Boulton, Provost of Guildford, who relinquishes this title on May 18th, the day after the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.	
CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. .. 7
CHARLES COLES .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor
Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.	
Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.	
*First peal in the method.	
Rung to mark Ascension Day.	

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.  
On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
MRS. M. I. PAILING .. Treble	F. NEVILLE PAILING.. .. 5
*HELEN B. NEVIN .. .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN.. .. 6
FREDERICK A. SATTER .. .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 7
DAVID STAINSBY .. .. 4	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.	
Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.	
*First peal of Surprise 'inside.'	
Rung on Ascension Day.	

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 55 methods, including Plain Bob, Gainsborough L.B., Double Bob, Crayford L.C., Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Single Oxford, Little Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Wellington L.C., Single Norwich, Bastow L.C., Kent L.C., Nelson College, Wavertree, Smith, Hudson, Ogden, Leigh, Scholfield, Childwall, Goldhanger, Fishwick, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Fielden, St. Catherine's, Belfield, Feathergill, Sale, Grangemouth, Wilton, Ashbourne, Ormerod, Joshua, St. Leonard's, Bentley, Walsden, Carlyn, Crumpsall, Laisterdyke, Willows, St. Ann, Harvey, Brooklands, Billingham, Millbank, Spalding, Badminton, Stoney Royd, Crayford College, Lesser Wopping, St. Clement's and Blackley; with 335 changes of method.	
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.	
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 5
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 6
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 7
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.	
This is the greatest number of Major methods rung to a peal.	

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Superlative and Cambridge; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.	
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor
Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).	
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.	
*First peal of Spliced Surprise.	



**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

ALAN BUCK .. .. . Treble	MICHAEL T. HOPKINS .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JUNE I. DEAR .. .. . 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

First peal of Minor in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*BETTY TESTER .. .. . Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	*BRIAN E. JEFFERY .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	*COLIN A. TESTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

STAUNTON (COLEFORD), GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 11 methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*IVOR GOULTER .. .. . Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 4
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* 25th peal together.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris').

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. Treble	E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 3
*ALAN G. KIRK .. .. . 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 4

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in the method, and of Doubles.

THANINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In eight methods, being six extents each of Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', five each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and four each of Reverse Canterbury and Windchendon. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 3
RALPH BIRD .. .. . 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. . 4

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*N. KENNETH WINSPEAR .. Treble	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 4
BERNARD D. SIMS .. .. 2	JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 5
CLIVE G. BRYANT .. .. 3	MICHAEL F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal. First in the method for all the band (rung without previous practice). First in the method on the bells, and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Morgan (ringer of the fifth).

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

WILLIAM A. HUGHES .. Treble	*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH.

\* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the opening of new vestries and extension at this church.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 7
THOMAS H. WOOD .. .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In ten methods, being seven 720's: (1) London, (2) Lightfoot, (3) Primrose, (4) Beverley, (5) Ipswich, (6) York, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. . 4
JAMES W. HAW .. .. . 2	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

In memory of Horace M. Day, whose funeral took place this day at Market Deeping.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 3
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the fourth.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents (four callings).

Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	JAMES THORLEY .. .. . 4
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. .. . 5
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*LORNA DOONE .. .. . Treble	†RONALD J. BROWN .. .. 3
*WILLIAM R. CHANDLER .. 2	†VICTOR J. C. DALE .. .. 4

†BARBAR FISHER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. All members of the Sunday service band.

BOUGHTON-MONCHELSEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. COLEMAN .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4
*DAVID PUTNAM .. .. . 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal 'inside.'

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt in G.

PETER DALE .. .. . Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLWORTH .. 4
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

COUNDR, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's, all singles.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL W. CHALLINOR Treble	HARRY EDGE .. .. . 4
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 2	REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 5
FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the visit of Princess Alexandra of Kent to Shrewsbury; also a 21st birthday compliment to Colin Smith, of Oswestry.



ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being one extent each of London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Merchants Return, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
DOUGLAS N. STABLES .. Treble | TREVOR TARBATT .. 4  
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. 2 | GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5  
HERMAN RUSBY .. 3 | NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.  
ANNE P. SMITH .. Treble | EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4  
ALAN G. KIRK .. 2 | GORDON RUMNEY .. 5  
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3 | PETER DALE .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER DALE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
JOHN RYDER .. Treble | HAROLD WORRALL .. 4  
MICHAEL THOMSON .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5  
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 3 | NORMAN HOUGH .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Norman Hough has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung in honour of Knutsford's May Queen.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble | †THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 4  
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2 | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5  
WALTER AYRE .. 3 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of London and 75th peal for the Association. † First of London Minor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.  
\*†ELIZABETH MILLER .. Treble | NOEL D. DEAM .. 4  
ROY H. JONES .. 2 | ALEC GAMMON .. 5  
††CATHERINE CHAPMAN .. 3 | JOHN S. WALKER .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method. †† First 'inside.' First as conductor. This was Mr. Gammon's 80th peal. Rung for Ascension Day.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL-OF-EASE TO ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob, three 720's Single Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.  
RALPH HARRIS .. Treble | \*HARRY PLUMB .. 4  
\*F. RALPH PERKS .. 2 | \*RONALD HICKMOTT .. 5  
†JOHN H. W. FIRKINS .. 3 | JAMES ATTWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ATTWOOD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.  
DEREK E. SIBSON .. Treble | ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 4  
MIKAELA ERIK .. 2 | DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 5  
\*MARTYN JORDAN .. 3 | GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung for Ascension Day.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | JAMES L. TOWLER .. 4  
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5  
\*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung for Ascension Day.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Ascension Day, May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent of London Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON .. Treble | DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 4  
ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 2 | BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 5  
PETER J. WYCHERLEY .. 3 | ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

The conductor's 50th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Dermot Roaf and Caroline Hughes on their engagement, and to the former on his being elected to a Fellowship of Exeter College, Oxford.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. Nos. 152 and 153) and one 720 (No. 150). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

\*JOHN COATES .. Treble | KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 4  
†GEORGE CHALLANS .. 2 | HAROLD DENMAN .. 5  
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | †ERNEST PRESTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 19 methods in seven extents: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (3) London, Wells and Cuncastre, (4) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; with 98 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble | †ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4  
\*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2 | RALPH BIRD .. 5  
IAN H. ORAM .. 3 | JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in 19 methods. † 50th tower in the county for a peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

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**MINIMUS PEAL**

RANDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
NON-ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.*

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS**

In 11 methods, being 19 extents each of Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse C.P. Bob, Double C.P. Bob, Single Court, Reverse Court, Double Court, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Double Bob and Plain Bob, and 20 of Reverse Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALLAN PATON .. .. .	Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. .	3
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. .	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal of Minimus for all the band, and in the county. Most Minimus methods yet rung to a peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., April 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.*

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. .	5-6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. .	3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all, and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., April 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.*

At St. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

**A PEAL OF 5248 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS'. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., April 28, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF St. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. .	1-2	†BRIAN BLADON .. .. .	3-4
†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. .	5-6		

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal on handbells. † First of Minor on handbells. 50th peal as conductor, and first as such on handbells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.*

At 24, MANOR STREET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. .	1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	5-6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	7-8

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. .	1-2	*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .. .	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. .	3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. .	7-8

JACK BRAY .. .. . 9-10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., May 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.*

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 26 in G.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	7-8

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## HALF PEAL

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On May 6th, 2,520 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. Nye 1, Evelyn M. Cumberworth 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. First half peal by all the band.

## LONG TOUCH

**THORNHILL, YORKS.**—On May 14th, 2,100 Minor (Violet, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): D. Scarrill 1, H. Wood 2, I. Pearson (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, O. Coulthard 5, Heb. Wood 6. A farewell to Canon Thornhill, who is leaving after 21 years as Vicar.

**ASSTEAD, SURREY.**—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Rippon 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Felicity Goss (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Symonds 4, Geraldine M. Piper 5, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. A belated 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles 7, 6, 8 behind: Beryl Asridge (first quarter) 1, K. Beasley 2, Diana Prynn 3, G. M. Piper 4, J. Marilyn A. Gibbs (cond.) 5, G. Williams (first quarter) 6, B. C. Piper 7, C. Dorman (first quarter) 8. For Matins. Also, same day, for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rippon 1, G. M. Piper 2, Christine Boxall 3, J. T. Symonds 4, D. Prynn 5, J. M. A. Gibbs (comp. and cond.) 6, J. C. Hayns 7, H. H. Hayns 8.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On May 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire): Christine Smith 1, B. Brant 2, Amy Wanes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, A. C. Holling 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Alan Holling. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, April Day, Grandsire): A. Holling 1, Amy Wanes 2, Ann Wanes 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5.

**BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6. For Ascension Day.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—At the Cathedral, on May 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. Rhodes 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Rita M. Jowett 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, Jeanne E. Bottomley 5, B. Gillian Schofield 6, H. B. Schofield 7, L. W. G. Morris 8, V. Bottomley 9, F. A. Munday (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal for 1, 4, 5 and 7. Rung by the Sunday service band for Ascension Day Evensong.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's on March 12th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford and St. Clement's): M. J. Hoskins 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, J. F. Pedler 3, A. C. Baker 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hobbs 6. Also on Easter Sunday, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Doubles (8 methods): F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. J. Hoskins 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. P. Smith (first of Triples) 1, J. W. Smith 2, M. J. Hoskins (first of Triples 'inside') 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, Miss M. P. Smith 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6, A. V. Bennett 7, H. T. Ferris 8. Rung for St. Ambrose's Day. Also at St. George's, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs (cond.) 3, S. Gillett (first 'inside', aged 64) 4, J. H. Joyner 5, B. A. Shackleton 6. For St. George's Day, and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. G. Elwell. Also on April 23rd, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): B. A. Shackleton 1, Miss M. P. Smith 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, S. Gillett (first in 2 methods) 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. G. Hooper 6. Conducted by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. C. Evans 1, Angela M. Barclay 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. For Easter Sunday.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On April 16th, at Oakfield, Shell Lane, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rhodes (cond.) 1-2, P. Dawson 3-4, R. J. Lumley 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all. Also on April 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, R. A. Appleby 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. Rung by Sunday service band to welcome Martin John, son of Joan and Peter Dawson.

**CAPTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ernszen sen, 1, V. Sheppard 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, O. Lamb 4, J. Riley 5, J. Ernszen 6. For Evensong, and St. George of England

## QUARTER PEALS

**CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pat A. Burt 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, D. J. Barnett 6.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob, 560 Grandsire, with 12 changes of methods): Miss A. Christie (first of Spliced) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. For evening service.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Mussell 1, Margaret L. Page 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, A. F. Haines (first quarter in method) 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On May 11th, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, J. M. Burton (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, A. Sayers 3, J. Hibbert 4, W. Irving 5, B. Taylor 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, R. Wells 8.

**FARNBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker (first quarter) 1, M. Horseman (cond.) 2, K. Baker (first quarter) 3, R. Smith 4, J. Pugh (first 'inside') 5, J. Coombes 6. For morning service.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B.): R. H. Mills 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, R. E. Finch 3, P. J. Joyce 4, P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 5, D. P. Treble 6. For Evensong.

**GILLINGHAM, DORSET.**—On May 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob (720 Minor, 600 Doubles): Pat A. Burt 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, D. J. Barnett 4, C. J. A. Brown (cond., Doubles) 5, A. F. Lee (cond., Minor) 6.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, E. Hotice 4, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Bennett, of Bearley, Warwickshire.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Wooders 2, F. Wills 3, B. Thompson 4, J. Carter 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford 7, B. Coles 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill on the birth of a son (Ian Philip).

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Sheet 1, G. Humphries (first 'inside') 2, P. Gaisford (first as cond.) 3, R. Purnell 4, J. C. V. Edwards 5, J. Banks 6.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Bree (first quarter) 1, G. Rix 2, Miss A. Trott 3, J. Smith 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 6, B. White 7, C. Denyer 8. For Rotation Sunday.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BUCKS.**—On May 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. C. Fleming 1, A. Kershaw 2, G. Seth (first quarter) 3, H. B. Whitney 4, K. G. Spavins 5, R. A. Ward 6, I. N. Pett 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, S. Smith 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, L. Offord 8. For Evensong, also birthday compliments to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers, and to J. Euston, of Streatham.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. F. Lee 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, T. J. Milsom 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—On April 16th, 1,289 Plain Bob Triples: J. B. Webb 1, Marlene E. Jones 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, Penelope Sedgwick 4, B. J. Townsend 5, J. H. Allen 6, M. J. Elson (cond.) 7, M. Knight 8. First of Triples in the method for 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

**MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, P. Hurcombe 4, E. Cooksey 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, G. Blagg (first of Triples) 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Miss Joan Payne and Michael Jefferies.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. Dean 1, P. R. Dean (first in method) 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, B. D. Price 4, J. Young (first in method) 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. For the eve of Ascension.

**MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): L. R. G. Taylor 1, D. J. Barnett 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, L. F. Mattravers (first quarter) 6.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): R. G. Nye 1, Evelyn M. Cumberworth 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (cond.) 4, N. A. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles, by the same band, for Ascension Day service. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. G. Nye (first away from cover) 1, R. Cottis 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (first as cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, K. S. Ryan 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. First in three methods for all the band. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

**MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.**—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Evans 1, V. Hollinshead 2, J. E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Longlands 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, H. Perks 6, H. Edge 7, C. F. Edwards 8. Rung as a welcome to Princess Alexandra.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, T. Phillips 3, P. Blake 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Mary Powell 6.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On April 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colgrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, Jean Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung for Evensong, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Coventry, to launch a parish mission.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Mort (13, first quarter) 1, G. Clark 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. Froome 4, J. A. Harland (cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. For Commonwealth Youth Sunday service, and in memoriam John P. Chambers, sometimes ringer and vergor.

**PUTNEY, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Caroline Carpenter 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, Alison Mann 3, L. Allen 4, J. Perrett 5, C. Mew (cond.) First extent of Kent for all except 5th.

**READING, BERKS.**—On May 6th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hibbert 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, G. W. Bishop 4, J. H. Napper 5, J. K. Ward 6, M. Thurmott 7, F. R. Scott 8, R. G. Burton 9, W. Rampton 10. With affectionate memories of Alfred B. Peck, by fellows members of the College Youths.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Talbot 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, Freda Hankey (first of Caters 'inside') 3, A. Streeter 4, J. H. Euston 5, A. T. Shelton 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, R. Sanders 9, Joan Hanning 10.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Sams 1, B. G. Burton 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, A. A. Livings 4, G. Blake 5, N. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect, from his fellow ringers, to Frank Wright, who was interred this day at Great Parndon.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Caroline Copley (first quarter) 1, R. A. Brown 2, A. J. Tumber 3, H. N. Evans 4, J. R. Goodenough (first as cond. on tower bells) 5, R. L. Taylor (first quarter) 6, E. D. Elderkin (first on tower bells) 7, A. S. Harrison (first quarter) 8. Rung by members of Southampton University Guild.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Wakefield (first in method as cond.) 1, R. Wakefield 2, M. J. Cook 3, P. Wakefield 4, R. J. Smith 5, P. Law 6. First quarter of Stedman by all the hand except conductor. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Thompson 1, Miss A. Stephens 2, M. J. Cook (cond.) 3, Miss M. Fenton 4, R. Wakefield 5, P. Law 6. For evening service.

**STOCKLAND, BRISTOL.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Langdon (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Phillips 2, D. J. Gay (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, K. Prime 5, G. Duckham 6. First quarter rung on the six, with an additional new treble bell.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Heard and Miss E. Curtis. Also a birthday compliment to C. Sangwin, tower captain.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Plummer (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Carson (first Triples 'inside') 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, A. Bishop 4, Caroline Carpenter 5, Susan Rawlings 6, C. Walters 7, R. Mayes 8. For Evensong.



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A new record in Spliced Plain Major has been created at Accrington. On May 12th a band, conducted by Mr. Derek Ogden, rang a peal in 55 methods with 335 changes of method. This is the greatest number of Major methods to a peal. Congratulations.

The ringers of the peal at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on May 13th wish to record their grateful thanks for the hospitality of Mrs. Wash and family in providing the band with tea after the ringing.

Canon C. C. Cox is the new president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in place of the late Earl of Shaftesbury. Canon Cox's office as Master will be undertaken by the Rev. Richard Longridge, Vicar of Bourton, Dorset.

Here is a coincidence. Patricia Forster and Ruth Carey went to school and learnt to ring together. Within a week they both became mothers of sons. Patricia is now Mrs. Pat Halls and Ruth, Mrs. Ruth Jackson. The Exercise will rejoice with them.

A bunch of keys was found in the car park adjoining Buckfastleigh Parish Church on the day following the joint meeting there on May 13th. If these belong to any of the visiting ringers, they should apply to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Mr. Alan Clapstick, the well known Ambleside ringer, is the first Westmorland-born ringer to ring a peal of Yorkshire in his native county—a feat of which he is very proud. He and his wife entertained the band to a lovely tea after the peal at Ambleside and are thanked by all who enjoyed their hospitality.

Last Wednesday was one of the few occasions the 10 bells at the Commonwealth Institute, South Kensington, were rung. These 10 bells were the gift of an Australian lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Millar, of Melbourne, in 1892 to the Prince of Wales and are by descent the property of the Queen. The bells were named after members of the Royal Family. The tenor weighs 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. and is named Victoria R.I.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

As long lengths are very much in the air, Mr. A. Hingley, of Darlaston, South Staffs. writes of the centenary of a peal of 10,061 Grandsire Caters rung on May 21st, 1861, recorded on a peal board in Wednesbury Parish Church. It was rung in 5 hours 55 minutes, the longest length rung in the county. The band was J. N. Lloyd 1, Hy. Malborn 2, S. L. Spittle 3, J. H. Lloyd 4, Abl. Malborn 5, J. H. Bate 6, Jas. Foster 7, Thos. Foster 8, Wm. Micklewright (cond.) 9, Hy. Lawton 10. Composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham.

Mr. Adrian G. Semken writes solving the mystery of the peal of Sudbury referred to in this column in our issue of May 12th. The peal in question was rung at Great Bromley (see page 281). The only connection with Sudbury is that the bell Miss J. Munson rang was cast in Sudbury in 1717.

Mr. Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville, began a tour of American carillons on May 13th. The following Sunday he gave two recitals in New York—at St. Martin's Episcopal Church and at the Riverside Church. His selection at the latter church was appropriate for Mothering Sunday.

The band who rang the peal of Double Norwich at All Saints', Hastings, on May 6th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. Alfred Levett for so kindly providing such a lovely tea afterwards. Unfortunately, Alfred was unable to stand in, owing to indisposition, but his substitute, Mr. John A. Downing, captain of Christ Church, Blacklands, agreed to stand in at short notice.

Suggesting that it might throw some light on 'The Sunday Pictorial' pictures from Cumberland, J. S. sends us a cutting concerning 'I-spy' badges taken from 'The Daily Mail' of May 9th. In it it is suggested that an 'I-spy' badge is a kind of open sesame and might take the wearers behind closed doors and 'bell ringers let you have a go.' The ignorance of those who hold the responsibility of formulating public opinion is amazing!

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# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 21

Few ringers have devoted as much service to their brethren in the art as Mr. Arthur D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, Bucks. For 50 continuous years he has held an important office, firstly in the London County Association, and from 1924 with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. When the Northern District of the L.C.A. was formed in 1911, he was appointed the first Master, and later became general secretary of this Association, from 1920-24. On moving from London to Stoke Poges, in 1922, he soon took office in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, being secretary and treasurer of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch from 1924-54. Since 1936 to date, he has been the Guild's general treasurer, and during this period £1,121 has been paid in grants to churches in the Diocese for bell restoration. He has been a Central Council representative from 1924 to date, with an unbroken record of attendance. On August 12th, 1922, when he married Gladys Elsie Bateman, he was fortunate in finding a wife who was not only a first class ringer and striker, but one who, by her profession of school teacher, was well equipped to assist him in his many duties.



MR. and MRS. A. D. BARKER,  
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Arthur was born in Islington, North London, on October 28th, 1890. He was educated at Hanover Street Board School, but as there was, even in those days, a shortage of masters, he often assisted in teaching the class, while still a pupil! He qualified to go to Christ's Hospital (The Blue Coat School), but unfortunately, as there were five younger children in his family, he had to start work at 14. After a series of varied jobs, such as motor engineer, auctioneer, stockbroker and hosier, he eventually met John Christopher Mitchell—they were both members of the A.S.C.Y.—who was secretary to the L. G. Omnibus Company, and afterwards secretary and treasurer of the London Transport Board. This meeting resulted in Arthur getting a position as clerk, which lasted for 41 years, until his retirement in March, 1955.

His loyal association with Stoke Poges church, since 1924, resulted in the bells being augmented to eight in 1938, and he has conducted all peals on the bells since, except one which was conducted by one of his pupils. This church was the first one to broadcast change ringing in the South of England, Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor in the early 1920's.

On December 1st, 1927, he joined the St. Clement Danes' Lodge of Freemasons, and was Worshipful Master in 1940-41. He has held several other offices, including, in 1957, the honour of Most Worshipful Master, London Grand Rank, conferred on him in consideration of his zeal and services to Freemasonry, in which he has an unbroken record of attendance. Since 1948 he has been treasurer of the St. Clement Danes' Masonic Benevolent Association, and during this period nearly £1,200 has been contributed to Masonic charities. His other hobbies include gardening and stamp collecting.

Gladys Barker was born at Wexham, Bucks, on August 9th, 1900, and educated at Clewer St. Stephen High School and Whitelands Teachers' Training College, Chelsea. During the first war, the local band at Stoke Poges was sadly depleted, and the bells were silent. Her father, the late William J. Bateman, was tower-keeper, so Gladys, her sister and cousin persuaded her father to teach them. They were inspired by the news that the neighbouring parish of Fulmer had a full band of lady ringers. Gladys would like to acknowledge the great work done at this time by the late George H. Gutteridge, who was a very patient teacher and is greatly missed in South-East Bucks.

Her first peal was an Armistice one, rung at Burnham, Bucks, on November 30th, 1918—Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Henley, still active at Farnham Royal. Her present total of peals is 79, of which 66 have been rung with her husband, whom she met at the Ladies' Guild annual meeting at Enfield in July, 1919. She has rung five peals for the Ladies' Guild, including the first of Stedman Triples at Old Windsor in 1924. Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' in 1926, and the first peal of Surprise, Cambridge Major, at Crayford on March 31st, 1928, to which she rang the 7th. She is proud of the fact that she was the first lady to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells, this being Kent T.B., at Waltham Abbey on April 22nd, 1921, conducted by Richard F. Deal, and she has completed the family of Cambridge and Kent on all numbers. She took part in the married

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## OXFORD GUILD'S RINGING COURSE

Some 60 ringers representing more than 20 towers attended a ringing course at Monks Risborough, on April 15th, organised by two Branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The course began in the White Cross Hall, where Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer) spoke on 'Handling a Bell,' for which two ropes—one at the handstroke position, one at the back—had been suspended from a beam. Having dealt with the actual handling of a bell and pointing out the faults beginners were apt to make, Mr. Barker turned to the actual teaching. He thought the learner should be encouraged to progress as quickly as possible—of course, some would progress more readily than others—in order that he/she would not lose interest.

Also, in answer to a question, he advocated that the learner should not be shown the bells until he/she could handle one properly in case of being 'frightened' by the size of the bells. (This is different to what has been expressed elsewhere.)

The company then adjourned to the church, where the six bells are rung from the ground floor. Plenty of rounds were rung for the learners, and their faults were quietly pointed out to them so that they could correct their style. After ringing for an hour, back to the hall, where the ladies of the church had prepared a good tea. Ringing recordings were played by Mr. W. H. Coles on his tape-recorder.

The next speaker was Mr. W. G. Wilson, who, with the aid of diagrams, dealt with the learning of methods. This was explained in a very thorough manner, and afterwards as the bells in each change of the plain course of Bob Minor were counted out, members of the audience, equipped with handbells, sounded them simultaneously as they all followed the path of one and the same bell. Handbells were passed on to others and the procedure was repeated. Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. Coles and Mr. Wilson rang a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells. Several present had never seen this done before and many appreciative comments were passed.

The return to the church was made once again and ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed.

D. G. W.

## STRENUOUS HANDBELL PEAL RINGING

On May 14th in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Leicester, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the largest set of handbells ever to be rung to a peal. The tenor was size 26 in G. There has been only one previous peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, on February 2nd, 1925, conducted by Harold J. Poole. Both peals were successful at the first attempt. Ernest Morris rang in both peals.

It was with some trepidation that the band surveyed the bells before the start, and the ringer of 5-6 wisely donned a pair of gloves.

A start was made, and a very steady beat was maintained throughout. About half way, after nearly 1½ hours' ringing, 5-6 and 7-8 were beginning to feel the effect of the heavy bells and blisters were already in evidence. It was agreed to continue, but to shorten the peal to 5,008. The peal was successfully completed in 2 hours and 34 minutes one minute under the time taken for the 1925 peal. As the bells were laid to rest the ringer of the tenors was heard to say, 'I don't think I could have rung another lead,' and then he showed us his hands!

It was a glorious peal and well worth the effort which 5-6 and 7-8, in particular, agreed was more strenuous than a tower-bell peal.

Now which enthusiastic band is going to attempt one on 29 in C?

J. A. C.

(Continued from previous column)

couples' peal of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, and has been a Central Council representative for the Oxford Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have a long record of service to others, and their devotion to duty is appreciated by members of their Guild. As a married couple team, they have set others an excellent example, in every direction.

APACE.

Up to April, 1961, his total of peals is 197, of which he has conducted 67. This includes four non-conducted peals, and 34 rung on 12 bells. Although his peal total is a modest one, it includes a number of interesting performances. His longest length was 7,777 Stedman Caters at Beddington, Surrey, in 1913. He took part in Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral, when, after travelling down with his right arm in a sling, he removed it before meeting the rest of the band! For the Oxford Diocesan Guild he conducted the 'first ever' peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung without bobs, and all 5.6s at backstroke, the first peal of London Minor rung at Amersham, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung by a resident Guild band at Oxford in 1926. In these last three peals, Mrs. Barker also took part. Arthur has always been 'game' to tackle an awkward tenor, and in three places in London he rang the tenor to peals of Major, during the 1920's, which will not be repeated. They were at White-chapel (always a 'slaughterhouse'), Blackfriars and Rotherhithe. He also 'turned-in' the 26½ cwt. tenor at Great Missenden, Bucks, to the first peal of Minor on the bells (Kent) in 1931. More recently, in 1957, he conducted Stedman Triples from the 26½ cwt. tenor at Bray, Berks, the first peal on the eight bells, at the age of 67, a very creditable performance.

During the First World War, he served in the R.A.M.C. (T.A.), from 1915-19. He was



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Master Wants More Inter-visiting

THE annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hackney on April 22nd: it was attended by over 60 ringers, who were given the opportunity of ringing at St. John-at-Hackney and at St. John's, South Hackney, during the afternoon and evening.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor), who extended a warm welcome to all present and particularly to Mr. Kent, who, although now resident in Hackney, rang for some years in the Ealing towers. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. L. Grice, E. R. Gotham, W. H. Coles, C. E. Slade and Mrs. S. Slade. A minute's silence was observed to those past members who had died since the last annual meeting.

A new departure this year was a report from the Master, Mr. J. R. Mayne. During the year he had visited 23 of the towers affiliated to the Association, and he had found that, though a few bands were strong, some were struggling, and some were enthusiastic, but not very capable; however, all gave him a welcome.

Continuing his report, the Master gave those present food for thought, with his summing-up of the strength, or otherwise, of the Association. In his opinion, there was much to be done, and it would not be done by making speeches, or by one officer visiting 20 different towers during the course of a year. It needed a combined and sustained effort from everybody. Some bands would benefit from more discipline, some needed more enthusiasm. He suggested that there could be more inter-visiting between local towers on their respective practice nights.

Mr. Mayne also pointed out that the strength of the Association lay in its meetings, where all ringers had the chance to try something new, and he urged that an effort should be made to increase the numbers of ringers present at these meetings.

The reports made by the secretary and treasurer were received and adopted, and all the retiring officers were re-elected. One amendment to the Rules was agreed upon—that Rule 16, regarding peal fees, should now read that the fee of 6d. per member taking part could, in addition to the Secretary, be sent to the District Secretaries. It was voted that the next annual meeting be held at Hillingdon.

Other routine business was concluded, and was followed by votes of thanks to the Revs. Pink and Isherwood, for the use of bells, etc.; to Mrs. Edwards and helpers at tea, and to Mr. Edwards, local captain, for having everything in readiness.

Before the tea and business, a service in the rather unusual but lovely church of St. John-at-Hackney was jointly conducted by the Revs. Pink and Taylor, at which the former gave the sermon.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Three generations rang together at the monthly meeting at the Barnsley and District Society at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on May 13th. Denise Greenwood, of Meltham, was elected a member and he rang with his mother, Mrs. Mary Greenwood, and his grandfather, Mr. Charles Byram. Fourteen towers were represented. The Vicar (the Rev. P. F. W. Frost) presided and responded to the usual vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Edward Farnshaw, of Meltham.

Next meeting, June 10th, Kirkthorpe (shield contest).

## RINGING TOUR BY LONG NARROW BOAT



'WATER, water everywhere and none of it fit for drinking.' was the theme of a crew of ringers from St. Albans District and Watford, navigating the Grand Union Canal in a seventy foot long narrow boat on May 6th. Spirits were high as we embarked at Leighton Buzzard, aboard the 'Heather Belle.' We cast off at 9.30 a.m. and soon there were more ringers on the boat than in it.

Our first port of call, Fenny Stratford, was reached after a few 'teething' trials, arising from a strong cross-wind, which necessitated much strong arm activity with boat hooks. However, the hard working crew were rewarded by the easy going six at Fenny Stratford.

After lunch the next target was Woughton-on-the-Green, where we found a fraying rope on the treble. The third tower (which was delightfully positioned) was at Gt. Linford (6, 16½ cwt.), where the bells were a real joy to ring. This place was also our turning point, so we headed back downstream in the hopes of ringing at Simpson. Unfortunately, we were a little behind schedule and did not have time to ring, because it is against the law to navigate after dark. This was remedied by some ringers who took to ringing hand-bells behind the engine room.

On the whole, locks and steering were managed very well and thanks must be to the 'tiller men and girl,' the lock workers, the tea and coffee brewers, water sprites and, finally, all kind incumbents concerned. Three cheers for the gallant organisers from the damp campanologists!

C. M. R.

N.B.—The tour even provoked mention on the South-East England B.B.C. News on the previous evening.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury Reverse, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire): R. Longhurst 1, Miss M. Erik 2, R. W. Picton (cond.) 3, K. Waples 4, B. Barker 5, P. Harper 6. First of six methods by all the band. For Evensong.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION Striking Competition

The fifth annual striking competition, organised by the Surrey Association, held at Ewell, attracted only four entries. This emphasises once more that although a large proportion of our bells are rung regularly for services, the state of change ringing in the county is in poor health.

Once again the Association was privileged to have as judge Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Southampton, with Mrs. Parrott as his marker. Proceedings started with the Association's service, conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ewell, Rev. V. P. Davis. The bells were then raised by spectators and listeners, the draw for order of ringing made and the four bands in turn rang 252 changes. After the last band had rung the company, some 50 strong, made for the local school, where the Ewell ringers, under their captain, Mr. J. Beams, had an excellent tea awaiting.

After tea Mr. Kippin announced the results. The team with least faults was St. Mary's, Beddington, for the second year running, and the ringing was described by Mr. Kippin as the best he had heard at a Surrey competition. Next was St. John's, Croydon, and third St. John's, Redhill. This entry is the first from the Southern District, and a welcome recruit to the competition. Finally, came St. Martin's, Epsom, a very youthful band, who were also making their first attempt. The first two teams rang Stedman and the latter two Grandsire.

At the routine business meeting which followed, two new members were elected and the librarian mentioned that the library had a copy of 'Leatherhead Bells' presented by the author, Mr. A. H. Winch. The collection for the bell fund raised £1 13s. 3d., and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Ewell ringers, whose efforts had made such a success of the afternoon.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PEALS ON THE FRONT 8 OF 12 OR 6 OF 8

Dear Sir.—Following the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association, exaggerated and strongly worded remarks in the local Press on this subject have been attributed to me, and further, making them appear as my own personal opinions, that I feel the facts to be not out of place.

In 1960, three peals were rung for this Association, two on the front 8 of a ring of 12, and one on the front 6 of a ring of 8. Before the Central Committee meeting in February, a member notified me of his intention to bring the matter forward and asked me to put it on the agenda. His proposal was that the peals be not accepted for publication, but the committee, not wishing to go as far as this, decided 'that the ringing of such peals should be discouraged.'

Reporting to the annual meeting on behalf of the committee, I used the exact phrasing of the minute and no more, and the report was adopted without comment.

After the meeting, the Press reporter, young and admittedly uninformed on ringing, asked me for an explanation of the 'front 6 of a peal of eight,' etc., and this I gave him, quite simply and briefly. Another member of the committee, hearing the discussion, can vouch for the fact that no such expressions were used as 'agony of sound' or 'grating on the ears.' In point of fact, I think, I am usually considered to be ultra cautious in any remarks I pass in public.

One can only assume it to be another case of over-enthusiastic reporting, looking for something sensational, and after reading the opening sentence in one paper: 'A look of horror spread over the 150 members present, when the secretary . . . etc., one could expect anything to follow.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON,  
General Secretary,  
Worcestershire Association.  
Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

### A PUZZLE

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. A. J. Blair, headed 'A Puzzle' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' I am sure I will not be alone in pointing out that the solution given is the extent of Bob Minimus, with the bells in reverse order, the fourth doing the treble's work, the third that of the second and so on.—Yours faithfully,

D. K. PUTNAM.

Bearsted, Kent.

Dear Sir.—I also, have the book of puzzles which your correspondent is interested in. I see the method is Plain Bob, but with the 4th as hunt bell instead of the treble.

I do not think a separate name could be given to this as, it is only Plain Bob 'back to front,' so perhaps it could be called '4th hunt bob.' If a little experiment is done it will be found that any bell can be made the hunt bell, keeping the same rules for Plain Bob when the hunt bell leads.

I do not think these methods should be used on more than four or five bells, but as ringers of four-bell towers must have a little variation from Plain Bob, this should prove quite acceptable on Minimus.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.  
Sunbury-on-Thames.

## HAROLD J. POOLE AND SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. Sedgley's letter ('R.W.' May 5th) I have pleasure in submitting for publication and his perusal the peals of Maximus as rung by the late Harold J. Poole, of Leicester.

The list consists of 25 different Surprise methods and the acme of all is no doubt the only peal to be rung of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand.' Also it might be stated that where it was possible the Minor, Major and Royal extensions were rung.

This information will no doubt be of interest to all who are statistically minded.—

### TOWER BELLS

Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise methods: Cambridge 35 (cond. 21); New Cambridge 3 (3); Yorkshire 27 (17); York 2 (2); Buckinghamshire 1 (1); Superlative 4 (4); Buckingham 1 (1); Pudsey 2 (1); Rochester 1 (1); Bedford 1 (1); Lindsey 1 (1); Lincolnshire 1 (1); Belgrave 1 (1); Albanian 2 (2); Wigston 1 (1); Leicestershire 1 (1); Aldenham 2 (1); Bristol 2 (2); Rutland (Belvoir) 1 (1); Goscoe 2 (1); Metropolis 1 (1); Langley 1 (1); Sconeigate 1 (1); Garree 1 (1); Framland 1 (1); 2 Spliced 2 (2); 3 Spliced 1 (1); 4 Spliced 3 (2); 5 Spliced 1 (1); 6 Spliced 1 (1); 7 Spliced 1 (1); 8 Spliced 3 (1); 10 Spliced 1 (1); 12 Spliced 1 (1). Total 111 (80).

### HANDBELLS

Kent Treble Bob 3 (2); Plain Bob 4 (3); 4 Spliced Plain 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise 1 (1). Total 9 (7).

Grand total: 120, conducted 87.

Yours faithfully,

Leicester. PETER J. STANFORTH.  
P.S.—On summing up my own Maximus total of tower- and handbell peals, it stands at 105, conducted 23.—P. J. S.

## NORTHAMPTON TOWER AGAIN IN THE PICTURE

Dear Sir.—After many years of silence, a band has been formed at All Saints' Church, Pitsford, Northampton, under the expert eyes of Mr. Frost and Mr. Benefield, of Kings-thorpe, to whom we are most grateful. Our Rector, Canon H. J. Boyd, has given us full support and we are also indebted to the friends who visit us on practice nights.

We have now been made members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Northampton Branch) and enjoyed an afternoon's ringing at a Guild meeting, at a local church.

It was a source of great joy to me to be able to ring at Christmas and New Year (the first time by a local band for 20 years). May I thank, through your columns, all who have given encouragement and advice to us, both local and from nearby parishes, and trust we may go on to become an active band.—Yours sincerely,

Pitsford.

DENNIS E. C. ISAACS.

### 'NOT SACRILEGIOUS'

Dear Sir.—I agree with Mr. Brown (bad taste and sacrilegious) when he says that the people who were responsible for the photographs being allowed to appear in the 'Sunday Pictorial' should be severely reprimanded: surely they knew the photographs would appear in the paper.

But for Mr. Brown to say that to have photographs taken in the belfry was sacrilegious is, to my mind, ridiculous. I have seen, with the permission of the incumbent, photographs taken inside the church at a wedding: surely this is not sacrilegious. Also, were the writers of the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners' sacrilegious, when they had their photographs taken for their book?—Yours faithfully,

Dartford, Kent.

I. McLEAN.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in Norwich on May 6th, with an attendance of approximately 80. Although fewer in number than in recent years a good standard of ringing at all towers made it a successful meeting.

The Vicar, the Rev. Frank Jarvis, conducted Evensong, in St. Peter Mancroft, and gave the address, the president (Mr. Nolan Golden) reading the lesson.

The business meeting, with the president in the chair, was opened with votes of thanks to all who had given of their services to make an enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening. The president gave a review of the progress of the Association during 1960. He also also very pleased indeed to see so many of the young people at the meeting and congratulated them on their ringing activities. A very good omen for the future. Members would see by the annual report that the Association was very alive and active throughout the Diocese. More support would be welcomed from those who had given up attending Branch meetings in recent years. He congratulated Messrs. William Clover and William C. Duffield, on their completion of 50 years' continuous membership, and thanked them for their great services to the Association over that long period.

In his report, the general secretary (Mr. W. Love) reported the election of 49 resident ringing members and 12 non-resident life members during the year. Losses through deaths and non-payment of subscriptions were 48. Total resident membership, 483. Mr. Love, as treasurer, presented the accounts, showing an excess of income over expenditure of £4 3s. 1d., and drew attention to a drop in receipts of approximately £18, as compared to 1959. Overdue subscriptions were the main cause of this, at approximately £20. Grants had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund of five guineas each to Buxton and North Elmham, leaving a balance of £113 17s. 6d. in this fund. Balance in the General Fund Account, £225 1s. 10d.

Restorations had been completed at three more towers, Aylsham (10), Buxton (6) and Kessingland (5). A new treble had been ordered for Kessingland and would be in the tower very shortly. Further restorations were contemplated at Blofield (6), Norton Subcourse (6) and Ellingham (5).

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, congratulated all first pealers, 17 in all, those who had conducted their first peal, first 'inside' and first in methods, Mr. T. Owen in ringing his 100th peal for the Association. It appeared that Sunday service ringing was in the same position as last year, but he hoped an improvement would be made in the future.

All the officers of the Association were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

It was proposed and agreed, that the Central Council representatives support the motion as advertised in 'The Ringing World,' 'That the conditions required for peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's Handbook be amended by the addition of the following: "A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells."'

### Verse!

Dear Sir.—

I. Eastham Hatton  
Needs to be sat on;  
For he's one of those  
That should write in prose.—

Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Pembroke College,  
Oxford.

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## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

ABOUT 20 members assembled at Plymouth on the evening of April 5th, for the University's annual tour, which was to last for a week and include ringing at over 50 towers. After a quick tea, Tamerton Foliot was visited, transport being provided by a minibus, several cars and a van. On our return to Plymouth, the base for the tour, we bumped into Tom Myers, of the St. Andrew's band, who joined us in handbell ringing in St. Andrew's Church Hall, where the male portion of the party were to sleep for the week. The handbell ringing eventually included a course of Grandsire Cinques, with all the participants in bed. (Is this a record?)

Rising early on Thursday, the first tower visited was Silverton (8), then on to the fine Taylor eight at Tiverton, generally considered the best bells of the tour. After ringing at Uffculme, we found Culmstock rather difficult to handle. Bill Lavers, of Plympton, who accompanied us for most of the tour, supplied a fund of information about the towers, churches and districts, and pointed out many interesting features, such as the tree growing out of the tower top at Culmstock. The fine ten at the beautiful church at Cullompton were next, and the day's tower-bell ringing ended at Bradninch.

Friday was a day of sixes, most of which had belfry walks covered with competition ringing certificates. The towers included Plymstock, Brixton, Yealinton and Modbury—the best six we rang on, cast by Bilby and Taylors. After lunch Kingsbridge and Stoke Fleming were visited, then the Dartmouth towers of St. Saviour's (a nice eight), St. Petrox, a good six by various founders, situated by a castle on the River Dart, and St. Clement's, another light six, but with a flat tenor. The last tower was Ugborough, a beautiful ring by Bilby, which needs retuning. At each tower we were tutored by Bill Lavers on the Devon method of rising in peal, which sounds well but is difficult to apply to rings of any great weight.

### THE FIRE ESCAPE

Early on Saturday we crossed by the ferry to Saltash (6), then to a very good eight at Liskeard. Engine trouble delayed the minibus on the way to Lostwithiel, but with the aid of some wire this was made good, and St. Austell (8). Probus and Kenwyn, a very good eight, were visited before tea. At Truro Cathedral, one aspiring heavy bell ringer turned the tenor into the Stedman Caters the rest of the band were ringing. He set his bell (with some difficulty) and, taking the treble, rang in a good course of ye same. The last tower of the day was Bodmin, where half the party distinguished themselves by inadvertently entering the belfry through one of the windows, having mistaken the somewhat precarious route which leads by a plank over a gaping chasm, then by ladder half way up the tower wall, which was discovered to be the fire escape, for the usual entrance.

On Sunday morning we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd, and rang for the morning services at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Dinner was at the Magnet Restaurant, then we visited several six-bell towers on the moor—Sheepstor, Meavy, Shaugh Prior and Bickleigh. Four of the party, with Edgar Shepherd, left us at Shaugh Prior and went to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters, with some of the local band.

The eights of Hatherleigh, North Yawton, Crediton and Newton St. Cyres were called at on the way to Exeter on Monday morning. Crediton, a heavy (27 cwt.) ring, did not, it was felt, live up to their local reputation. Travelling through the crowded centre of Exeter, one of the vehicles got lost and only managed to find us a couple of towers later. The excellent heavy eight at Heavitree was the next call, then, by a lucky chance, the date having been altered, we were able to join in the Cathedral practice, ringing on this majestic twelve being a unique experience.

### JACKDAW REFUSE

Glorious weather marked our journey eastward on Tuesday, ringing at Totnes, Paignton, Torquay (Upton), Babbacombe, East Teignmouth and King's Teignton. On the way back



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Highweek (8) and then Littlehempston were called at, the latter being notable for the quantity of jackdaw refuse being scattered about, as they have not been rung for several years. During the afternoon seven of the party hurried back for an evening peal attempt of Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, which was successful.

After ringing at Plymouth Emmanuel and Buckland Monachorum on Wednesday morning, we went on to Tavistock, where the highlight of our call change ringing took place—a competition between two teams, picked from the party and held in authentic West Country style, which was judged by Tom Myers and Bill Lavers. The twelve at Buckfast Abbey were easy going and very enjoyable. We went on to Buckfastleigh, where an elusive touch of Spliced Surprise was brought to a successful conclusion. The Plympton towers of St. Mary's and St. Maurice's concluded the ringing of the tour.

We gratefully extend our thanks to all who helped to make the tour so enjoyable, the organiser, Alan Collings (whose competence is illustrated by the fact that we were late at only one tower); Mrs. Collings, who prepared our breakfasts and provided sleeping accommodation; the Rev. Mr. Cooper, Vicar of St. Andrew's, who allowed us the use of the Church Hall; Bill Lavers, Tom Myers and all the local ringers, who made us so welcome, and our drivers.

C. A. A. W.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 22nd, 1931.—

Anniversary of the 17.024 Double Norwich rung in 11 hours 12 minutes by the Oxford Guild and conducted by the late Mr. James Washbrook.

Thirty years ago next Saturday the first true peal of Treble ten was rung in Ireland, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Four days later the first Surprise peal rung out of England was accomplished at Bray, Ireland. It was a peal of Superlative.

### 50 Years Ago

On May 15th, 1911, a cheque for £190 was paid to George Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, by the Rev. L. B. Stallard and churchwardens of Holme Hale, Norfolk, to rehang the ring of six bells in a new English oak frame, with four new supporting beams and all new fittings for bells. The bells were also quarter turned.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Berry 1, J. Long 2, B. D. Sims 3, F. Reed 4, C. G. Bryant 5, G. T. Horritt 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, M. F. Sims 8. For Evensong.

### S.W. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VISITED

The ringers who visited S.W. Nottinghamshire on May 6th, the nucleus of which were from Bloxwich, Lichfield and Little Aston, wish to thank the incumbents and local ringers concerned for their help. This enabled them to spend an enjoyable half day at five towers.

An excellent heavy five was found at St. Michael's, Sutton Bonington. The tenor is at least 20 cwt., and the bells 'go' very well, being rung from an upstairs room. Likewise Stanford-on-Soar, but the eight here (tenor 16 cwt.) are hard work to ring and very odd-struck. In addition the ventilation was poor so everyone was pleased to move on to Hickling, where we were in time to hear the unusual clock chime at 4 p.m. The tenor is only 10½ cwt. here, and the bells are easy to handle from the ground floor. They are never rung, according to the Vicar, and reluctantly we had to refuse his kind offer of tea and cakes, as this might have delayed our arrival at Congrave. Rung from the ground floor, these six bells are an excellent example of pre-war Taylor splicing recast bells with old retuned ones. Minor was rung with ease and sounded grand with a tenor of 17½ cwt. in E. The last touch of the day was rung at Ruddington, on the eight bells, which comprise an unusual 'back six', reminding the writer of a ring of steel bells, and the two trebles are modern by Taylors. In addition, care in bell handling is needed here, without which one's sally tends to descend in odd places.

Methods rung during the day varied from St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Minor, to a 'bobbed' course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

KLEEWAY.

### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Revelstoke on April 22nd and ringing, supervised by Mr. T. G. Myers, included touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Plain Bob Major and rounds. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

The chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas, presided over the business meeting. The meeting stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. F. C. Smale, who, up to three or four years ago, was a most regular visitor to our meetings, for many years chairman of the N.W. Branch and vice-president of the Guild.

The election to membership of the Guild was confirmed of seven members of the Birmingham University Guild, who had recently had a week's ringing tour in Devon and Cornwall.

H. H. T.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The 62nd annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held in Lincoln on April 29th, and was attended by some 160 members from towers throughout the Diocese.

During the afternoon ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts and, following Evensong, in the Angel Choir of the Cathedral, the company had tea in the ancient Chapter House at the Cathedral.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court at the Cathedral and the president, the Dean of Lincoln, opened the proceedings by paying a tribute to the late Mr. John A. Freeman, who had, at his death, been Master of the Guild for nearly 14 years.

Later, the meeting considered the provision of a suitable memorial to Mr. Freeman and it was decided that this should take the form of a badge of office for the Master, and the placing of a suitably inscribed plaque in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral. A sub-committee was formed to go into the details.

The annual report and balance sheet were approved, but, since some criticism had been made of the form of the annual report and its cost, the sub-committee was instructed to investigate the question and report to a future meeting.

Two nominations were received for the office of Master, and on being put to the vote Mr. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was elected by an overwhelming majority. This is a well merited honour for Mr. Bray has a fine record of service to the Guild in many capacities over a long period of years, but notably as honorary secretary for the past 13 years. Without doubt, he should prove a worthy successor to those Masters who have gone before.

To succeed Mr. Bray as honorary secretary, Mr. John Freeman was elected. The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

Following a proposal by Mr. R. C. Noon, it was resolved that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council should be ex-officio members of the Guild Committee. This amendment to the rules brought Mr. J. L. Millhouse to the ranks of the Guild Committee.

Following the business meeting, ringing continued at the Cathedral and the two churches during the evening in a variety of methods.

## UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

On April 29th and 30th, the U.W.S.C.R. had a short tour of South-West Wales. A fine spring afternoon and a cheerful Miss Buckland welcomed us to St. David's, with its clean, well kept Cathedral, and an impressive sounding ring of eight bells in a squat, round tower, two hundred yards away. The bells went well, some of the local band joined in our ringing, and we were sorry to leave.

At Haverfordwest, we found a rather rough eight, but after learning to ignore the salthes and catch the rope above, we managed to ring some methods. The last tower that day was Tenby, an easy-going eight, where we had the best ringing of the tour. After the traditional fish-and-chip supper, and a stroll along the beach, we returned to our lodgings for the traditional handbell ringing. But somehow, although they chased each other for some time, the handbells and the would-be handbell ringers never quite caught each other up.

After ringing for and attending Matins at Tenby the next morning, we had lunch and went to Pembroke. Ringing on the octave here completed the list of ringable rings in Pembrokeshire, and we went on to Llanstephan, in Carmarthenshire. This eight did not go quite as well as we had hoped, but the local band turned out in force, and made us most welcome.

Our last call was at Carmarthen, where we rang for Evensong, on an eight that was not so bad as we had feared. This almost concluded the tour, but a short while after the handbell ringers got their long-awaited chance—in the waiting room at Carmarthen station.

We are most grateful to Gwyn Thomas, for arranging all the towers and accommodation.

B. J. C.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

### Presentation To Retiring President

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held in the Music Room, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on April 22nd. It was presided over by Mr. William Pratt (president), and was well attended by delegates from all Districts, as well as 'strangers.'

Tributes were paid to members who died during the previous year—viz., J. Ernest Harris (life member), Morris J. Morris and Frank Skidmore (non-resident life members).

The annual report, after recording events during the year, stated that the well-designed badge was very popular and more than half the stock had been disposed of. Regarding the library, the new librarian (Mr. W. H. Wilson) stated that the Dean of St. Patrick's would not permit any books to leave the tower unless he authorised it. The matter would be reported on.

There were no visiting parties during the year. Four peals were rung. The position in regard to change ringing remained much the same. Whilst more members were practising methods—even at the hunting stage—others appeared to have lapsed, either by not having the opportunity or loss of interest.

The circulation of 'The Irish Bell News' was maintained and the price of the paper (2s. 6d. per annum) had remained the same since its inception, nine years ago.

The Ringing Master (Mr. T. Dunwoody), in his report, comments: 'I think a peal on four bells is more a feat of endurance than a ringing performance, and I would be inclined to suggest that the matter should be left alone.'

The reports and accounts were adopted. At the meeting it was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d., as from January 1st, 1961 (1s. 3d. for scholars up to 17 years).

In future, the badge sales will be run in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund, and they will cost 2s. 6d. each.

The report and the statement of accounts of 'The Irish Bell News' were adopted, with thanks to the Editorial Committee. It was reported that the circulation was well maintained. An increased profit was shown—due to donations and gifts of materials. The circulation included readers in the U.S.A., Africa and Australia, as well as a goodly number in England. There are no readers in Wales and Scotland!!

### OPEN HANDSTROKE LEADS

A long discussion took place in regard to a resolution from the Southern District, as to whether the 'open' handstroke lead must be rung in competition, or may teams ring 'open' or 'cartwheel,' as they wish.

As the Rules state that all ringing shall be in accordance with the principles as laid down in 'Ropesight,' it was directed that in all competitions the competing teams and judges should strictly adhere to the relative rule. It was pointed out that Chapter II of 'Ropesight' deals with the 'open' handstroke lead in rounds, before even one blow is struck in changes.

A grant of £5 from the Bell Restoration Fund was agreed to Carnickfergus for the re-hanging of their bells in the new tower to be built to replace the war memorial tower, now being demolished on account of it being dangerous.

### NEW PRESIDENT

The outgoing president, Mr. W. Pratt, now in his 77th year, thanked all secretaries and members of the Districts for their support during his 14 years of office. He then installed Mr. Fred Bogan, of Cork, as his successor.

The new president's first action was to thank the Association for the high honour conferred upon him, and said he was particularly proud that a Cork man should fill the office for the first time and also that the holder should hail from St. Fin Barre's Cathedral in particular and the Southern District in general.

Mr. Dukes spoke of Mr. Pratt's association with ringing in Ireland. In 1927, when the Northern Branch was formed, he became the first secretary, an office which he held until 1945, when, owing to pressure of post-war

business, he had to relinquish this post. He was back again in ringing in 1947 and was elected president of the Association at the meeting in Belfast, and since then had been unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. E. G. Parke (vice-president, Northern District), Mr. C. Galbraith (vice-president, Southern District) and Mr. J. MacManus (chairman, Eastern District) all spoke of the esteem with which Mr. Pratt was held by their Districts.

Mr. Bogan then called upon Mr. Pratt to receive an autograph album, which contained an address and the names of individual and tower subscribers to a presentation, which takes the form of a wireless set and an arm-chair.

Mr. Pratt, who was taken by surprise, could not find words to express his gratitude for what he described as an undeserved appreciation.

Business was resumed and the election of officers continued, as follows: General secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, M.I.E.E., Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; Ringing Master and badge secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; librarian, Mr. W. H. Wilson; auditors, Messrs. W. Bovenizer and J. N. Dolan; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. J. Jeffery and Mr. G. Bingham.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the 95-year-old Dean of Christ Church, Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, B.D., for use of bells for competition and hall for meeting.

Before the meeting the contest for the Murphy Cup took place on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral. The contestants were: St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick; St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, and St. Peter's, Drogheda. St. Mark's emerged as winners, with 18 faults. Limerick were second, with 26 faults and Drogheda had 35 faults. The judges were H. Brown, J. Pryor (Cardiff) and F. Bogan. The cup was presented to Miss Rosemary Thompson for the winners.

### Eastern District

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist, Dublin, the Lindoff Cup was won by Drogheda, for the seventh year in succession.

District officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. MacManus; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, Mr. Roy Huber; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Mason.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### Tonbridge District

Although a cold, boisterous wind was sweeping Westerham heights it did not deter over 40 ringers attending the by-meeting of the Tonbridge District at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill. 'The Moving Church' is a truly wonderful example of unquenchable faith the Vicar and his dedicated helpers possessed in giving this parish a permanent church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Vivian Symonds, after which tea was enjoyed at 'Ann's Pantry.' The gathering was honoured by the presence of Mr. E. A. Barnett, who kindly took the chair at the business meeting. Five new members and four non-resident life members were elected. It was agreed that contributions to the fund for the presentation to Archbishop Dr. Fisher, on his retirement, could be made at this and the next meeting in June. The closing date is June 15th.

Mr. P. A. Corby, in thanking the Vicar, also congratulated Miss B. Howard on all the work she had done for ringing at Biggin Hill.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob: G. Lucas 1, P. Leggett 2, D. Murfet 3, A. Payne 4, G. Thoday 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Festival Evensong.

**QUORN, LEICS.**—On April 24th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: T. Harris 1, Miss V. Lacey 2, Miss J. Exon 3, Miss C. Cowley 4, J. Tickle 5, D. Swift 6, R. Carter 7, R. Beniston (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to R. Carter.



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### BIRTHS

**BLOOMFIELD.**—On May 16th. 1961. at 'Campania,' 32a. Exeter Road. Felixstowe. Suffolk. to Frank and Gwen (née Rusby), the gift of a son (David Chevalier). 8285

**CLOKE.**—To Daphne and Malcolm Cloke. 27. Cedar Road. Botley. Oxford. on May 13th. 1961. a son. Jonathan Martin Peter. a brother for Nicholas. 8280

**COLLEY.**—On May 3rd. 1961. to Nancie E. (née Swann) and Edward W. Colley. a son (John Edward). 8249

**HALLS.**—On May 15th. 1961. to Gordon and Pat (née Foster) a son. Martin Gordon. 1. Camberwell Avenue. Mackworth Estate. Derby. 8265

**SEMMENS.**—On May 8th. 1961. at Rhodron House. 52. Belle Vue Grove. Middlesbrough. to Peter and Barbara (née Knee). a son (William Peter John). a brother for Morwenna. Elizabeth and Diana. 8286

### PERSONAL

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**LEATHERHEAD. SURREY.**—On and after Sunday. June 4th. morning service ringing will be 9.15 to 9.45. until further notice.—G. Marriner. 8266

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### CANCELLATION

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Regret. practice meeting. Brampton Ash. May 27th. is cancelled.—M. Coleman. 8250

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun.' Carter Lane. E.C.1. Saturday. May 27th. at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: May 30th. St. Paul's Cathedral. 6.30; June 6th. St. Lawrence Jewry. 6.30 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8253

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday. May 27th. at Shardlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley. Dis. Sec. 8243

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8). on Saturday. May 27th. at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Cock. 5.15 p.m. Sorry. cannot guarantee tea unless names are sent to G. Blake. Dis. Sec. Hamlet House. Roydon Hamlet. Harlow. 8186

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Wickham St. Paul. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher. the Archdeacon of Colchester. Names for tea please. to Mr. T. Bird. Brickfields. Bulmer. near Sudbury. Suffolk. Letch's bus leaves Sible Hedingham. 1.55 p.m. returning 9 p.m., also 9.20 bus to Halstead. Halstead bells also available from 7.45 p.m. 8178

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting. Dumbleton (6). May 27th. 3 p.m. Practice methods: St. Clement's.—Mary Bliss. Beech Pike. Cheltenham. 8259

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Meeting. Saturday. May 27th. Ewys Harold. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Wood. 75. Redhill Flats. Hereford 8244

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brookland. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick. 15. West Place. Brookland. Romney Marsh. by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8185

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting at Raunds (Northants). on Saturday. May 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Service 7.30 p.m. 8242

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Farnworth. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., free. No names just come. Whitsuntide Festival here today.—Thornley and Riddle. Secs. 8262

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting. Whitchurch. Saturday. May 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 8219

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting. Shipton-under-Wychwood. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Keyte. Freeland. Oxford. all ringers welcome. 8182

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Windsor. Saturday. May 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—Miss Hague. 6. Stompits Road. Holyport. Maidenhead. 8175

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting. Preston (5). May 27th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark. Middle Street. Wing. 8228

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield. on May 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Beeny (Sec.). Hillbrae. Carters Corner. Hailsham. 8238

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting. Symonton (6). May 27th. Echinswell bells also available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Symonton. 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify D. Papworth. Boundary Hall. Tadley. Burghclere (6) after tea.—G. Dodd. Sec. 8248

**COVENTRY DIO. GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting. Sat. June 3rd. Burton Dassett. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Picnic tea at 5 p.m. Bring your own refreshments. No need to send names. just turn up and enjoy a good six and some lovely views of Warwickshire from the Burton Dassett Hills. All welcome. 8232

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday. June 3rd. Worfield (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Edge. 10. The Crescent. Much Wenlock. Salop. by Wednesday. May 31st. 8252

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Walkern. on June 3rd. at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck. Dis. Sec. 8221

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Saturday June 3rd. Bushey Heath (8). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Morris. 7. Vera Road. Bushey Heath. Tel.: Bus 1207.—G. W. Seaman. Dis. Sec. 8258

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wroham. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please. to Mr. J. Muller. School House. Ash. Sevenoaks. 8233

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Seal and Seal Chart on June 3rd. Bells of both towers available at 3 p.m. Service at Seal at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 31st. to Mr. E. Drawbridge. 7. Zambra Way. Seal. Sevenoaks. 8245

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne. on June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. (Advance notice: July meeting will not be at Slaidburn.)—John Pilkington. 8254

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Next meeting. Morton. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify the Rev. E. G. Close. The Vicarage. Morton. Bourne. Lincs. by Monday. May 29th.—F. G. Vickers. Hon. Sec. 8235

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting. Caistor (6). June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 31st. to Mr. T. Richards. Nettleton Road. Caistor. Lincs. 8231

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting at Stone. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 31st. to Mr. H. Hodgson. 43. Church Street. Stone.—J. G. Burton. Hon. Sec. 8214

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell (8). June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. H. C. Beard. 17. Silver Street. Newport Pagnell. Bucks. by May 30th please.—F. Vickers. 8256

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dewizes Branch.—Monthly meeting. Market Lavington. Saturday. June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins. 136. Bradley Road. Trowbridge. Wilts. 8246

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting. Broad Hinton (6). June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please to Canon White. Vicarage. Broad Hinton. Swindon.—W. Hacker. 8263

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston Magna. on Saturday. June 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea by May 31st. to Richard Longridge. Bourton Vicarage. Gillingham. 8251

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth. 3 p.m. Saturday. June 3rd. Both. full teas or cups of tea available. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Lill. George and Dragon Hotel. Wentworth. Rotherham. please.—J. Seager. Sec. 8255

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead (6). Saturday. June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 31st. to Mr. C. Woods. 'Broomside'. Polstead. Colchester. Essex. 8216

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting. Saturday. June 3rd. Slaughman (8). Bells 3-4.30 p.m. (only). Please bring picnic tea. Ringing. Lower Beeding. 6-8 p.m.—E. L. Hairs. Dis. Sec. 8236

**BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Shield contest. Kirkthorpe. near Wakefield. Saturday. June 10th. Entrance fee 10s. Send to James W. Buxton. 21. Roydhouse. Shelley. Huddersfield. Tea. please notify by Saturday. June 3rd. Mr. Frank Robinson. Melton Cottage. Heath. Wakefield. 8261

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting. June 10th. Great Wakering. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please. to Mr. G. Kirby. 181. High Street. Great Wakering. Bus service from Southend. 8264

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Winterton. on Saturday. June 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hall. West Street. Winterton. near Scunthorpe. not later than Tuesday. June 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson. Hon. Sec. 8257

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting. Lynsted. on Saturday. June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash please. by June 14th.—Mr. G. C. Ivory. Cambridge Cottage. Teynham. near Sittingbourne. 8260



## LATE NOTICES MISCELLANEOUS

Will D. J. Cheeseman, Kent, please send his address legibly to Essex secretary; his report has been returned. 8283

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrold, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Special methods: Double Court, London Surprise and Rounds. All welcome.—R. L. P. 8278

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Peak District.—Meeting, June 3rd, at Eyam. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8277

**DEVON GUILD**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at East Budleigh, Saturday, June 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh. 8268

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Meeting now at St. George's, Jesmond (combined with LADIES' GUILD). Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss W. Philips. 198, Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne 2, by Wednesday, May 31st. 8270

**ELY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ely District.—Meeting, March, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8271

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton (6). Saturday, June 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 8269

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Monthly meeting at Burton, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Casson, 5, Barton Road, Burton, near Carnforth.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8288

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, June 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Kenrick, 24, Glamis Drive, Southport. 8275

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Leicester District.—Striking competition, June 3rd, at Belgrave, 3 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea to the Dis. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by May 31st.—A. J. Poyner. 8284

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbeck, June 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8276

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Milford-on-Sea, June 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 'The Creamery'. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 8267

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on June 10th. Ringing, Nettlestead (5 bells) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5. Yalding (6) after tea. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. L. Silfs, Dis. Sec. 8274

**LADIES' GUILD**—South Wales and Western Districts.—Joint meeting at Penarth, June 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow. Names, please, to Mr. E. Hartley, 3, Clinton Road, Penarth, Glam. 8279

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Oxford City Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Garsington. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 3rd, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8272

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, June 10th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6). Service at St. Michael's, 3.45 p.m. Tea at Women's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall, by Wednesday, June 7th. Other bells available during afternoon: Shenstone (5) 2.30-3.30: evening: Afrewas (8), Eford (6), 7.30-9. 8273

The University of Wales Society hope to organise a tour of Gloucester and North Somerset for the last week in June. There are vacancies and details may be obtained from B. J. Couzens, 20, Grosvenor Road, Sketty, Swansea.

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Y=St. Clement's 3 parts and Blackley 3 parts.

### Parts 3 and 4

Wavertree  
Ogden  
Childwall  
Tollshunt D'Arcy  
Belfield  
Grangemouth (C.C.C. 267)  
Ormerod (C.C.C. 263)  
Bentley  
Crumpsall (C.C.C. 270)  
St. Ann  
Billingham (C.C.C. 266)  
Badminton (C.C.C. 262)

### Parts 5 and 6

Smith  
Leigh  
Goldhanger  
Fielden  
Fothergill  
Wilton  
Joshua  
Walsden  
Laisterdyke  
Harvey  
Millbank  
Stoney Royd

### NEW METHODS

0-18-0-18-0-3458-0-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. Joshua. 8ths L.H. Stoney Royd.  
0-18-0-18-0-1258-0-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. St. Catherine's. 8ths L.H. Wilwons.  
0-18-0-18-34-1258-0-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. Belfield. 8ths L.H. St. Ann.  
0-18-0-18-0-1258-34-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. Fothergill. 8ths L.H. Harvey.  
0-18-0-18-34-1258-34-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. Walsden. 8ths L.H. Laisterdyke.  
0-18-0-18-0-3458-12-5 H.L. 2nds L.H. Wilton. 8ths L.H. Millbank.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Joint Meeting At Buckfastleigh

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a joint meeting at Buckfastleigh, with Dean Prior, on May 13th in ideal weather conditions. Both Branches were well represented. Ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor and Major.

A sumptuous tea was later served at the Croppins Park Hotel, and while there was no business meeting, a number of apologies for absence were received, and it was unanimously resolved to write to the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and wish him a very speedy recovery from his illness.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh for the use of both rings of bells, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett for the excellent arrangements made.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

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Northleigh bells, Oxfordshire (6), have been rehung on ball bearings.

The Witney Ringing Society has given a bell to the new hall-church of St. Luke's in their parish.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

On April 29th the weather was kind, when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford visited the delightful village of Rolleston-on-Dove, near Burton-on-Trent. The eight bells of the fine old Church of St. Mary were rung to a variety of methods, under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. Edmund Malin. The standard of ringing was noticeably better than at recent meetings.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Philip R. Knight, who welcomed the Society to the northern part of the Archdeaconry. In his address he spoke of the work done by the bells and bell ringers in reminding people of the church's message. He felt the sound of the bells stood for conviction of faith, conversion, consecration and celestial joy. Mrs. Marion Key kindly played the organ in the absence of the local organist.

Unfortunately, no tea could be provided for visitors, due to local catering difficulties and members brought their own sandwiches along. The Church Hall was available, however, and about 50 people gathered to enjoy their 'picnic' style meal. David Brunning and a lady helper from Burton-on-Trent provided welcome cups of tea. Mr. B. G. Key reported that the Rev. C. H. Barker presentation fund had now reached more than £20. He had approached Mr. Barker as to what form the presentation should take and it had been decided that an 'Aldis' film projector would be a most acceptable present from the Society to mark his 40 years' service as clerical secretary. It is intended to present the projector to the Rev. C. H. Barker at the annual general meeting in June.

Ringling continued after tea until 8 p.m., when members reluctantly made their several ways home, filled with the happy memory of a pleasant afternoon's ringing.

D. J. T.

The tenor at Stokeclimsland, Cornwall, weighs 14 cwt. 23 lb., and not as previously published.



**5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

By J. PLADDYS

W	5ths	B	M	H	2345678
—	—	X			23564
—	—				3 275346
—	—				3 325746
—	—				3 7352
—	S		S	2	654327
—				2	52436
—		X			— 35264
—				3	372546
—	2	X			— 356427
—					— 64352
—			S		32456

Repeated.

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**5,040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Arranged by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—

Repeated.

Rung at Rotherham, Yorks, on April 4th, 1961.

**EALING, MIDDX.**—On May 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Fulwell 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, F. Ransom 5, W. G. Wilson 6, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8.

**GREAT GLEN, LEICS.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen 1, F. Mildred 2, S. Allen 3, F. Wheat 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, G. Slater 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. E. C. Packe, interred this day.

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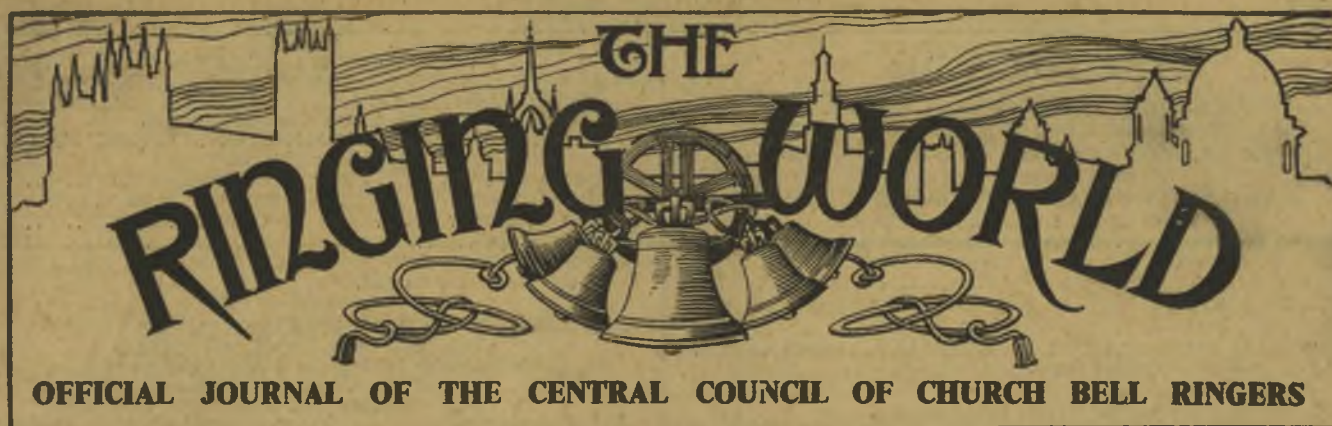
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## MINIMUS HAS A LIMITED CHARTER

THREE times we were officially told, during the proceedings of the Central Council meeting this Whitsun, that Stoke-upon-Trent was the world centre of the pottery industry. We do not dispute it. The exquisite breakfast ware in the Town Hall, where the members were entertained to the morning meal after the Communion service in the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula and later in the day by the Lord Mayor, heightened the generous hospitality. Finally, as a permanent memento, the 147 members of the Council present—a total that has never been surpassed—each received a china ashtray upon which was engraved the Abraham Rudhall tenor bell of Stone. The North Staffordshire Association is probably the smallest Association to entertain the Council—a matter of 20 affiliated towers—but they played the host with dignity, grace and experience. The towers open were many, ringing facilities were good, and even if some 30 ringers should try to snatch a 1-bell tower the Association could not be blamed for their misfortune. It was a matter of topography and not campanology!

This was a happy meeting, and in some ways one might say it was a day of triumph for the small man. To begin with, the call-change ringers of Devon—under the title of the Devon Association—were admitted to full membership and had their own representative present. They are thus enjoying equal status of membership with great Societies like the College Youths and the Cumberlands. Some might say their skill is not our skill, and vice versa; the common link, however, is church bellringing. It has now come to pass that the belfry is a very real part of the life of the Church, and it was no small tribute to the contribution of the humble bellringer to the great work of evangelisation that the Bishop of Lichfield should be present to celebrate at Holy Communion, to join the members at breakfast and finally give us a cordial welcome to his diocese.

The friendship of the Episcopal Bench to ringers has been most marked of late. And it was only fit and proper that the retirement of Dr. Geoffrey Fisher as Archbishop of Canterbury should not be allowed to pass without an appropriate letter of appreciation and thanks for his interest in our art. Still more, June 27th was declared to be a great ringing day throughout the length and breadth of the country to mark the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey to the See of Canterbury and as Primate of All England. Ringers are requested to ring their bells, ring quarter peals and peals in honour of the enthronement and publicly to let the people know why they are ringing. For this happy idea of public acknowledgment we have to thank one outside the membership of the Council—Mr. William Bir-

The next great triumph for the small man was the recognition of peals of Minimus under certain circumstances. There were plenty of pointers to suggest that after Whit Tuesday peals of Minimus would not be recognised. Great men had written letters on the subject, Associations had passed resolutions against recognition, the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee had openly declared that he would not recognise such performances as peals, and he had gone so far that in the preparation of his report to the Council he had not counted these performances as peals. Finally, there had been rung 'the last 4-bell peal by one of the pioneers of this cult.' Never were dice so heavily loaded against success. And those who conjure up in their distorted minds that the Central Council is a body of dictators thrusting their wills mercilessly upon ringers must have been amazed at this example of true democracy.

How did it all happen? Many of the Council are still mystified at such a change of face. A rumble of the fight ahead was seen at the beginning of the Council meeting, when the accuracy of the minutes of the Folkestone meeting was challenged by the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. Denis Beresford. It was his contention—and it was supported by Mr. Walter Ayre, a former master of the Cumberlands and chairman of the Peals Analysis Committee—that the recognition of peals of Minimus was never voted on at Folkestone. Mr. Beresford made a tactical error; he raised the question after the minutes had been signed as a matter arising from the minutes. A challenge of accuracy, to be effective, has to be made before the minutes are signed as a true and accurate report of the proceedings. Thus the assault was rebuffed.

The next skirmish occurred in the presentation of the Peals Analysis Committee's report. The Standing Committee took the view that the six performances of Minimus were peals and the report should be amended accordingly. After discussion, the Standing Committee's point of view was upheld, and this meant that there was an influential body of opinion with the small man, and the motion of Messrs. P. A. Corby and J. R. Cooper, that 'a peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells,' was by no means a *fait accompli*. It was met by amendment after amendment, and finally it was a woman, Mrs. Jill Staniforth, who found the acceptable formula that 'Peals of Minimus on tower bells may be recognised in towers that contain four bells; peals on four handbells or less shall not be recognised.' This was carried by 78 votes to 57.

Ringers will recognise the subtleties of this amendment. No Minimus peals in five-, six- or more bell towers; no handbell stunts. What it means is that those who ring in a 4-bell tower will not be denied, if they can master the monotony and are able to count with accuracy 210 extents, the privilege of ringing a true and complete peal.

Other comments on the Council meeting are deferred



## TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	JAMES H. PAULING .. .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 8
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
*GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 6
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 2	J. NEVILLE HAILE .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 8
JOHN D. HUNT .. .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. 9
*DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a farewell to John H. Hunt, who is shortly leaving the country.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
*MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 7
*JUDITH K. ESSEN .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 8
*E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 4	†PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 5	MICHAEL R. ROSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters "inside."

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SUSAN E. SMITH .. .. Treble	†JOHN A. G. BALL .. .. 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	†DAVID S. M. JONES .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	HAROLD A. NOBES .. .. 8
†RENEE STURGESS .. .. 4	†ALAN H. STURGESS .. .. 9
†MERVYN J. BRAY .. .. 5	JOHN H. HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

\* First peal. † First on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

First peal on the augmented bells.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

MARY C. POYNER .. .. Treble	*GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 2	*JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3	PETER SHARP .. .. 8
HARRY POYNER .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 9
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 100th peal together.

Rung to welcome a son (David Chevalier) to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield, of Felixstowe.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 5
BASIL W. WHITE .. .. 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
*ROBERT WAKE .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

\* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

J. J. Parker's Six-Part .. Treble	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 5
WILLIAM HENLEY .. .. 2	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 6
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 3	GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 7
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 4	†NEIL BELSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. First in the method as conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN J. STANIER .. .. Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	*DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.

\* 100th peal and first of Surprise as conductor. † 500th peal on tower bells.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*IAN FRIEND .. .. Treble	†E. MARION KEY .. .. 5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	†BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. 3	†DAVID JORDAN .. .. 7
†VERONA NAYLOR .. .. 4	†DAVID J. WILKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal together.  
Rung as a welcome to David Roobottom, son of the second ringer, born on May 5th.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 5
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7
ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John W. Brown, of Bocking.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. Treble	DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 6
JAMES H. PAULING .. .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAULING.

Rung at the special request of the Vicar for the Parish Gift Day.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	*DAVID HUGHES .. .. 5
*DAVID TAYLOR .. .. 2	LIONEL JONES .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
GEORGE KNIGHT .. .. 4	†NICHOLAS BIDDSCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Edgar Luff (captain), ringer at Usk for 35 years.



**WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	†KEITH WILLIAMS .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.  
 \* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside'.

**CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., May 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (13) <i>Treble</i>	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 5
†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE .. 7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.  
 \* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside,' and 25th for the Association. The conductor's 175th peal. First on the bells for almost 25 years.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Allan F. Ellis, Scarborough, Canada. Allan was formerly a ringer at St. Peter Mancroft.

**NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

SHIRLEY HARRIS .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	BASIL JONES .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. 7
JOHN R. GILDEN .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

**PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Barnsley and District Society.)

*On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

THOMAS CROSSLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	MARK LOCKWOOD .. 5
ARTHUR CHAMPION .. 2	*HERMAN RUSBY .. 6
*TREVOR TARBATT .. 3	*NOEL F. MOXON .. 7
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 4	ERIC STAINROD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. HOWLETT. Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.  
 \* First peal of Bob Major. First as conductor on eight bells.  
 Rung as a welcome home to Harold Chant after his stay in hospital; also as a farewell to E. A. Binch, until recently station-master at Penistone.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON .. <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.  
 \* 50th peal together. First in the method by all.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PEMBROKE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 244).

**PEMBROKE SURPRISE MAJOR**

38-38.6-56-38.14-14.5.16-16.7

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

Composition as for the first peal of Wiltshire Surprise Major, 'R.W.'  
 November 14th, 1958. page 748.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In seven methods, being 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 each of Bristol, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. <i>Treble</i>	*STEWART F. KIMBER .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
DENNIS KNOX .. 3	*JACK S. DEAR .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	*FRANK E. DARBY .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 \* First peal of 7-Spiced Surprise Major. First of Spiced Surprise Major on the bells.

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Hill.

**CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ALFRED BALLARD .. <i>Treble</i>	ALAN J. FROST .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
*GEOFF. M. BREWIN .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.  
 \* First peal in the method.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. <i>Treble</i>	JACK PILGRIM .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
MURIEL R. PAGE .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
WALTER W. MILLER .. 4	*PETER S. BEDFORD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 23). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.  
 \* First peal of Superlative.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

ALISON M. MANN .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 6
PETER J. EVES .. 3	IAN R. PANTON .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.  
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

**HEDON, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Beverley and District Society.)

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JOHN M. HARROP .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. SINGLETON .. 5
*JANET I. PORTER .. 2	DAVID S. JOHNSON .. 6
*HAROLD F. GIBSON .. 3	JOHN G. HOBSON .. 7
†RICHARD D. GIBSON .. 4	*RONALD DUCKER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.  
 \* First peal of Oxford Major. † First of Major. ‡ First peal, and first of Major as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Janet Porter; also a farewell to John Hobson, leaving soon for East Africa.

**HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE .. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS PRICE .. 5
*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 6
FREDERICK LEECH .. 3	*REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 7
PHILIP J. EVANS .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
 \* First peal in the method.

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## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 7 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF 13440 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 3,840 Watford, 3,168 each Rutland and Wembley, 1,920 Ealing and 672 each Belgrave and Belvedere, with 381 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Umpire: PETER LAFLIN.

The extent of Spiced Surprise Major with the tenors together.

The longest length of Spiced Surprise Major yet rung.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
SIDNEY HARRISON .. .. 4	PETER J. CHILTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by PETER J. CHILTON.

First peal as conductor.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL

## SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GORDON BENFIELD (Yorkshire Association) .. .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY (Yorkshire Association) .. .. 2
JOHN FREEMAN (Lincoln Diocesan Guild) .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED (honorary member) .. .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON (honorary member) .. .. 5	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY (Herts County Association) .. .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS (Yorkshire Association) .. .. 7	PHILIP A. CORBY (Kent County Association) .. .. Tenor

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in more than four methods to be rung silent and non-conducted.

## STAFFORD.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 2	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY HUMPHRIES .. Treble	PHILLIP GAISFORD .. .. 4
DAVID STILLMAN .. .. 2	ROBERT PURNELL .. .. 5
RICHARD HUMPHRIES .. .. 3	FRED BOX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PURNELL.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Purnell, grandparents of the conductor, on their 60th wedding anniversary.

## BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

DOROTHY M. RUSHTON .. Treble	*STANLEY LEWIS .. .. 4
ALICE M. RUSHTON .. .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	LESLIE EVANS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for Rogationtide.

## CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: One of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	KENNETH PARK .. .. 4
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

## CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise, (3) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Chapel, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 4
HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 5
TREVOR TARBATT .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

With best wishes from the band to Harold Chant.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., May 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 4
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 2	FRANK BRUNT .. .. 5
LYNNE THOMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A tribute to Dr. G. H. Sedgwick, for 46 years local doctor and many years church councillor, churchwarden and chairman of the local Council, on his retirement and departure to live in Worksop.

## CONINGSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Bourne, Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, London and Wells.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

ERIC FLINTHAM .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4
*BRIAN HUNT .. .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Minor. First on the bells since rehanging and recasting.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being an extent of Norwich and two each of Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PAUL LEGGETT .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 4
†ALAN W. PAYNE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* First peal. † First in four methods.

## LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	ROBERT J. PLUMMER .. .. 4
CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 2	HARRY B. FULLER .. .. 5
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 3	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

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

*RICHARD M. FORDER .. Treble	GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. .. 4
*CHRISTINE MORRIS .. .. 2	*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 5
†SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'



## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 18 methods, viz.: (1) London Scholars' and Kingston T.B.; (2) College Ex., Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.; (3) Norwich Surprise; (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (5) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (6) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble	JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 4
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
*ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* 50th peal together.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Treble	*JENNIFER M. GAMBLING.. 4
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 2	*IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 5
†JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 3	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower' twice. The ringer of the treble has now rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Michael J. Austin and Wendy Evans, and also as a belated engagement compliment to John Baldwin and Beryl Abbott.

## BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

DAVID J. ADAMS .. Treble	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4
*PETER DALE .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	JOHN R. KENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* 25th peal.

## BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

REGINALD F. CROOK .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 4
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	BRIAN MILLS .. .. 5
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 3	†GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method 'inside.' † 250th peal.

## DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 25 methods: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) London and Wells; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham; (7) York and Durham.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 4
JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. 2	ROY R. TIFFIN .. .. 5
COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 25 methods by all.

## EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES PHILLIPS .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. 4
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
THOMAS J. GUNDY .. .. 3	ALFRED J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL V. POWELL.

\* 25th peal. First as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Kennard on his retirement after being a ringer at this church for 50 years.

## REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Childwall and St. Clement's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JOHN G. CULL .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
WALTER AYRE .. .. 2	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 5
*MARTIN A. JORDAN .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Christine Pullin and Dennis Bowen, married this day at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans.

## SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN W. PAYNE .. Treble	ARTHUR YARROW .. .. 4
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 2	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* 75th peal. Rung as a compliment to Dorothy A. M. Robinson and L. Victor Chamberlain upon their engagement.

## SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY .. 4
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* First peal in four methods.

Rung for the Festival of the Holy Spirit.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 12, 1961, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

AT 36, EASTGATE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 1—2	CHARLES BARKER .. 3—4
MALCOLM LINCOLN .. 5—6	

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

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## HALF PEAL

**WEST REITFORD, NOTTS.**—On May 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Challons 1, R. Franthorpe (longest length 'inside') 2, Mrs. Valerie Hobbs 3, A. Wilson 4, H. Denman 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On May 7th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Philippa J. P. Dixon 1, J. A. Constant 2, J. Berry 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, B. R. Care (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. P. Dixon (first quarter) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

**ABSON, GLOS.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Bro. J. Sprules (K.O.M., Nightingale Lodge) 1, Bro. G. Sprules (Nightingale Lodge) 2, Bro. B. Shackleton (Phoenix Lodge, cond.) 3, Bro. P. King (Sodbury Vale Lodge) 4, Bro. H. Ferris (Westerleigh Lodge) 5, Bro. A. Monk (Westerleigh Lodge) 6. First of Stedman for 4 and 6. Believed to be the first quarter rung by Brothers of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On April 27th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): S. Meredith 1, C. Froggatt 2, B. Brant (first of Minor) 3, D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, B. Mills 6.

**BLOXWICH, STAFFS.**—On May 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Marlene E. Jones 1, Jill V. Morgan 2, Ann Barr 3, Lucy Allen 4, B. J. Townsend 5, J. B. Webb 6, J. H. Allen (first on eight as cond.) 7, C. M. Smith 8. First in method 2 and 5. By Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band for Evensong.

**BOBBING, KENT.**—On April 29th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Nye 1, Evelyn M. Cumberworth 2, D. Breakspear 3, T. D. Wickens (cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, K. S. Ryar 6. For the christening of the cousin of the ringer of 5.

**BRADSTONE, DEVON.**—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hicks 1, W. Boucher 2, W. Manning 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, K. Fice 6. A birthday compliment to J. H. Benoy.

**BRISTOL.**—On April 30th, at St. Michael's-on-the-Mount, Without, 1,260 Grandsire & Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Collett 1, C. Tyndale-Biscoe 2, M. J. Austin 3, E. Mould 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, J. W. Scarrott 6. For Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judi White 1, Jane Tuffin 2, C. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, Jennifer Gambling 4, Dorothy Stafford 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

**CHADLINGTON, OXON.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1, B. Cooper 2, P. Coveney 3, D. Powell 4, W. Lewis (cond.) 6, J. Harvey 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Dorchester.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Damarell (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. Pamela S. Cracknell 2, Mrs. Jean Kelly 3, B. Edwards 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, P. W. Atkins (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and St. George's Day.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, C. J. Gould 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, T. Beaumont 4, J. Haigh 5, R. Norris 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, B. F. Baker 8. First quarter for 5th for 35 years.

**CHESHAM, BUCKS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. Turney 1, G. Reynolds 2, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 3, W. Reynolds 4, H. Jones 5, E. C. Hoare 6. First quarter by all except conductor and first by an entirely local band. For Matins.

**CLUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 10th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: F. C. Mogford 1, B. Shackleton 2, R. Hooper 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, J. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Minnear (first quarter) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, Y. M. Obbard 3, W. Ivings 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, W. Minnear 6. For morning service.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Way (first quarter) 1, Christine Harbott 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, G. F. Pratt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, M. W. Harbott 8. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on receiving the Queen's Scout award.

**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Edwards (first quarter) 1, B. C. W. Jenks 2, Mrs. F. R. Ferris 3, R. E. D. Ham 4, F. R. Ferris 5, K. Halford (first quarter) 6. For Rogation Sunday and visit of Bishop of St. Albans.

**ELMLEY LOVETT, WORCS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5. Rung as a compliment to Rev. E. W. Bartlam, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his institution as Rector of this parish.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ENFIELD, MIDD.**—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Newcombe 1, J. T. Y. Roberts 2, J. R. Towers 3, D. E. Towers 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6, J. Weeks 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On April 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. Cross (age 12) 1-2, Irene A. Cross 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Heffer (first quarter) 1, J. E. Goodwin 2, J. Y. Parker 3, R. Minns 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, R. Morley 6. For Ascension Day.

**HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, T. Bird 5, D. E. Cullum 6, F. A. Willis-Betts 7, A. R. Mann 8.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On May 14th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Hewitt 1, L. Edwards 2, W. Jones 3, P. Clarkson 4, J. Whiting 5, R. Hazell 6, P. Allen 7, L. Barry (cond.) 8.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.**—On May 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. E. Matthews 1, Mrs. C. E. Slade 2, Miss P. J. Laycock 3, Miss S. J. Heasman 4, R. E. Waters 5, B. C. Burrough 6, F. P. Wright 7, C. E. Slade (first in the method as cond.) 8. For Matins.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Weatherley 1, F. Bowden 2, A. V. Queen 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. McDermott 5, J. E. Clark 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, C. Johnstone 8. In honour of consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Genebeth Mooring (first of Triples) 1, C. Webb 2, Joan A. Smith 3, Gwen May 4, B. Priestley (first of Triples 'inside') 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Jim Brent, a local ringer, who was interred this day.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Meredith 1, C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, B. Mills 4, D. Bradley (cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. For Evensong on St. George's Day. Also on May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, B. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Smith 4, A. Larkin 5, A. Wheeler 6. For Evensong.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. B. C. Castle 1, C. W. Mortimer 2, Miss D. Gibbs (first 'inside') 3, R. K. Rivers 4, C. A. Eele 5, R. J. Castle (first in method) 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For Ascension Day.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles Grandsire and Plain Bob: C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Wallatt 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (first as cond.) 5. For Matins.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Miss P. Irwin (first of Treble Bob) 1, I. G. Campbell 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, J. R. Perrett 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.**—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Gatter 1, J. West 2, F. Mack (cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, R. Gatter 5, H. West 6. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to J. West.

**LONGTON, STAFFS.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Rogers 1, Rosemary Fleming 2, Christine M. Rimmer 3, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, M. Thomason 6, R. D. Bell 7, C. Jones 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horne 1, A. Best 2, H. Turner 3, P. Hamlin 4, A. W. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On May 14th, 1,279 Doubles (St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. T. Bowley 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in six methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6, and first in six methods on the bells.

**OXFORD.**—On May 12th, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Miller 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, Helen Williams 4, N. D. Deam 5.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Thorling (first of Minor) 1, P. J. Rothera (first 'inside') 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. G. Morris 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and the christening of Nigel John Parker, Sarah Louise Caulkin and Angela Jayne Cox.

**PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Winkworth (first quarter) 1, Judy Frost 2, G. Paul 3, G. Dickens (first as cond.) 4, D. Trueman 5.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Whit Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. F. Wheeler 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, F. E. Day 3, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 4, H. F. Myers 5, A. W. Myers 6, D. R. Bould 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

**PLYMPTON, DEVON.**—On May 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Lavers (first of Major as cond.) 1, F. E. Day 2, Miss S. P. Sims (first of Major) 3, A. W. Myers 4, H. F. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, D. R. Bould 7, T. G. Myers 8.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Brookes (first away from cover) 1, A. Millidge 2, L. Allen 3, B. Bull 4, A. Clayton 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sharon Northeast (first of Major) 1, K. Game (first of Major 'inside') 2, Freda Hankey 3, W. Dunn 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. Streeter 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On May 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Donovan 1, Mrs. E. Chaddock 2, Miss P. Walker 3, R. Woodward 4, S. Armeson 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. C. A. Edwards, on leaving for Bristol.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lydia M. Chamberlain (first quarter) 1, B. B. Hullah 2, C. M. Foster (first quarter) 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, A. T. Hawkins (first as cond.) 5, G. T. Ridgway 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. M. Smith 1, Marlene E. Jones 2, J. B. Webb 3, B. J. Townsend 4, Lucy Allen (cond.) 5. First in three methods on the bells. Rung by Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band for Evensong, to mark the Shenstone Christian Stewardship campaign.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Janet Wilkinson 1, D. R. Brazier 2, R. A. Ward 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, M. V. Grace 6. Rung for the evening celebration of the parish Eucharist.

**SOUTH HACKNEY, E.**—At St. John at Jerusalem, on May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss P. Miller 2, T. A. Hales 3, W. Wainwright 4, G. Parsons 5, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 6, J. W. Steele covering. Rung for the service to commemorate the life and work of Florence Nightingale.

**SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXON.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, R.C.P. and Plain Bob): M. Sayers 1, M. W. Coleman 2, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 3, B. J. Davies 4, E. T. P. Field 5.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. P. Brandon 1, G. K. Goldwin 2, R. J. Isgrove 3, C. M. Tiffin 4, J. L. Fennell 5, R. R. Tiffin (first as cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by all the band. Rung by members of Brentwood School for the Founder's Day service in this church. Average age: 17.3.

**STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.**—On May 16th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Struckert 1, D. Brock 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Leach 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of the consecration of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Guildford.

**STOULTON, WORCS.**—At the Campanile, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Jopp 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss A. Bullard 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, A. Jopp (first quarter, age 7) 6.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth 1, Dr. H. Craig 2, R. J. Drewett (first of Triples) 3, Miss M. Wright (first of Triples as cond.) 4, R. G. Townsend 5, E. Sutton 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the Ascension.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1, I. Knox 2, A. G. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. Cloughton 5, W. Sear 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, B. R. Stripp 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Bob Triples at Norwich in 1715. Also on Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1, I. Knox 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. Newman 4, J. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman (first of Triples) 8.

**WALKDEN, LANCS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Holt (first quarter) 1, R. Scott 2, J. Thornley 3, P. Lomax 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Headon, churchwarden for 12 years.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On May 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Fooks 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. T. Brown 3, A. M. Cunningham 4, I. Smith (first of Triples) 5, A. V. Rose 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, C. A. Bull 8. For Evensong.



# QUARTER PEALS

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Bock 1, Cherry Withell 2, Muriel Clark 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Parsons 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Masters, and before the S.P.G. Deanery Festival.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Roden 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. E. Lawley 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows 6, M. J. Fellows (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. J. Brown 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to M. D. Fellows and Mr. F. V. Nicholls, of St. Thomas', Stourbridge.

**ORPINGTON, KENT.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. M. Macve 1-2, D. Manger 3-4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all.

**OXFORD.**—On April 5th, at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Drewitt 1, E. G. Moore 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, P. Walker 4, R. J. Chaundy 5, C. Holloway 6, F. A. White 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. A farewell to Canon R. R. Martin, who has held the office of city Rector for the past 34 years. Also on April 16th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Harris 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, D. T. Darby 3, H. W. Badger 4, A. N. Stubbs 5, E. R. Venn 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. Also on April 30th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, J. H. Gardner 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, C. Coles 4, S. D. Edwards 5, J. R. Harris 6, A. J. Adams cover. For Evensong.

**PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Taylor 1, F. Parker 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. Price 4, M. V. Powell 5, I. M. Bowyer 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. L. C. Posser, captain at this tower for the past 10 years, who is leaving the district.

**PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On May 7th, 1,300 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. H. Bedford 1, E. Billings 2, Miss P. F. Curtis 3, B. E. Frost (cond.) 4, R. S. Roberts 5, R. J. White 6. Rung for the service of Thanksgiving, for the restoration of the church spire.

**RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): C. Knapp 1, A. Lago 2, H. Hanson 3, S. Loach 4, L. Henson 5, E. Buxton 6, C. Burrell (cond.) 7, W. Mason 8. An 80th birthday compliment to S. Loach.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): C. A. Brass 1, T. Pendlebury 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. First in 3 methods of Minor by all except the conductor. Rung after the failure of a second attempt at a peal in farewell to the Rev. H. L. H. Townshend, Vicar of Rugeley, until April 11th, when he was instituted to the living of Cannock.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Rice 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, Dorothy Page 3, W. Bradbury 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, M. C. Faulks 6. For the wedding of Rosemary Stratford (ringer at this church) to George Loydall.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On April 16th, 1,320 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): M. Keyworth 1, Miss S. Guymer 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a tribute to Mr. R. Crosby, deputy organist-choirmaster, who recently celebrated his 21st birthday.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): D. T. Heathcote (first away from tenor) 1, D. W. Stenson 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Evensong.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On May 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. T. Sprackling 1, J. W. Rea 2, J. Tomsett 3, W. G. Wilson 4, R. Sanders 5, K. J. Cherrill 6, M. T. Spracklin (cond.) 7, F. Ransom 8.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Secker 1, Miss V. Pain (first 'inside') 2, Miss G. Wild (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Whitcher 4, D. Hawkins 5, H. Duncan 6,

R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8. Rung for the 901 Consecration Festival of this Abbey. Also a 21st birthday compliment to K. R. Scrimshaw.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. E. Pratt 1, Rosemary S. Hawkes 2, W. G. Paul (cond.) 3, R. D. Bell 4, A. J. Hickson 5, R. G. Smith 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell 8. For Commonwealth Youth Sunday service.

**WEST HAM, E.**—On May 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, Dr. C. E. Wright 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On April 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Norwich): W. A. Hughes 1, Mary Taylor 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. W. G. Skinner 1, D. Manger (cond.) 2, C. H. Macve (first in 2 Doubles methods) 3, A. S. Richards 4, A. M. Macve 5.

**WINCANTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (84 singles): Pat A. Burt 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, D. J. Barnett 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, A. L. Lee (cond.) 5, J. J. Jefferies 6.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan E. Cross (first of Royal) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (first of Royal as cond.) 5-6, R. J. Palmer (first of Royal 9-10).

**WOLLATON, NOTTS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Hawcock 1, J. Shonfield (first 'inside' and in method) 2, R. Daft (first as cond.) 3, P. Humphrey (first quarter) 4, J. Bird (first in method) 5, R. Benfield (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day.

**WOODSTOCK, OXON.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 4, 6, 8 covering: H. Floyd (cond.) 1, W. Butler 2, Diana Hollis 3, W. Franklin 4, A. Leach 5, W. Pitt 6, A. Franklin 7, T. Boyce 8.

**YORK.**—At the Minster, on April 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Reeves (cond.) 1, T. M. Cox 2, Miss I. Lemare 3, F. Atkinson 4, H. Walker 5, C. F. Sutcliffe 6, L. Greenhorn 7, J. Woolford 8.

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Was the Ladies' Guild peal of Cambridge at St. John's, Leicester, overshadowed by the husbands and boy friends peal of London Major at Claybrooke? This peal was rung to show the girls that anything they can do the boys can do better. After all, a good peal of London Major is worth three rosy peals of Cambridge Royal. Thanks are due to Peter Staniforth, who arranged the peal and stood down in favour of a boy friend (his striking isn't up to much anyway!). Crunch... Two in... Three out... Four make it. That's all.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Harold Chant is out of hospital. A welcome home peal was rung at Penistone, and another of good wishes at Cawthorne.

A band from Twerton-on-Avon rang four quarters on May 13th on the back six of rings of eight. The original party was eight ringers, but members were reduced owing to a bereavement.

Chesham, Bucks, Sunday service band are very proud of the quarter they rang on Whit Sunday. It was the first ever by an all local band and only the conductor, Mr. John A. Underwood, had rung a quarter previously.

A significant feature about the first peal on the augmented bells of Fareham, Hants, of 5,040 Plain Bob was that it was the first peal for the treble ringer and for five others the first on ten bells. Conductor John Hunt was also calling his first on ten.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Benoy, of Lifton Down, Lifton, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Nonna's Church, Bradstone, on April 20th, by members of the Lifton band of the South-Western Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The quarter rung at Elmley Lovett on May 20th was, in fact, a peal attempt called round, owing to the rough go of the bells. It was rung on 12356, as No. 4 is too badly cracked to be rung. The bells are a pleasant toned, 17th century ring, by Henry Bagley. The tenor, reputed 18 cwt.(!), weighs about 9 cwt., and is well known locally for its oval bearings!

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Saturday, May 20th, was conspicuous for two peals that made ringing history. At Norbury (Hazel Grove) the longest length of Spliced Surprise Major yet rung, consisting of 13,440 changes in 6 methods. The time taken was 7 hours 11 minutes. It was a good peal, stated the conductor, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, but somewhat monotonous. The other historic peal was Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester, for the Ladies' Guild. This was conducted by the president, Mrs. Jill Staniforth, with Miss Hilda Snowden on the tenor. There were warm congratulations to both bands at Stoke-on-Trent.

About 30 ringers tried at Stoke-on-Trent to 'snatch' a tower with only one bell!

Northleigh, Witney, bells are to be re-dedicated next Saturday at 6 p.m., after re-hanging.

A praiseworthy effort in Spliced Surprise Minor comes from Downham, Essex, with a peal in 25 methods, conducted by Mr. Harry Turner.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed will be on holiday from June 8th to June 24th. This means that no Central Council publications will be dispatched during that period.

There is a new Warwickshire eight at St. Mary's Church, Atherstone. An open invitation is extended to all ringers to the dedication service on June 24th at 3.30 p.m.

Dr. David Heighton has now twice 'circled' the tower of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, With-out, Bristol. Taking part in the peal was John C. Baldwin, who has now rung peals of Minor in one to seven methods.

Mr. A. J. Davey, of Huntingdon, wishes to thank the band at Elveden for allowing him to stand in his 50th quarter peal, his first in his native county, and especially Mr. Henry Ivings, who kindly stood down.

We are sorry to learn that Preb. E. V. Cox has had to return to the City Hospital, Exeter, where a major operation has been performed on him. We know that friends will be thinking of him and wishing him a speedy recovery.

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# CENTRAL COUNCIL MEET AT STOKE-UPON-TRENT

BISHOP AND LORD MAYOR'S CORDIAL WELCOME — CALL CHANGE RINGERS WELCOMED — TWO NEW LIFE MEMBERS — FOLKESTONE MINUTES CHALLENGED FOR ACCURACY — LIBRARY'S BUSY YEAR — ARCHBISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT — NATIONAL RINGING DAY ON JUNE 27th

THE beautifully designed and lavishly equipped Town Hall at Stoke-upon-Trent provided most acceptable accommodation for the 64th annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers held there on Whit Tuesday.

Opposite the Town Hall is the Parish Church of St. Peter ad Vincula and it was here that more than 100 members of the Council assembled for Holy Communion, at which the Bishop of Lichfield (the Right Rev. A. S. Reeve) was the celebrant, assisted by the Archdeacon of Stoke (the Ven. G. Youll), who is president of the North Staffordshire Association, and the Rector of Stoke (Preb. F. A. R. Chapman).

The service was followed by breakfast in the Town Hall, at which the beautiful china was much admired. The Bishop and Archdeacon were both present and the company were the guests of Stoke Parish Church. The president (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) expressed the sincere thanks of the members and their ladies to the hosts.

Proceedings in the Council Chamber, as is customary, started with welcomes from Church and State. The Lord Mayor (Mr. Gordon Dale) opened the proceedings, to be followed by the Bishop and Archdeacon. The president was accompanied by the vice-president (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow), and with them were the honorary secretary and assistant honorary secretary (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and the librarian (Mr. F. E. Perrens).

The Lord Mayor of Stoke, in his welcome to the Central Council, said he was sure they would find the people of Stoke-on-Trent very friendly. They were a great industrial centre, being the centre of the pottery industry for the world.

'Everyone,' said the Lord Mayor, 'likes to listen to church bells. They have been from time immemorial the Christian way of welcoming Christian people to their churches. Bells were part of their English way of life, and it was a great disappointment when they ceased to ring during the war.'

Thanking the Lord Mayor, the President said: 'We can only say "Thank you" for your sincere welcome and the delightful arrangements that have been made for our pleasure, ringing and entertainment.'

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield, on behalf of the Diocese, gave a welcome to the Council. 'As I go round the diocese,' said Dr. Reeve, 'I often hear the bells of the Church not only ringing but being rung well, and it is very heartening to see the way a number of our younger people are coming forward and showing keenness to learn the art.'

The Bishop said he felt the art of change-ringing was something particularly associated with the Church of England. He was told that there were a few towers in the country belonging to other Christian communions, but it was mainly in the Church of England that the art of change-ringing was practised. The ringing of bells gave witness to the presence of God and summoned men and women to worship Him and give their lives to His service.

'That you are ready to give time and effort to do that we thank God, and I am very glad to think that the number of ringers throughout the country is steadily growing, and in this diocese we feel very heartened about the progress being made.'

Concluding, the Bishop said he was very glad to come and celebrate Holy Communion at the Parish Church that morning and to join their members at breakfast. 'I felt that service was a great gathering of true fellowship of people devoted to the work of the Church and wanting to help it forward.'

The welcome on behalf of the North Staffordshire Association was extended by the President, the Archdeacon of Stoke (Ven. G. Youll), who mentioned that the Association got on extremely well with their Roman Catholic brethren from Cheadle.

## REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES

The Hon. Secretary reported that 58 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 158 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary and seven life members, making a total of 184. All subscriptions had been paid, with one exception—the National Police Guild.

## A NEW AFFILIATION

The Rev. John Scott, on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, proposed that the Council accept the application of the Devon Association to affiliate to the Council. It was a great pleasure to them in Devonshire, he said, to think that the call-change side of the Exercise, with which they had been closely related, was to be affiliated to the Council.

Miss B. M. Boyle seconded and the resolution was carried.

## ATTENDANCE

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. S. Foskett and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. O. Baker, J. W. Clarke, A. R. Elkins and J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and A. Mould.

Devon Association: Mr. B. Bartlett  
Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Mr. N. Mallett.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.  
Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. E. G. Benson and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook and J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Messrs. R. S. Anderson and E. H. Edge.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. S. J. Ivin.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, E. Nobles and G. W. Jeffs.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Messrs. R. Newton and H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell and D. H. Rooke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, R. W. R. Percy and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher and D. Burnett.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, A. J. Pitman, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker and T. W. White.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts, T. G. Myers, D. A. Bayles, B. A. Sollis, E. J. Ladd, A. C. Hazelden, G. J. Lewis, J. J. Webb, F. Dunkerley, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Messrs. S. Burton, T. H. Taffender, E. C. Birkett, D. J. Smith, B. Austin, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum, J. D. Clarke, L. G. Brett, Miss R. J. Seabrook, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. R. Overly, H. Miles, Miss M. E. Snowden, Mesdames C. C. Marshall and J. G. Steeples, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

## NEW MEMBERS

New members presented to the President were Messrs. H. O. Baker (Chester Diocesan Guild), B. Bartlett (Devon Association), N. Mallett (Devon Guild), D. F. Murfet (Ely Diocesan Association), Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. T. Wingate (Hereford Diocesan Guild), E. H. Edge (North Staffs Association), Mrs. A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. S. J. Ivin (Oxford University), E. Nobles (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), R. Newton (Shropshire Association), J. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and W. F. Moreton (honorary member).

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

On behalf of the Standing Committee, it was proposed that Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. A. Walker be elected life members.

Proposing the resolution, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said the Council had very few honours to bestow on its servants, and he thought life membership was the most appropriate way of recognising the excellent work of these two stalwarts.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Walker: I can only tell you how very grateful I am that you have made me a life member. I have been an honorary member for 29 years; I have met many old friends and enjoyed every minute of it.

### NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

The Hon. Secretary said that Mrs. Steeples had intimated that she did not wish to be re-elected to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee recommended that Mrs. R. F. B. Speed be elected an honorary member in recognition of the work she was doing in helping Mr. Speed in the sale of publications, and that the remaining vacancies be left unfilled.

The election of Mrs. Speed was carried on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Mr. George Pipe, from Australia, attended the meeting, and on the proposal of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, he was also elected an honorary member.

The President paid tribute to the work of Mrs. Steeples in connection with the library and her assistance to him in connection with the clerical work associated with his office as President.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood as the following list of past and present members who had died since the last meeting were remembered: Messrs. Edward W. Biffen (Devon Guild), Fredk. M. Mitchell (Kent County Association), Albert E. Lock (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Frank Skidmore (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Chas. H. Woodberry (Worcestershire & Dist. Association), George Gilbert (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Chas. H. Hawkins (St. David's Diocesan Guild), John L. S. Glanville (Devon Guild), James Parker (Sussex County Association and Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), John R. Sharman (Middlesex Association), John A. Freeman (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), W. E. Yates (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Adolphus Roberts (Warwickshire Guild), F. Colclough (Dudley and District Guild) and Fredk. Smale.

Since the last meeting the dates of death of the following past members had become known to the Council: Dr. Lewis Mackenzie (Devon Guild, died October 30th, 1942), Rev. Thomas S. Curteis (Kent County Association, March 19th, 1913), Rev. Augustus C. Lee (Hereford Diocesan Guild, January 14th, 1934), Ernest F. Poppy (Suffolk Guild, October 24th, 1939), Tom Redman (Lancashire Association, March 29th, 1942).

### TRIBUTES

The Rev. John Scott paid tribute to three Devonshire ringers—Ted W. Biffen, John Glanville and Fredk. Smale. All three, he said, were fine ringers, tremendous teachers of learners and wonderful churchmen. Mr. J. Bray, in a tribute to Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, said he was a very sincere churchman, a kindly friend and a man of great wisdom. They were missing him very much.

Mr. A. D. Barker referred to Mr. Albert Lock, a very faithful servant of the Oxford Guild, serving for many years as a Branch secretary. Of Mr. George Gilbert he said he did a lot of good work wherever he went.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston, in a tribute to Mr. Frank Skidmore, said when he took over the secretaryship of the Gloucester and Bristol Association it was not in a very good position, and it was almost entirely due to him that they were in a much stronger position today.

Mr. I. H. Oram referred to the long services to the Kent County Association of Mr. F. M. Mitchell as secretary from 1929 to 1946, and he was also treasurer of that period and continued so until 1956.

Mr. C. K. Lewis spoke of the reputation of Mr. James Parker, the father of one who was a most efficient secretary of the Council.

Mr. A. A. Hughes mentioned the passing of Mr. Alfred B. Peck recently, whom he had known for 55 years.

Mr. W. J. Clarke called attention to the passing of Mr. Langford, who had been the mainstay of the Crewe Branch for a very long time.

Mr. A. V. Davis, in a reference to Mr. Martin Stewart, said although he was principally associated with the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were very grateful for his help.

### ONE QUESTION FROM THE MINUTES

After the minutes of the Folkestone Council meeting had been adopted, on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris, Mr. Denis Beresford rose to say that the minutes were not correct inasmuch as the peal of Minimus referred to in the Peals Analysis Committee's report was not accepted. The report was proposed by the convener as published, and this report did not make any mention of the peal of Minimus. The Standing Committee proposed the adoption of the report, with the exclusion of the peal of Minor and the inclusion of the Minimus peal. The peal of Minor was voted on and the Minimus was not.

The President: You are, in fact, asking us to say that the minutes are not correct?

Mr. Walter Ayre: It is quite correct what Mr. Beresford says. That is why, when you come to the Peal Analysis Committee's report, Minimus is referred to as a performance and not counted in the peal total.

Mr. Beresford: We tried to raise it at the end of the last meeting as there was a lot of confusion on the floor.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved and the Rev. John Scott seconded, that the committee pass on to the next business and this was agreed to.

### REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported: The past year was relatively uneventful as far as special activities were concerned, although the usual crop of enquiries from the public was received. These included one from a Swedish gentleman, who will be paying a visit to this country in July, sponsored by the British Council. I am grateful to Mr. Ernest Morris for dealing with another query from the British Information Service in Berlin.

The reissue of the gramophone record of 5 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells, made at Bushey before the war, proved extremely successful, and at the time of writing only a handful remain of the 200 which were purchased.

Correspondence was exchanged with the Archbishop of Canterbury and others during the progress through Parliament of the Noise Abatement Bill.

Mr. W. N. Park, who kindly prepared the accounts of 'The Ringing World' during the past three years, has unfortunately been unable to continue doing so and I should like to record my thanks to him for his assistance. It has now been agreed that this major task should be undertaken professionally.

Some difficulty has been occasioned because certain Association secretaries fail to notify changes in their representation. Would all

concerned please note Rule 5 (iv) (as re-numbered in 1960) requires the names and addresses of new representatives to be forwarded to the secretary of the Council forthwith.

Lastly, my thanks are yet again due to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers.

This was adopted.

### REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. F. W. Perrens reported: As was to be expected, the sale of publications this year has not reached last year's outstanding record, but nevertheless it is over two and a half times the average for the eight years previous to 1959. This increase is due largely to the continued demand for the 'Beginners' Handbook,' although the sale of many other publications has shown a marked increase. 'On Conducting' was reprinted during the year, after being revised by Mr. W. G. Wilson, to whom our thanks are due, and copies sold showed an increase of nearly fifty per cent on last year.

It is to be regretted that the hope we built up last year, based on the Methods Committee's report, of having the 'Collection of Minor Methods' on sale during the year has not materialised.

For gifts to the library, we thank most warmly Mr. E. H. Lewis for a copy of 'De Nio Marlarna'—Dorothy Sayers ('The Nine Tailors'), for beautifully bound copies of the 1677, 1702, 1733 and 1766 editions of Campanologia Improved, and for Clavis—Campanologia, 1788, and the Cambridge University Guild for two copies of its history, 1929-1954.

We also tender our thanks to Mr. E. C. Shepherd for a further supply of 'Grandsire Caters,' to Mr. J. Segar for a supply of 'Spliced Triples' and 'Blue Line Proof,' and to Mr. F. E. Dukes for sending us copies of 'The Irish Bell News.'

I conclude, as usual, but none the less sincerely, with a well-earned tribute to Mr. R. F. B. Speed for his work in connection with the sales section of the library. The Exercise is greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for housing a large stock of publications and for the efficient manner in which the work is done.

Sales during the year: Method sheets—Cambridge 23, D.N.C.B. 37, Stedman and Grandsire 45; Preservation of Bells 141, Four Way Minor Table 63, Handbell ringing 131, Major Compositions 57, Collection of Peals, Section III 16, Report of Conference, S.P.A.B. 4, Doubles Methods 157, Model Rules 37, Village Bells 129, Card of Instruction—Care of Bells 227, Plain Major Methods 67, Methods Committee Report 20, On Conducting 170, Handbook 71, Electrical Switchgear Card 2, Grandsire Caters 58, Beginners' Handbook 1,662, Total 3,117.

Mr. F. E. Perrens, moving the adoption, said the Collection of Minor Methods was now in the hands of the printers and they hoped it would be available in the near future.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in an explanation of his gift, said there was a firm in Stockholm that printed translated books. Miss Sayers took the view that it was quite impossible to translate 'The Nine Tailors.' Finally, a Miss Burgeaud was appointed to undertake the work and he was asked to help. He took Miss Burgeaud to a local practice and also to St. Paul's. The book was published as a paper back and he had it rebound.

As to the other books, Mr. Lewis said he intended that his books should come to the Central Council, but now he had a granddaughter who had started to ring. He suggested that if any books he was presenting were duplicates, the Council should keep the better copies and the others would be available for his granddaughter.

The president thanked Mr. Lewis for his gift, and the report was adopted.

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**CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.****TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE**

Messrs. A. Walker and A. A. Hughes report: There were no requests for demonstrations during the year, and no open demonstrations were given. The machine was tested towards the end of the year and a fault found in some of the original electrical insulation, which was replaced. Following this a mechanical fault developed, but this is not of a serious nature and it is anticipated that it will be eradicated before this report is put before the meeting.

Mr. A. Walker proposed and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the report. Mr. Douglas Hughes informed the Council that the machine was now working properly and the report was adopted.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

Presenting the report of the Standing Committee the honorary secretary said that Mr. Harry Miles, the trustee of the roll of honour, had resigned with effect from December 31st. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. H. N. Pistow be elected a trustee in place of Mr. Miles.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher seconded and this was agreed to.

The president spoke in appreciation of Mr. Miles' work in connection with the roll, which included the compilation. Unfortunately, he had not been well and they would like to send him their best wishes and hopes that his health would soon be normal.

**LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP**

The honorary secretary said the Standing Committee considered the retirement of Dr. Fisher as Archbishop of Canterbury and proposed that a letter should be sent to him from the Council with their best wishes. The proposed letter read:

'At the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on Whitsun Tuesday, I was instructed to convey to Your Grace, on behalf of the members and of the ringers generally, our best wishes to Mrs. Fisher and yourself for a long and happy retirement.

'We remember, with gratitude, Your Grace's keen interest in our art, to which you have frequently given expression by your presence in the belfries of the churches up and down the land.'

Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded and the letter was approved for submission to His Grace.

**RINGING ON ENTHRONEMENT DAY**

The honorary secretary said a suggestion had been made by Mr. Birmingham, not a member of the Council, that a manifesto should be issued by the Council for ringing on the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury. The Standing Committee recommended that the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury on Tuesday, June 27th, was an occasion which all ringers should observe and on which they should ring the bells. The proposal was that the president should insert the following letter in 'The Ringing World': 'The enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury on Tuesday, June 27th, is an occasion which, I feel confident, all ringers will regard as their duty to recognise. May I express the hope that, so far as possible, the bells of every church will be rung at some time during the day and that many peals and quarter peals will be attempted either on the day or as soon afterwards as practicable.

'I would urge ringers to see that all possible publicity is given locally, preferably beforehand, to the ringing, thus bringing to the notice of the general public our part in this important event in the life of the Church.'

Mr. E. C. Shepherd moved and Mr. A. D. Barker seconded, that the letter be published and this was agreed to.

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**PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 22**

**MRS. JACQUELINE S. KING,**

**Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.**

A lady who has helped very considerably to further the interests of ringing in the Llandaff and Monmouth Association is Mrs. Jacqueline S. King (née Evans), of Chepstow, Monmouthshire. Her enthusiasm, coupled with that of her husband, David J. King, whom she married on June 8th, 1957, has inspired others. Indeed, they spent their honeymoon attending the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford, and have never lived such madness down with their many friends! Their romance was a 'first and last.' They started school together at 5, went to Chepstow Grammar School, rang their first peal together, and have since jointly rung over 100 peals.

Jacqueline was born in Chepstow on January 6th, 1930. Her first lessons in the belfry were given her by Mr. John Sims in 1948, but she soon entered St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, for training as a school teacher. At this centre of ringing, she was able to learn change ringing, and will always be very grateful to the local ringers for their unfail-

ing patience and encouragement. She remembers, especially, Mr. Thomas Boreham and Mr. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester, who called her first peal at Hardwick, near Gloucester—Grandsire Doubles, on April 15th, 1950—for their invaluable help and interest in her progress. In fact, she feels she owes most of her early progress to Leslie Barry, an untiring 'spade-worker,' who was never too busy to arrange peals in the humbler methods, and who must have called as many 'first peals' of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor as any ringer in the Exercise.

After leaving Cheltenham, she taught for a while at Bishop's Cleeve, and later took an appointment at Sudbrook School, near Chepstow, where she has taught for 11 years. Her present total of peals is 130, rung in many methods, from Doubles to Cinques, and for a good number of Associations. She has the distinction of being the first lady to ring 100 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, and was also their first lady Master. One peal in which she is very proud to have taken part was Grandsire Cinques at St. Woolos, Newport, on March 8th, 1952, conducted by Jack Worrall. This is the only 12-bell peal rung, so far, by twelve resident members of her Association. Two small boys of 13 took part—Bryn Parry and James Fitzgerald—unfortunately long since departed from the Exercise. She has been secretary of the Monmouth Branch of the Association since this Branch was formed in 1953, and has been a Central Council representative since 1954. For the Ladies' Guild she started the South Wales District in 1953, and has been its secretary ever since.

Jacqueline, who is a very 'stylish' bell-handler, is happiest when teaching learners, and for the last 10 years has been training boys and girls at Chepstow. Like most instructors, she admits to having more failures than successes, but 'hope springs eternal,' and at the moment she has a band of a dozen children, who, with some older stalwarts, keep the fine new ring of 10 bells going Sunday by Sunday.

Her husband, David, is employed as an electro-medical engineer by Messrs. J. Otley-Rhodes, of Newport, and his work takes him away from home quite a lot. He is a good ringer and conductor, and so far has scored 122 peals, of which he has conducted 38. Like his wife, he is a great asset to his Association, and the Exercise at large will watch with interest the future impact which this happy couple will make on the activities of their Association. Good luck to them!

APACE.

**FORTY YEARS IN HIGHCLERE TOWER**

Highclere, Hants. band are proud of their vice-captain, Mr. 'Bill' Kewell, who has given the tower 40 years of loyal service. The anniversary was not allowed to pass. At the practice meeting on May 3rd, the Rector and his wife entered the tower and in the presence of 12 of his fellow ringers Bill was presented with an eight day clock.

A further surprise for him occurred on the following Saturday, when he was the guest of honour of a complete Highclere band's outing. Ringing took place at Stanford, Dingley, Lower Basildon, Sreatley, Aldworth, Hamstead Norris and Compton.

By the kind co-operation of Winchester Cathedral ringers, a visit to the Cathedral had also been arranged. This provided Bill and seven others of the Highclere band with their first ring on 12 bells. May he carry on for another 40 years!

G. D.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

After a lapse of 10 years the Eastern Branch met at Ranworth, known to many thousands of visitors as the 'Cathedral of the Broads,' on April 22nd. In his address at the service, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Everard) gave a brief history of the church and its treasures.

At the business meeting, Mr. E. R. Goate, Branch chairman, warmly welcomed to the meeting Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, after the latter's illness, and visitors from Suffolk and Hertfordshire. The chairman also gave the Branch's congratulations to Bevan Willgress and Freda Greaves on their recent engagement. Thomas J. Brock and John W. Sampson, of Kessingland, were elected ringing members. Ringing was under the direction of Miss D. Lidbetter, Branch Ringing Master. Next meeting, Pakefield, July 15th.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held in the historic city of York on May 13th, and attracted a large gathering, representing each of the four Districts. Ringing at the Minster took place at intervals, and good use was also made of the rings of six at Acomb and York Institute of Architectural Study. Many members attended the family Diocesan service in the Minster, at which the address was given by the Archbishop.

Following an excellent tea at the Railway Institute, the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the honorary treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the honorary peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. H. Lenton, W. Barton, P. Scholfield, B. Sutton, H. Chant, H. Lawn, A. E. Marsh, J. Rhodes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall and Mrs. J. Dawson.

A vote of thanks to the Dean of York and Minster authorities, the Vicar of Acomb, and the authorities of the York Institute of Architectural Study for the use of the bells was ably moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, and carried with acclamation, and a similar vote of thanks to the York Minster Society and others concerned with the excellent arrangements for this meeting was carried on the motion of Mr. L. M. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton. Mr. H. Walker replied.

### HIGHER COSTS

In presenting the committee's report, the president drew attention to the increasing cost of producing the report, which was causing some anxiety. Consultation with the printers had resulted in a reduction of the number of pages, and the committee hoped that such alterations that had been made in its format would be accepted by the members in the interests of economy. Membership showed a net increase of 18, and while the financial loss on the year's working was in the region of some £27, this was in no way due to a falling-off in income, but to an unavoidable increase in expenditure accounted for by the printing of the reports, the renewal of receipt books and Association badges of new design, the bulk of which remains in stock.

Among those who had passed away during the year were the Rev. A. L. Minns, a founder member of the Halifax Archdeaconry Society, Mr. A. B. Cook, of Hull, former secretary of the Eastern District, Mr. George Horner, of York, who joined the Minster Society in 1898 and played a leading part in organising the pre-war Snowdon dinners, when held in York, Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The annual Snowdon dinner took place at Rotherham and proved highly successful, being attended by some 151 ringers and friends. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and reflected very great credit on the responsible organisers. The 1961 dinner would be held at Bradford, on October 14th, when it is hoped to include in the arrangements a visit to Ilkley, home of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, founder and first president of the Association, for a ring on the bells, and to see his grave and memorial window.

### PEAL STANDARD HIGHER

The peal secretary's report showed that 147 peals had been rung during the year, 132 being on tower bells at 77 churches, and 15 on handbells. Thirty-four members had rung their first peal, two their first handbell peal and eight had conducted a peal for the first time. The standard of performance was in the ascendancy, being particularly reflected in the fields of Minor and Spliced Surprise Major ringing. Peals of Spliced Minor had been rung in 74 and 98 methods respectively, the latter being the greatest number of methods rung in a tower bell peal by the Association. Worthy of note was the progress made by the Sunday service bands at All Souls' Church, Halifax, and Bradford Cathedral; Spliced Surprise Major now being regularly rung at each tower for Sunday services as well as Surprise Royal at Bradford. During the year a peal of Spliced Surprise

Major in eight methods, with all the work of each method for every bell, was successfully accomplished by the Halifax band, being the 'first ever' in eight methods on this plan to be recorded by a local band; and, with one exception, a similar performance in five methods was rung by the Bradford Cathedral band, which included three juniors.

The report concludes by thanking the officers, who contribute so much time, energy and skill to the affairs of the Association, and sums up by saying that the year under review has been one of solid achievement, and given the continued loyal support of the membership, the future can be anticipated with every confidence. The report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. F. A. Munday.

### MR. V. BOTTOMLEY NEW TREASURER

With sincere regret and a very great sense of loss the meeting accepted the resignation of Mr. Gordon Benfield, the honorary treasurer for the past nine years. Mr. Benfield said he very much regretted he was unable to stand for re-election due to considerable additional studies he had undertaken. He had thoroughly enjoyed the work, which had been mitigated by the loyal co-operation of his fellow officers and members, but he did not feel justified in continuing to hold office in the knowledge that he could no longer conscientiously devote the time to follow it. He would be glad, however, to give what help and advice he could to his successor. A vote of thanks to Mr. Benfield for his loyal and devoted services to the Association was unanimously accorded on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. I. Slack.

On the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel, Mr. Vernon Bottomley was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Benfield. In acknowledgement, Mr. Bottomley thanked the members for their confidence, adding that he would do his best to maintain the high standards set by his predecessor. Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected honorary peal secretary on the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. P. Whitaker.

It was decided to accept an invitation to hold the next meeting at Goole on September 24th.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. D. Cowman, J. Barrow and D. Mayhew, of Idle, R. Farnworth, of Dore, P. Hart, D. Barker, J. Fishwick, of St. Giles', Pontefract, D. Williams, of Rotherham, E. Ivan Parkin, of All Souls', Halifax, and as out-county members C. Longden, of Chesterfield, F. Miller, of Ashover, and F. Ellis, Herts.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed on the Minster and other available bells.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Cary Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch was held at North Cadbury, on April 29th. The service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector, Rev. S. M. Collier, assisted by the Branch chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, during which the members were entertained to a tape recording of the bells of many towers, compiled by the late Preb. Martin Willson and Mr. H. J. Sanger.

At the business meeting four new members were elected. Votes of thanks were extended to the Rector, the organist and choir, the ladies who had served tea and to Mr. W. A. Osborn, the local captain. Full use of the bells was made until 9 p.m.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

About 40 members, including visitors from Calverley, Scunthorpe and Derby, attended the Sheffield and District Society meeting at Dronfield on May 6th. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

The cup contest will be held at Wentworth on June 3rd.

## LETTERS

### COUNTING PLACES

Dear Sir.—Mr. Aitch submits a very good question, when he asks how does one count the place of one's bell. It was a question which puzzled me in my early days as a ringer and, like him, I was never given a straight answer. Text books on ringing are singularly lacking in imparting information on this vital point; you can read page after page on how to handle a bell and then be suddenly flung neck and crop into the technicalities of Plain Bob.

I tried the system of counting all the bells and putting emphasis on the place I occupied. I tried it on and off for eight years and got nowhere—the system is worse than useless. Eventually, I took the lazy way out and just counted the position I was in and ignored the other bells, i.e., I counted 3-4-5-6-5-6, and so on, for Bob Minor on the third.

For the learner, especially if he has not yet learned to detect the note of his own bell, let alone those of the others, this is the only way to learn change ringing (in less than eight years).

Of course, as the learner progresses he must try to listen not only to his own bell but to the others as well, in order to make sure his striking is accurate, but I maintain even then he need not consciously count more than the place of his own bell.—Yours, etc.,

Derby.

G. A. HALLS.

### GOOD ROUNDS BEFORE CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir.—In certain parts of the country, especially in the towers with eight or more bells, the learners are not properly taught. A bell rope is pushed into their hands, and when they can manage to catch the sally they are regarded as being proficient enough to go on to rounds. At this stage they develop bad habits in the handling of a bell, which are often completely ignored by the instructor, in the hope that they will 'grow out' of them.

Now, before good or even reasonably well-struck rounds has been rung by the learner, he is further pushed ahead of his true capabilities as a ringer, and rings the treble to Bob Minor, Major and then 'inside.' Within a few weeks he is 'ringing' Cambridge 'inside,' at the same standard of striking as he achieved ringing rounds!

As a result, he becomes, for the better part of his ringing life, a thoroughly bad striker: he is shunned at meetings, and finally gives up ringing. And why? Because he was taught by a selfish instructor, who had wanted his pupil to attain a high standard of ringing within a few months of first learning. I may be old-fashioned, but I believe that every little rung in the ringing ladder, starting from the very bottom, must be successfully climbed before reaching the top. Then, and only then, will we make the necessary progress in our ringing.

Finally, may I say that, in my opinion, the above is uncommon in the five and six bell towers, and it is this fact which merited my argument in a previous letter. So may I make a plea to all instructors, please let us have good rounds before change ringing, and the perfection of Plain Bob before Siedman and Cambridge.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

West Hartlepool.

### 'RINGING FOR SERVICE'

Dear Sir.—The above Central Council publication is a guide to the efficient organisation of the Sunday service band and we are anxious that it shall find its way into towers where there are bells, but few or no ringers. Since it is less likely to come to the notice of those responsible for such towers than those in flourishing towers, we appeal to association secretaries to try and see that copies do get into towers which are out of touch with the ringing fraternity. This can be done by obtaining copies from the librarian and disposing of them where thought appropriate in the Association area. We think that tower leaders will find this booklet very useful in encouraging their bands along the right lines.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK,  
Convener, Sunday Service  
Ringing Committee.



## NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Society has had an ambitious, enthusiastic and extremely successful year, stated Mr. Bruce Grainger, chairman and Master of the Nottingham University Society, in opening the Society's annual general meeting on May 9th.

Looking back over the year, he said that by far the greatest advance came when, late in November, the bells at the Church of All Saints, which serves the largest parish in the city of Nottingham, were heard again after lying silent for some 45 years. Members had spent much time preparing the eight for inspection by Mr. P. L. Taylor, president of the Society, in the hope that they would be safe to ring again.

The amount of money spent on restoring the bells amounted merely to a few shillings, and when it was found that no harm would come, either to members or to the tower, the Society was delighted to accept an invitation from the Vicar to take responsibility for all ringing in the future. Regular ringing began at the beginning of the spring term—touches of Surprise Major being quite common on Sunday evenings. At the same time a number of friends from the parish started to learn and we look forward to them ringing on their own in the near future.

Membership this year had been greater than ever before, due chiefly to the arrival in October of a number of ready-made and extremely able ringers coming up to the University for the first time. There had been two outings: the one when some good ringing was enjoyed on an afternoon's tour of five towers, the other a visit to Loughborough and the bell foundry, when a splendid lunch (which was generously given by Mr. Taylor) was enjoyed. In February the Society's first annual dinner was attended by 60 friends and guests, who, in the afternoon, had the opportunity of visiting no less than eight towers in and around the city. Three peals had been rung to date—not a large number perhaps, but for at least one person in each of these a worthwhile aim had been achieved.

Following the reports, the chairman introduced an amendment to the constitution by which graduates (and others) leaving the University may become life members. In a few years he hoped the Society would be eligible for representation on the Central Council, but first the amendment would have to be approved by the Students' Union.

Looking forward to October and the beginning of a new session, the election of new officers was: Chairman and Master, David W. Friend, whose home is at Gnosall, Staffs; secretary, Miss Barbara Marsh (London); treasurer, David Orledge (Wincanton, Somerset); and committee members, Miss Deborah Hopkins (Bedford) and Kenneth W. Price (Bristol).

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the University of London Society was held on May 6th, with over 40 members attending.

Ringing commenced, after a short battle with a local pigeon, at St. James', Clerkenwell, where the magnificent tone of the bells was much appreciated by those who had made the effort to leave their beds before noon.

After refuelling at various hostels throughout London, the Society rang at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by now well known to resident members. It was here that a recently married member of the Society exhibited her strength whilst ringing the second-bell—but we understand the bells are now ringable once more.

The bells of St. George's, Borough, were then rung at all conceivable speeds before the Society met for the service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, which was conducted by the Rector.

After an enjoyable tea, the business meeting proceeded with customary smoothness. The following officers were elected: Master, Douglas May; honorary secretary, Gay Williams. College Hall, Malet Street, London, W.C.1; honorary treasurer, Paul Caltermole.



ALL SAINTS', NOTTINGHAM.

## OUTINGS

### BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

On May 13th the ringers of the Biggleswade District had a very enjoyable day's outing in the Tamworth area.

On this glorious spring day the countryside looked very beautiful indeed, and before we had finished admiring it we arrived at Coleshill, where we were met by Mr. W. C. Rhodes who announced that the bells were 'up.' The church was full of interest for ringers and non-ringers alike, and so, indeed, was St. Editha's, Tamworth, whose majestic tower can be seen for many miles, in almost any direction. Here we were met by Mr. G. H. Peers, who is justly proud of the excellent 'go' and pleasant tone of the bells.

After lunch, a short run brought us to Polesworth, where we were welcomed by Mr. Harper, who showed us the treasures of this ancient and lovely church. Next came the pleasant and easy going eight at Nuneaton, where Mr. W. R. Beebe 'did the honours,' and where a most enjoyable hour's ringing was followed by the ever-welcome cup of tea!

Bedworth's handy eight followed, and then our last tower, Bulkington, where Mr. Hindle welcomed us, and where we were delighted to find the order of the day maintained—the bells were 'up' and ready!

A very pleasant outing and some very fair ringing, ranging from rounds for the learners to London for those who are still learning! The thanks of all are tendered to those who made us so welcome, to Messrs. C. M. Smith and Michael Callow, who helped with the arrangements, and finally, and most heartily, to our organiser, Mr. L. H. Bywaters.

A. E. R.

### PORTBURY, SOMERSET

On May 6th, the Portbury ringers, reinforced by friends from Backwell and Bristol, enjoyed a half day outing in North-East Somerset. The sixes at Publow and Compton Dando were rung, prior to tea at Farmborough, and afterwards Farmborough (6), High Littleton (6) and Hinton Blewett bells were put to good use.

M. J. H.

STOP PRESS FLASH.—Baldock ringers coach caught fire during outing to Berks/Oxon border May 27th.

## BROMHAM, BEDS

April 22nd saw the start of 'the season' for Bedfordshire ringing outings, with the Bromham ringers venturing into Wiltshire. First came Wootton Bassett, followed by the fine church and bells at Calne.

Lunch was according to individual arrangements, but practically all the party converged on the same restaurant at Devizes and an excellent lunch they served. Afterwards came the beautiful bells of St. John's Church and later the bells of Amesbury (and also tea). On the homeward journey there were stops for ringing at two Berkshire towers, Hungerford and Wantage, the latter being probably the most enjoyable ringing of the day.

Thanks are expressed to the organiser and the towers concerned for a happy time.

## WIMBLEDON

April 29th saw the start of another Wimbledon outing—when local ringers and friends visited towers in Kent. Ringing commenced at Chislehurst (Annunciation)—an excellent ring. Apart from stops for coffee, lunch, tea and fish and chips, other towers visited included Rochester (10), Sittingbourne, Throwley, New Romney, Kilndown and Tunbridge Wells. Although the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, was rather like the 'curate's egg,' a good time was had by all, with excellent company and food. The day culminated with the announcement of secretary's engagement!

Our sincere thanks to all who made the day possible.

M. H. S.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL, EDENBRIDGE

A very enjoyable outing into Buckinghamshire was had by ringers and friends from Edenbridge, on April 29th.

There was pre-coffee ringing on the very nice eight at Beaconsfield (21 cwt.). At the delightful village of Amersham the mellow, rich tone of the six bells of St. Mary's seemed to fill every corner of the belfry.

Continuing our journey through a picturesque countryside we came to Monks Risborough, where the six bells of St. Dunstan's (13 cwt.), did not go as easily as was expected. The famous landmark of St. Lawrence's, West Wycombe, proved a great attraction, as was the top of the tower with its remarkable view.

After a light six (6 cwt.) at Holy Trinity, Lane End, we rang at Marlow, and also sat down to a most welcome tea. Our last tower was All Saints', Marlow, where the churchyard stretches to the very banks of Ol' Father Thames. The grandeur of the deeply wooded hills in the country around makes this a truly beautiful setting for a church. Here the bells (8, 15 cwt.) proved to be the finest ring of the day.

On behalf of the 37 ringers and friends, Mr. Beck, choirmaster at Edenbridge, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brian Jeffrey for arranging this successful outing.

R. A. L.

## READING UNIVERSITY

At the annual general meeting of the Reading University Society of Change Ringers the following were elected for the session 1961-62: Master, John Manley (St. David's Hall); secretary, Frederick J. Sage (St. Patrick's Hall); treasurer, Brian Shingler (St. Patrick's Hall).

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LININGTON.—On May 24th, 1961, at 7, Hernes Road, Helston, Cornwall, to Pamela and Douglas, a daughter (Elspeth), a sister for Andrew. 8334

WILLIAMSON.—On May 26th, 1961, to Gillian (née Anderson Smith) and Paul Williamson, a daughter (Clare Honor), a sister for Michael and Peter. 8314

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### MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Harrold, on Saturday, June 3rd, Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Special methods: Double Court, London Surprise and Rounds. All welcome.—R. L. P. 8278

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, June 3rd, at Eyam, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8277

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting. The following towers, on Saturday evening, June 3rd: Rewe (6) 6-7 o'clock; Stoke Canon (6) 7.30-8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8322

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ely District.—Meeting, March, Saturday, June 3rd, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8271

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Bentley (6), Saturday, June 3rd, 6-9 p.m. 8304

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Saturday June 3rd, Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Morris, 7, Vera Road, Bushey Heath. Tel.: Bus 1207.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8258

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham, Saturday, June 3rd, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Muller, School House, Ash, Sevenoaks. 8233

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A by-meeting will be held at Seal and Seal Chant on June 3rd, Bells of both towers available at 3 p.m. Service at Seal at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. E. Drawbridge, 7, Zambra Way, Seal, Sevenoaks. 8245

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Wentworth, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 3rd. Both, full teas or cups of tea available. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Lill, George and Dragon Hotel, Wentworth, Rotherham, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 8255

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Polstead (6), Saturday, June 3rd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Woods, 'Broomside,' Polstead, Colchester, Essex. 8216

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 3rd, Slaughtam (8), Bells 3-4.30 p.m. (only). Please bring picnic tea. Ringing, Lower Beeding, 6-8 p.m.—E. L. Hairs, Dis. Sec. 8236

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, June 5th, 7 p.m. 8295

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minchhead, June 10th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 8321

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, June 10th. Please notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, honorary secretary, School Street, Drayton. 8312

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District) and ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Huntingdon District).—Joint meeting, Eaton Socon, Saturday, June 10th, Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Yorkshire and Stedman. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith and M. Dyer, Dis. Secs. 8309

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise (5), Saturday, June 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 8th, to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 8297

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Mr. John Clouston, 47, Broomhill Gardens, West Hartlepool. 8301

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, June 10th, meeting at Newick. Tea in Village Room. Possibly Chaxley in evening. Names to me by 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8327

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Meldreth, on Saturday, June 10th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8310

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, June 10th, Great Wakering, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Kirby, 181, High Street, Great Wakering, Buses 4 and 4A from Victoria Circus, Southend, at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. 8264

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, June 10th, 3 till 4.30 p.m., Hannington (5), Tea 4.45. Blunsdon, Ringing at Blunsdon (6) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 8305

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford Group.—Meeting at Little Hadham, June 10th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Much Hadham. Names for tea to A. Kent, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham. 8326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, June 10th, Flamstead, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. Definitely, no name no tea. 8311

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on June 10th, Ringing, Nettlestead (5 bells) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5. Yalding (6) after tea. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec. 8274

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Winterton, on Saturday, June 10th, Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hall, West Street, Winterton, near Scunthorpe, not later than Tuesday, June 6th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 8257

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwicks, Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6-8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 8291

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales and Western Districts.—Joint meeting at Penarth, June 10th, St. John's, Cardiff, bells at 12.30-1.30 p.m. Penarth 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hartley, 3, Clinton Road, Penarth, Glam. 8315

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Higham (6), Saturday, June 10th, Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows to elect officers, etc. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 7th, please, to Mrs. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Gentlemen welcome.—A. E. J. L. 8313

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, Saturday, June 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Heaton, 9, High Keppleway, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 8330

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, June 10th, Names for tea by June 7th, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston.—L. Walmsley. 8333



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, June 10th, at St. Chad's, Rochdale. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Because of holidays and other events clashing with normal Branch arrangements, this will be the last occasion for discussion for some time and important business will be transacted.—Hudson, Sec. 8331

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, St. Mary's, R.C., Clapham Common, 2.30 p.m. Tea, handbell ringing and business 4 p.m., at 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Battersea, 6-7.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Miss M. Powell, above address or phone Tulse Hill 8190. 8306

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at St. John the Baptist, Pinner. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, following by business meeting. Evensong 6, followed by evening ringing until 8.30. Names for tea please to D. E. R. Knights, 11, Draycott Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, by June 8th. 8325

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—First ringing meeting, Stretton-cum-Wetmore, Saturday, June 10th. New ring of six bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Cotton. 8323

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Garsington. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 3rd, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8272

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—33rd annual general meeting, at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Guild service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. No name no tea guaranteed. 8339

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, June 10th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8324

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting Ellesmere, on Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere, by the previous Wednesday. Look up London Major. 8329

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, June 10th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6). Service at St. Michael's, 3.45 p.m. Tea at Women's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall, by Wednesday, June 7th. Other bells available during afternoon: Shenstone (5) 2.30-3.30; evening: Alrewas (8), Elford (6), 7.30-9. 8273

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8317

**SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.**—North Notts District.—District cup contest and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, June 10th. It is most important that names should be sent for tea by June 6th, to Mrs. D. Beecroft, The Royal Oak, Rampton, Retford.—H. Denman. 8293

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Felp-ham (6), on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 8318

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Church Lench (6), on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 6th, to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham. 8307

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—Wymondham Ringing Day, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Vicarage Room. Please send names or numbers by Wednesday, 7th.—H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 8302

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Mells, Sunday, June 11th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.30 a.m. Names for breakfast please, to Mrs. H. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome. 8303

**DEVON GUILD.**—Annual festival, Exeter, June 17th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8. Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 8320

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash please, by June 14th.—Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Teynham, near Sittingbourne. 8260

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash please, by June 14th.—Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Teynham, near Sittingbourne. 8260

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Crowland, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 14th, to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 8289

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To commemorate 50 years of service to the Exercise, all ringers are invited to visit Guildford and District on Saturday, June 17th.

Towers will be available for ringing in and around the area.

A PILGRIMAGE to Pyrford, to the grave of John S. Goldsmith, will take place at 3.30 p.m. Handbell ringing.

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EVENING MEAL, Ayers' Restaurant, opposite St. Nicolas' Church, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Names with remittance, 10s., to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill (8), June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill, by Thursday, 15th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8282

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, by Thursday, 15th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, June 17th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by June 14th, to Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8332

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, June 24th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to Arthur Farrand, 12, Greenhill, Mossley, Manchester, by June 17th, please. For teas please notify Arthur Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, by June 23rd. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 8294

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bi-annual rally will take place at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop of Coventry will give the address. Tea will follow at 5.15 p.m. We hope to have the following towers open during the afternoon and evening: Bedworth, Bulkington, Nuneaton and Atherstone, in addition to Chilvers Coton. Numbers for tea is very important and should be sent as early as possible to me. Full details will be published later. All towers in the Diocese will be notified by letter.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8298

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church; 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge', Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

## OBITUARY

### VERY REV. E. H. LEWIS-CROSBY, B.D., Dean of Christ Church, Dublin.

The death occurred on May 18th, of the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, B.D., Dean of Christ Church, Dublin. He was the oldest active clergyman of the Church of Ireland, and was in his 97th year.

The Dean was appointed to Christ Church Cathedral in 1938 and had taken a personal interest in every part of the Cathedral. He loved the bells, which form a prominent part of the life of the city of Dublin. His ready assent to any request from visitors to ring the bells is well known, and, in fact, out of his own pocket he has on many occasions provided refreshment, either by the friendly cup of tea or the box of sweets, for those taking part in the ringing.

In 1942-1943 he was president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, and attended many of its meetings, displaying that peculiar interest that can only be shown by men of stature and which called for respect by his hearers.

Bell ringers, in general, will miss the beloved Dean, and the Cathedral ringers, in particular, have lost a true friend. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, sons and daughters in the loss which they have sustained.

The funeral took place after service in Christ Church Cathedral on May 20th, at Stillorgan. Prior to the service the bells were rung half-muffled.

In the afternoon, at Christ Church, Bray, a memorial peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung to the memory of both the late Dean and the late Rector of Bray, Canon E. H. F. Campbell, who was president of the Irish Association in the year previous to the Dean.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' May 29th, 1931—

Thirty years ago today the first and only peal ever rung on the sea was accomplished by a band crossing from Dublin to Holyhead. The same day the first Surprise peal in Wales was rung.

On June 1st, 1912, 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 2nd, 1911—

#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT SHIPLEY

At the general meeting, following the tea, the resignation of Mr. Snowdon, who has so worthily filled the office of president for 25 years, was announced, and expressions of the greatest regret were universal on receipt of the news. The preliminary announcement was made on the circulars sent out beforehand, and we cannot do better than quote the paragraph, which is as follows: 'The committee have to announce with the greatest regret that our esteemed president, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, has resigned the office. Mr. Snowdon states that he feels it his duty to the memory of his brother, Jasper, our first president, to complete some of his unfinished writings, for the benefit, he hopes, of the whole Exercise, and that he finds it impossible to do so and also retain office. Mr. Snowdon has been strongly urged to reconsider his resignation, but for the above reason, coupled with other pressing duties, regrets that he cannot do so, nor can he accept a seat on the committee. At a special committee meeting held on March 25th, the Rev C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, was unanimously elected president.'



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## MORE CENTRAL COUNCIL REFLECTIONS

NOT all 'The Ringing World' Committee came to Stoke for the presentation of their report to the Central Council on Whit Tuesday, but those who came unfortunately could not agree on its contents. Ever searching after full facts, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody asked for the minority report. Alas, there was not one; the dissentient merely expressed himself dissatisfied. Now there was nothing to hide, no scandal, no particularly outrageous misdeeds by the Editor, but merely that the emphasis on the year's activities was misplaced.

This was the first year of the new price of 'The Ringing World'—an increase from 6d. to 8d. That increase should result in two obvious things: a reasonable margin of profit and a reduction in sales. The need for an increase in price was mainly brought about by three things—the increase in printers' wages, an overdue adjustment of editorial and other salaries (honorariums would really be the correct word to apply) and a margin to enable more blocks and larger issues to be produced. At the time the decision for a 8d. paper was taken there were members of the Standing Committee who would have preferred 9d.; and some even 7d. A middle course was adopted.

A warning was given to the Standing Committee at the time that with the increase in price a drop in circulation was inevitable. The Editor placed the loss at 500 copies. Fortunately, through two methods—the offer to postal subscribers of favourable renewal terms if paid before January 1st, and the spade work of stalwarts—this did not take place. The maximum drop was 231, and this has been reduced considerably until now we are above the corresponding week in 1960. What the minority felt was that the report presented too dismal a picture—and really, when compared with the financial gain, what had been sacrificed was indeed very small.

There is much loose thinking on this question of circulation. Because there are between 40,000 and 50,000 ringers in this country it is thought that the circulation of 'The Ringing World' should be approaching that figure. However enthusiastic Guild secretaries might be, the fact remains that with the great majority of the 40,000 their ringing is confined to their own tower—Sundays and possibly a practice evening. What happens at Central Council meetings is no concern of theirs. The Editor quoted to the Council a parallel example. He belongs to a chess club of about 30 members, but only three of those members buy a magazine devoted to the advancement of the game, and one of those copies is for the general benefit of members. Comparing the two, 'The Ringing World' is quite favourably placed. This does not mean that we do not want new subscribers. There is always the normal wastage by death and marriage, apart from those whose interest in our art wanes or who are dissatisfied with the

journal. This enrolment must be continuous, but our maximum field is not more than 6,000. Even if sales increased by another 500 the net extra revenue available would not be more than £8 a week, and there would not be any corresponding increase in general advertising.

How is the safety margin, in view of rising expenditure, to be maintained? It means exploring ways and means of giving extra service to readers. In the first place, our column of births, engagements, marriages and deaths is not utilised as it should be. An examination of footnotes of peals and quarter peals indicates that in a great many cases instead of the charge of 4s. for an advertisement a quarter peal is rung by the tower in the true ringers' style of recording these domestic occasions. Sometimes this is accompanied by a donation—or charity money, as some like to regard it. Not a bit of it. A donation of 2s. 6d. replaces the 4s. that should be paid for the notice. The journal provides an extra service. Do not assume that something new is being introduced. It is as old as the hills in newspaper work. Weekly papers give lists of wreaths and wedding presents on payment; some get revenue from publishing photographs of blushing brides, and even great and important journals from the lists of guests at dinners and receptions. There are, of course, the reader advertisements. The Editor, in an impromptu speech to the Council, gave an indication of how this search for revenue could be usefully employed.

Probably no committee of the Council has a greater responsibility than the Editorial Committee. They and the Librarian and his helpers are the only people vested with trading responsibilities. The fact that another £1,200 from 'Ringing World' surplus had been invested in Defence Bonds did not escape notice. 'R.W.' investments now total £4,600, a nice nest-egg against the rainy day. We should like to see a greater margin of profit come from the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed in looking after the sale of Central Council publications. It was an exceptionally good year but the profit was only £33 9s. There is a tendency to pander to young ringers by almost uneconomic sales. A balance of £33 9s. is not sufficient to develop what should be an expanding service. Compared with other organisations the Council receives an inadequate revenue in its General Fund to carry out its work. Affiliation fees from Societies and Associations are absurdly low for the character of the work undertaken of staging an annual meeting, financing committees and providing the necessary literature and reports. Even giving full weight to the vast amount of honorary work undertaken by the Secretary downwards, the whole set-up has an atmosphere of excessive cheese-paring. Compared with other organisations our out-of-pocket expenses to officers are absurd—a pre-war income is expected to meet the soaring expenses of today.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	GEORGEY M. BREWIN .. . 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. . 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 8
*JOHN JELLEY .. . 3	DENNIS MOTTERTHEAD .. . 9
JOHN A. ACRES .. . 4	JOHN E. COOK .. . 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. . 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. . 11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. . 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. . Tenor

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

Specially arranged and rung before the Mothers' Union thanksgiving for marriage service at the Cathedral this day

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. . 7
NORAH M. RANGLES .. . 2	GEORGEY PAUL .. . 8
CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. . 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. . 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. . 4	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. . 10
MARGARET A. PARKER .. . 5	GEORGEY R. PARKER .. . 11
PETER A. SHARP .. . 6	JOHN FREEMAN .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. . 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. . 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. . 8
BASIL JONES .. . 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. . 9
BERNARD L. GROVES .. . 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. . 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. . 5	GEORGE W. PIPE .. . 11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. . 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. . Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. . 7
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. . 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. . 8
†BASIL JONES .. . 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 9
ROBERT B. SMITH .. . 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. . 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. . 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. . 11
JOHN WORTH .. . 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. . Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 400th peal.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

**A PEAL OF 5040 FOSTON SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. . 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. . 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. . 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. . 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. . 8
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. . 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. . 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. . 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. . Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY (No. 4).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method: rung without previous practice.

Rung to welcome Martin Gordon Halls, son of Pat and Gordon Halls (members of the 'Monday' band), who was born an hour before the peal commenced.

FOSTON SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18.34 x 14.30.14.78.34.90

L.-c. 12 1573 F.C.E.s 24365, 32546, 46253, 26543

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt.

*MRS. H. B. BOWLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. . 6
†JACK P. KESTERTON .. . 2	GEORGEY M. BREWIN .. . 7
R. JAMES COOK .. . 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. . 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. . 9
†RICHARD GRANT .. . 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. . Tenor

Composed by Wm. PYE.

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Derek G. Goodman, a former bellringer and chorister at Leicester Cathedral, who was ordained at Southwell Minster on Trinity Sunday.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER .. Treble	EDWARD J. BRAGG .. . 5
STELLA P. TATE-MITCHELL .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 6
ROSEMARIE CHAPMAN .. . 3	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS .. . 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 4	TOM PAGE .. . Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

Rung in honour of the consecration of the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit, Guildford.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG (14) Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 5
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. . 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. . 6
WILLIAM TYSON .. . 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. . 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. . 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. . Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

\* First peal.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., May 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GILLIAN M. TRENT .. .. Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT .. . 5
JAMES TOMSETT .. . 2	CHARLES SANGWIN .. . 6
CHARLES TAYLOR .. . 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. . 7
HARRY STACEY .. . 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

Rung as a compliment for the wedding the previous Saturday of Terry Heard and Eileen Curtis.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Aidan.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 14 cwt.

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 5
IRIS THOMSON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS .. . 6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON .. . 2	*ERIC N. HARRISON .. . 7
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. . 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. . Tenor
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4	

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* 50th peal together.

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

R. D. WELLS .. .. Treble	F. GODDEN .. . 5
H. DUNSDEN .. . 2	R. B. BLOND .. . 6
H. L. BISHOP .. . 3	R. TUCKWELL .. . 7
J. E. GODMAN .. . 4	W. FULKER .. . Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

Rung on the eve of St. Helen's Day for the Patronal Festival.

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# BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D

CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5
*PENelope SEDGWICK .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
†JILL V. MORGAN .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
‡LUCY ALLEN .. .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

‡ First in the method.

Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

TREVOR N. BAILEY .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
ALAN F. THIRST .. .. 2	BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

# THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

AND

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

BRO. JOSEPH THORNLEY, Farnworth Lodge 5301 .. .. Treble	
BRO. NORMAN TOMPKINS, Egerton Lodge 2216 .. .. 2	
BRO. CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE, Beacon Lodge 4066 .. .. 3	
W. BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge 5657 .. .. 4	
W. BRO. JAMES W. HORNER, Norley Lodge 7319 .. .. 5	
BRO. HAROLD WALKER, Minster Lodge 4663 .. .. 6	
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity Lodge 146 .. .. 7	
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., St. John's Lodge 221 .. .. Tenor	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of remembrance to the late Vicar of the parish, the Right Worshipful Brother the Rev. Canon Tom W. Taylor, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, Provincial Grand Mark Mason for Lancashire (Eastern Division), and a great friend to all ringers.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 6
IVOR JENKINS .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

# THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN C. LAW .. .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
GARY W. MASON .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 6
MARK G. WOOD .. .. 3	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal on eight bells. Mrs. B. G. Warwick has now 'circled the tower,' and the conductor has now done so for the fifth time.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

## MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

# THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 23, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ROGER ALGATE .. .. Treble	‡S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 5
PETER BRIDLE .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 6
†JACQUALINE A. PURNELL .. 3	DON C. EXELL .. .. 7
PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal. † First on eight 'inside.' ‡ First on eight and 'inside.'

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYME, LANCASHIRE.

# THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. Treble	D. JAMES MARSHALL .. 5
CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. NELSON .. 6
EILEEN FEARN .. .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

## AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
DIANA M. PIPE .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

\* 50th peal together, rung in 45 different towers.

## DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	FRANK B. LUEKIN .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
DIANA M. PIPE .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

# THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

NORMAN V. HARDING .. Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor has now 'turned in' 500 different tenors to peals.

## GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

# THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	ARTHUR G. WIGMORE .. 5
DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 2	REV. GILBERT THURLOW .. 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 3	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 7
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by REV. GILES GALLEY.

First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the reconsecration of the church, May 8th, 1961; also a welcome to Andrew and a birthday compliment to his grandfather, the ringer of the third.

## MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

# THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

## A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

MARION S. AINSWORTH .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 2	NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. 6
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 7
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung on Mayor's Day as a compliment to the newly-elected Mayor. Ald. W. S. Sanderson, who has been a member of the Borough Council for over 50 years.

## BRISTOL.

# THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. Treble	*PETER BRIDLE .. .. 5
*PAUL J. DYE .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 6
*S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 3	†DON C. EXELL .. .. 7
PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4	‡D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Little Bob. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Little Bob Major, and has now completed the 'family.' First of Little Bob on the bells. Ringers of treble and sixth have now each 'circled the tower.'



**BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES**

Containing 1,680 Grandsire, 1,260 each of Oxford and Double Court and 840 St. Clement's, with 108 changes of method.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT MALLEN .. .. Treble	†FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.. 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. .. 2	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	‡MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
JOHN LLOYD .. .. 4	FREDERICK JUKES, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1).

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\*First peal of Triples. †First of Spliced Triples. ‡First of Triples 'inside.' The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

**HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5168 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK C. JACKLIN .. Treble	*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 5
ARTHUR DAY .. .. 2	A. ROWLAND TYSOE .. 6
*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 7
BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

\*First peal in the method.

**MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 22 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
ERIC C. WADMAN .. .. 3	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 7
VICTOR SAVAGE .. .. 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

**QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 5
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY.. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\*First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Barton, of Pudsey, a vice-president of the Association.

**SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.**

**THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 19 cwt. 6 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 5
JACQUELINE S. KING.. .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 6
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER D. WARREN .. .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 6
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
RONALD G. BECK .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\*First peal of Cambridge.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., May 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

RUTH M. BLACKSHAW .. Treble	MAURICE HARRISON .. .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON.. .. 2	JOHN HIGGS .. .. 5
*RODERICK WILDE .. .. 3	†JOHN R. PRATCHETT.. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\*First peal at first attempt. †First of Minor. 'inside.'

**STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in two methods: 30 Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

VERNON CLIFFTON .. .. Treble	ALEC CANTWELL .. .. 4
NORMAN LESLIE .. .. 2	DENNIS LESLIE.. .. 5
MICHAEL EDNEY.. .. 3	*DEREK OSMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

\*First peal.

**BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBBER .. Treble	IVOR G. HUGHES .. .. 4
MRS. D. M. BELLAMY .. 2	DAVID T. NORTH .. .. 5
*REGINALD A. TOZE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. GAMMON.

\*First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. T. North on the birth of a son (Andrew).

**DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., May 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL CHAMBERS .. Treble	RON RUSSELL .. .. 4
†ROY D. MARRIOTT .. .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. .. 5
*BRIAN WARD .. .. 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.'

**ALBURY, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*JAMES G. ETHERINGTON.. Treble	*JOHN H. ASKEW .. .. 4
WILLIAM H. HARRISON .. 2	HERBERT G. ARTHUR .. 5
*MARGARET NURSEY .. .. 3	*CHARLES H. BAILEY.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT G. ARTHUR.

\*First peal at first attempt. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells by the local band.

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALICE E. J. LESTER .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 4
*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
HUBERT A. MITSON.. .. 3	†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL.. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\*First peal in three methods. †50th peal.

A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble.

**ALVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents of Stedman, 24 of Plain Bob and ten extents and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALAN F. LEE .. .. Treble	MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 4
IAN G. SMITH .. .. 2	HENRY TAYSON .. .. 5
DAVID J. BARNETT .. .. 3	*MERVYN J. HOSKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\*First peal. First of Doubles on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ian Smith.



# **BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.** **THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. Treble	ROGER J. PALMER .. .. 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. .. 3	JOHN L. GIRT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

A birthday peal for Rev. C. N. Kendall (Rector) and H. A. Mitson (churchwarden).

# **SHENLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.** **THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Carlisle, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 4
JAMES LINNELL .. .. 2	*GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. 5
CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holland.

# **TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.** **THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's College Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Kent Treble Bob.

ALAN G. KIRK .. .. Treble	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. 2	*PETER DALE .. .. 5
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in five methods. The conductor's 50th peal.

# **WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.** **THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 4
ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 2	HAROLD BAKSLEY .. .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

100th peal as conductor.

# **BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.** **THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 33 variations: (1) Stedman, (2) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (3) Grandsire, (4) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (5) Plain Bob, (6) April Day, (7) Kennington, (8) Besthorpe, (9) Old, (10) St. Simon's, (11) Eynsham, (12) St. Albans, (13) Shropham, (14) Cassington, (15) St. Martin's, (16) St. Leonard's, (17) St. Paul's, (18) St. Peter's, (19) Plain Bob, (20) Mileham, (21) Plain Bob, (22) Southrepps, (23) Clifford's Pleasure, (24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Costessy, (26) St. Columb, (27) St. Giles', (28) St. Andrew's, (29) St. Nicholas', (30) Norwich, (31) St. Thomas', (32) St. Miles', (33) St. John's, (34) Winchendon Place, (35) Walsingham, (36) St. Luke's, (37) Grandsire, (38) Plain Bob, (39) Grandsire, (40) Plain Bob, (41) Grandsire, (42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

*BRIAN C. LAW .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3
*MARK G. WOOD .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4

\*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in as many variations.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

# **BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.** **THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's.

RONALD APPLEWHITE .. Treble	†WALTER S. SMITH .. .. 4
*TREVOR R. SMITH .. .. 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
†AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First in more than one method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

# **CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.** **THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Whit Monday, May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob.

OWEN C. BALLARD .. .. Treble	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. .. 4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 5
ROGER J. PALMER .. .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

# **STITHIANS, CORNWALL.** **THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STYTHIAN,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELIZABETH RIDDY (14) .. Treble	*MRS. R. O. MOSSOP .. .. 4
ANTHONY LOCK .. .. 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. .. 5
ROGER G. EGGINS .. .. 3	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT W. JOSE.

\* First peal at first attempt.

To commemorate the 11th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

# **LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.** **THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., May 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 27 methods, viz.: Two extents each of St. Simon's, Eynsham, St. Albans, Cassington, St. Martin's, St. Leonard's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Andrew's, St. Nicholas', St. Thomas', St. Miles', St. John's, Winchendon Place Bob, and one each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old Bob, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb's, St. Luke's, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Stedman.

PETER J. CHILTON .. .. Treble	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4

A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

# **SEALE, SURREY.**

## **THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., May 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt.
MRS. MARY MERRETT .. Treble	*PETER J. JOYCE .. .. 4
*MRS. ROSEMARIE CHAPMAN .. 2	ERNEST GARDNER .. .. 5
CECIL POYNITZ .. .. 3	EDWARD J. BRAGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the restoration and rehallowing of St. Lawrence's, Seale.

# **MALDON, ESSEX.**

## **THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., May 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. Treble	ANN VOWLES .. .. 4
BERNARD C. MANN .. .. 2	SIDNEY C. EASTER .. .. 5
*JOHN CLARKE .. .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

\* First peal. First of Minor on the bells since they were rehung in 1922.

# **CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

## **THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## **A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 55, 49, 51, 52, 34, 48 and 28).

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4
DAVID W. STENSON .. .. 2	J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 5
MARK G. WOOD .. .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A 16th birthday compliment to David Stenson; also rung for the 31st anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Davis (chorister at Croft) and his wife.



LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (4) S. Oxford and S. Court; (5) Double Oxford; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain. Rung on the front six.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	*RICHARD CLIFTON .. .. 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 2	FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* 150th peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently: 110 singles, 50 bobs.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN .. .. 4
*DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 2	WALTER WESTON .. .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

A tribute of esteem and respect for Mr. H. M. Day.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 2	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 5
*ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. .. Tenor

Arranged by E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

NEVILLE F. WHITTALL .. Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 3	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

A birthday peal for J. B. Morley.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,  
AT 37, THORNES LANE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 130 methods: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Benington, Freiston, Langton, Frampton, Candlesby, Butterwick, Tattershall, Alford, Chelford, Poynton, Sutton, Denton, Ellacombe, Finchley, Darrington, Adwick and Thrybergh Alliance, Double Oxford, London, College, Wavertree College and Double Court, Cripplegate and Cornhill Little and Bastow Little Court; (3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham and Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Pencombe, Eardisley, Bodenham, Morland, Crofton, Kirkthorpe, Kippax, Felkirk Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (5) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance, Bastow and Kent Little Court; (6) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lamas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Wrentham, Calverleigh, Snodland, Swanscombe, Hever Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (7) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Thelwall, London, Lytham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Frodsham, Windermere, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; 249 changes of method. A plain lead of each method included.  
Tenor size 12 F sharp.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The most methods rung in a peal, and the most possible in seven extents.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
(Syston District)

AND  
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (all singles). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. Treble	*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 4
*RODNEY E. LLOYD .. .. 2	J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. .. 5
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Bob Minor. First of Minor by the Society.

Rung on St Augustine's Day as a thanksgiving for the archbishopric of Dr. Fisher; also as a farewell to the Rev. C. F. Trevor, Curate of Birstall, and to mark the ordination on Trinity Sunday of Derek G. Goodman, a member of this Society.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*BARBARA M. BUTLER .. Treble	MARGARET E. THEWLIS .. 4
*ROGER A. HOWES .. .. 2	EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 5
HELEN J. BUTLER .. .. 3	ANDREW J. HOWES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

\* First peal. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.  
Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Barbara M. Butler (May 28th).

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.  
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHRISTINE COLLETT .. Treble	†ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 4
JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 5
IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

\* First peal. † First in more than one method.  
For Founders' Day.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B. and five Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. Treble	THOMAS METCALF .. .. 4
JAMES DICKINSON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. WILSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band except the conductor, and on the bells.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

MEREWORTH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	PHILIP E. DEVERILL .. .. 4
*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* 25th peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
(Syston District)

AND  
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,  
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3-4
*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Bob Doubles.  
A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble.



## HALF PEALS

**STUDLEY, WARWICKS.**—On May 22nd, 2,520 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Gwilt 1, R. Spray 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, R. Crook 6. Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins, on their wedding anniversary.

**SWITHLAND, LEICS.**—On May 27th, 2,880 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela C. Dobson 1, M. W. Brown (first 'inside') 2, Judy A. M. Cox 3, R. E. Lloyd 4, B. Brant (cond.) 5, M. J. Copson 6. First half peal by all the band.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—On May 13th, at the Cathedral, 2,640 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Jose 1, A. Locke 2, G. Eyles 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, G. D. Carter 5, A. J. Davidson 6, R. A. Southwood 7, A. Carverth (cond.) 8. Rung for the Festival of the Friends of the Cathedral.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Wood 1, M. W. Ford 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. C. Trevett 4, Joseph H. Hayne (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung for the arrival of Richard John, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ford.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On May 28th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Angela Carter 1, B. R. Care (cond.) 2, Anne M. Rowson (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Philippa J. P. Dixon (first 'inside') 5, Margaret Simmonds (first quarter) 6. A compliment to the newly appointed Mayor, Alderman Burrett.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, N. F. Whitell 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, R. L. K. Whitell 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, J. B. Morley 6. Rung half-muffled, before Evensong, in memoriam Miss F. Emsden, lifelong worshipper and chorister at this church.

**BARMING, KENT.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, R. Phippen 2, W. Grice 3, L. Colvin (first 'inside') 4, W. Manser (cond.) 5, T. Crocker (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On May 21st, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: Christine Smith 1, R. D. Flowers 2, Amy Warnes 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. Rung on Barkby's bellringers and choir Sunday.

**BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.**—On May 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Bray (cond.) 1, C. A. Harrison 2, H. Hall 3, S. Bromfield 4, G. E. Feirn 5, G. Dodds 6, A. Crowder 7, M. Crowder 8. Rung after failure of peal attempt, on the 50th anniversary of the first peal rung in this tower.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Godwin 1, M. D. Barsby 2, F. K. Thompson 3, G. B. Lowe 4, J. R. Perkins 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5 and by the present Sunday service band. For Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher 1, A. S. Carter 2, J. H. Phillips 3, E. J. Phillips (cond.) 4, J. Welch 5, S. D. Butcher 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Margaret Tate, a member of the local band.

**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Sheath (first of Minor) 1, E. R. Rapley 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, H. F. Wood 4, C. Longhurst 5, G. C. Rix (cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Linda Cull 1, Veronica Tumber 2, Vivien Rowe 3, T. Chapman 4, Caroline Vibert 5, W. Durrant 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Trinity.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Samuel 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, J. D. Clarke 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, M. Britton 5, T. O. Greasley 6, L. B. Box 7, J. Marshall 8. Rung half half-muffled as a token of respect to H. Tinkler, 40 years a chorister at this church.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stone 1, Jean Warner 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, Angela Grainger (cond.) 4, B. North 5, G. North 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Snoswell 8. In memoriam Rt. Rev. John C. H. How, one time Vicar of Brighton and retired Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland and Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, who died on Whit Monday in his 79th year.

**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Kench 1, Judith Atkinson 2, J. M. Stallard 3, R. Blackler 4, M. J. Austin 5, D. R. M. Heighon (cond.) 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, S. M. J. Young 8. By U.B.S.C.R. for Rogation Sunday.

## QUARTER PEALS

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Algate 1, Kathleen M. Exell 2, Jacqueline A. Purnell 3, P. Bridle 4, P. J. Dye 5, D. C. Exell 6, C. Richards (cond.) 7, D. C. J. Padfield 8.

**BURNLEY, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Collier (first quarter) 1, R. Bolt 2, R. Parker 3, Pamela Blakeley 4, N. Smith (cond.) 5, E. J. F. Wall 6. Rung for Mayoral Sunday.

**CALSTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Aston (13, first quarter) 1, Rev. G. W. Ruming 2, Marion Lidgley 3, K. G. Davey 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Ruming, inducted at Calstock on May 18th.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Dixon 1, P. M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, R. A. Appleby 4, R. Waddington 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Lumley 7, R. J. Lumley (cond.) 8. For evening service. Birthday compliments to Mrs. P. Dawson, Mrs. P. Wheatley and P. M. Lumley.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Sheldon (first quarter) 1, Hannah Penfold 2, A. Harman (cond.) 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On May 21st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hewitt 1, V. Sheppard 2, J. Riley 3, O. Lamb (has 'circled' the tower) 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, J. Ernsten, jun. 6. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.**—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Damerell 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, B. Edwards 3, Mrs. J. Kelly 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, P. W. Atkins (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Whit Sunday.

**CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Penny (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. J. Sutton 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Miss R. Roworth 4, Dr. C. G. Roworth 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Barratt 1, G. Forrester 2, Miss B. M. Holm 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott 5, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 6.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Newton (first quarter) 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, T. Norbury 5, F. G. Forrester 6. For Evensong.

**CHELSFIELD, KENT.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, Hillary Martin (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Pauline Fennell 3, Julian Outhwaite 4, M. Legg (first of Minor) 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Griffin 1, Miss S. Parsons 2, I. Goulter 3, A. Bennett 4, C. Wratten 5, P. Hurcombe (first quarter in method) 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Drew 8. A compliment to Miss Shirley Parsons and Geoffrey Drew on their engagement.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Vine 1, Rev. G. Summergood 2, W. Cull 3, J. E. Baker 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, K. Funnell 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Denise Knight, ringer at this tower.

**CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Knight (first quarter) 1, Rev. G. Summergood 2, W. Cull 3, J. E. Baker 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, C. Vine 6. For Evensong.

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. I. Tatt (first quarter) 1, C. Riddy (first quarter) 2, R. G. Egrins 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, C. W. Jose 5, G. W. Riddy 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Anthony Russell) to Keith and Frances Tatt, ringers.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On May 28th, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, N. Errington 4, R. Skelton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, W. Tyson cover bell. For Evensong.

**DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**—On May 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Pease 1, P. M. Farrow (first of Major and 'inside') 2, J. Hindry 3, T. G. Pett 4, E. Howes 5, S. Marshall 6, G. Love 7, G. P. Adams (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the Norfolk County Youth service at Dereham.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On May 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Mariner 1, Jean Lavender 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, D. Mundy (first of Kent) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. F. Pratt (first of Kent) 8. Rung to commemorate the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Peggi E. Exon 1, Margaret E. Thewlis 2, Barbara M. Butler 3, R. A. Howes 4, P. G. McLone 5, R. H. Jones 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, W. Thame 8. Rung for the Dorchester Festival service.

**DOVER, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, C. George 2, J. Eagles 3, G. Gray (cond.) 4, G. Ruck 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas 7, M. Godfrey 8. Rung to celebrate the making of the new Mayor of Dover.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Morse 1, C. Cook 2, E. C. Leigh 3, Ann George 4, E. J. Jenner 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for 2 and 3. For Evensong.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 21st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Iving 2, H. Fuller 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, J. E. Iving 5, A. J. Davey 6, E. Hotine 7, J. W. Paul (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Blyth (first in eight bells) 1, R. E. Fentiman (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, D. Herschell 7, J. Munton 8. Rung to mark the dedication of the new Cathedral at Guildford.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Barnabas', on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Shelton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, A. Brazington (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. D. J. Atherley 3, R. C. Ingram 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Payne (members of the local band).

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On May 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Munday 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson 3, A. S. Besant 4, P. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. To mark the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. J. Marshall 1, E. A. Haines 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, J. E. Daniels 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, R. Haines 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8.

**GOTHAM, NOTTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, J. Woolley 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. A 72nd birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. B. Longley.

**HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDx.**—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Sprackling (first of Minor) 1, C. Stevenson 2, H. J. Eldred 3, M. Sprackling 4, W. G. Wilson 5, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Evemy 1, Sylvia J. Tate-Mitchell (first 'inside') 2, T. Page (cond.) 3, Stella P. Tate-Mitchell 4, P. Joyce 5, R. Clist 5, P. Murgatroyd 7, G. Gilding 8.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On March 5th, 720 Ipswich Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, A. J. Davey 3, D. F. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, R. W. Green 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thompson 1, K. Barnes 2, M. Major (cond.) 3, R. Fuller 4, L. H. Bywaters 5, T. Pike 6. For morning service.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Smith 1, H. Colcombe 2, Joan A. Smith 3, Gwen May 4, J. Martin 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Broom (first quarter, age 13) 1, J. Real 2, W. Webb 3, A. Hodge 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, M. Squire 6. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): Janet Real 1, W. Webb 2, A. Hodge 3, D. Salter 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Bills 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. A birthday compliment to C. Spiers (75 years), formerly a ringer at East Meon parish church.

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints', on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, C. L. Bell 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.



**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Norris 1, Penelope Clark (first 'inside') 2, N. Wright (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, M. Wooldridge 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Allen (first away from a cover bell) 1, H. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, M. Wooldridge 4, J. R. Norris 5, N. Wright 6. For Ascension Day.

**KEA, CORNWALL.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. W. Jose 1, G. D. Carter (first in three methods) 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson 4, D. Burnett (cond.) 5, B. A. Parkin 6.

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Mathews 1, C. Royal 2, D. Joyce 3, C. Williams 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Webb 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Coventry.

**KIRBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Bounphrey 1, H. Tembey 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. Blackburn 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalf (first as cond.) 6. Rung after a peal attempt failed.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Goodchild (first of Minor) 1, Faith Harris 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, G. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell 6. For Parish Communion.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. J. Biles (first quarter) 1, Celia M. Hill (first 'inside') 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. F. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, H. C. Lintern 6.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Rushton (cond.) 1, H. B. Whitney 2, G. Hawkins 3, J. M. Stephens 4, R. Churchill 5, K. G. Spavins 6, R. Woodruff 7, E. Conquest 8. Rung in honour of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. R. L. Law, B.A.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Deddington, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): M. Wall 1, A. Stenning 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon 5, W. Luff 6. For evening service.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Cathedral, on May 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. Parkinson 1, Mrs. G. R. Parker 2, Miss C. Dillamore 3, S. A. Chambers 4, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 5, R. F. Smith 6, C. E. Brown 7, H. L. Pask 8, G. R. Parker 9, G. Paul 10. For morning service.

**LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): O. Gatter 1, J. Carter 2, F. Mack (cond.) 3, J. West 4, R. Gatter 5, G. Elleu 6, P. Gatter 7, T. Sparkes 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers from 1933, who died this day.

**LONDON, S.E.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Rowe 1, R. W. Hinde 2, A. Rogers 3, B. Baker 4, W. T. Cook (cond.) 5, S. F. Kimber 6, J. Phillips 7, T. N. Bailey 8. Also on May 28th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Cook 1, F. V. Gant 2, E. Furbank 3, D. Hewitt 4, B. Hines 5, R. Chapman 6, Miss P. Bourn 7, A. Gargrave 8, L. S. Woods (cond.) 9, J. McPhail 10. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

**LONDON.**—On May 14th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, W. Oatway 3, C. A. Hughes 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. E. Laker 6, C. M. Meyer 7, F. Mead 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. J. Bradbrook 10. For morning service. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. G. Richardson 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, T. East 7, J. McPhail 8. For Matins.

## QUARTER PEALS

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowak 2, N. King 3, L. Cordell 4, S. King 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to H. King.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bills (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Drury 2, A. D. Leach 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5.

**OXFORD.**—On May 21st, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Withell 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, J. R. Harris 4, C. Coles 5, E. R. Venn 6, J. H. R. Freeborn 7, A. E. Ivings 8.

**PRISTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Horseman 1, Sally Oates (first of Minor) 2, J. Brain 3, D. J. Barnett 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. E. Cobb 6.

**RAMPTON, NOTTS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Grace Borchall 1, Katherine Burchall 2, S. Lewis 3, R. Fanthorpe 4, D. McNeil 5, J. Coates (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Pat Grady, a ringer at this church, and Mr. B. Haynes.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sharon Northeast 1, Joan Hanning (first in method) 2, G. Olliver 3, K. Game 4, W. Inwood 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, Freda Hankey (cover).

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. B. Kynaston 1, R. E. G. Lutton 2, A. T. Collins 3, W. J. Alexander (first 'inside') 4, D. Bounds (cond.) 5, F. Broughton 6. For Confirmation service, and a compliment to Mrs. K. Knapp, widow of a former vicar, on her 90th birthday.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Tina W. Newham 1, Susan M. Morley (first 'inside') 2, Noreen Winter 3, Gillian Sewell 4, A. J. Hicks 5, D. P. Darby 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8. Conducted jointly by 3 and 5. First quarter 1 and 6. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke 2, Noreen Winter 3, R. Simpson 4, M. Winter 5, J. Small 6, D. Hodgson 7, S. Skinner 8. For Evensong.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Church of St. Stephen, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): B. B. Hullah 1, Cecilia J. Bland 2, A. T. Hawkins 3, Christine M. Rimmer 4, M. L. J. Jordan 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Dennis Bowen and Christine Pullin, who were married on the following Saturday, also in commemoration of the dedication of Guildford Cathedral.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Chambers 1, Miss P. Rooney (first on eight) 2, S. P. Darvill 3, K. J. Darvill 4, T. J. Southam 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Frost (cond.) 7, H. J. Rooney (first on eight) 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Christine Pullin and Dennis Bowen, who were married at this church on the previous day.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On April 16th, 1,320 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): M. Keyworth 1, Shirley Guymer 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Crosby.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, D. R. Best 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. Best 4, R. Welch 5, I. Best 6. For Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Bowler 1, J. K. Ward 2, A. D. Rivers 3, W. D. Ward 4, D. K. Walters 5, F. R. Scott 6, D. P. Hilling (first of Major as cond.) 7, W. Birmingham 8. For the Whitsun Festival.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, Miss P. Harris 2, C. Fynes (cond.) 3-4, K. Young 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Original Doubles (same band, except J. Boyd): Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods), same band as Feb. 19th. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods); on April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods); April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods).

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, J. Hawkins 2, P. Watts 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Hayes (chorister) and his bride, Miss C. Norman.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, J. Tomsett 2, H. Trewin 3, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 4, H. Heard 5, A. R. Pargeter 6, H. Stacey 7, J. Hockridge 8. For Whitsun.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on May 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Drewett 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Miss M. Wright 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6, Rev. R. E. G. Bryant 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincens 10. To mark the prefrment of the Rev. R. E. G. Bryant, ringer of the 7th, to the living of Stratton St. Margaret.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine A. Smith 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. Brant 3, H. Humphreys 4, H. M. Payne 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. A wedding day compliment to James Mitchell (ringer at this tower) and Miss Cynthia Saunders.

**THRUSINGTON, LEICS.**—On May 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Christine Smith 1, Amy Warnes 2, Ann Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant (cond.) 5.

**WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, on May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Carter 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, D. Gambling 3, S. Carter 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, R. Tothill 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Pink 1, W. D. Ward 2, Miss P. Jervis 3, A. J. Adams 4, C. Coles 5, A. J. Glass 6, C. H. Kinch 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. W. L. Bunce. Also a wedding compliment to Dennis C. Bowen and Christine Pullin, and a welcome to Jonathan, second son of Daphne and Malcolm S. Cloke.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Taysom 1, Sheila C. Matthews 2, Sandra Lewis 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, B. K. Lewis 5, C. J. Richards 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Hardwick and Mrs. B. Selman.

**WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. G. Miller (cond.) 1, S. N. Bristow 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, W. Stevens 4, C. J. Stevens 5, L. Morrell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Morrish (nee Stevens), a member of the local band.

**WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Thorne (first of Triples) 1, C. H. Webb 2, Mrs. D. T. North 3, G. J. Gammon 4, W. Stevens 5, I. G. Hughes 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. E. Baker 8.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Richards 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, D. M. Randall 3, W. A. Hughes 4, Mary Taylor (first of Minor as cond.) 5, J. D. Faircloth 6. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, J. D. Faircloth 3, J. E. Cannell 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. E. Finch 6. First quarter in the method for all.

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 23



MR. G. STEDMAN MORRIS,  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

It would have been impossible for Mr. George Stedman Morris, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, to be anything else than a very good ringer. Christened with a name like Stedman, he just couldn't be otherwise! More important still, both he and his elder brother, Ernest, are sons of the late Josiah Morris, verger and tower keeper of St. Margaret's, Leicester, for many years. Josiah was blessed with an innate sense of rhythm, so essential for good ringing, and he insisted that his sons should remember that good striking is the only thing that matters. George himself has always tried to prove this by his own teaching and example. At Lyme Regis, where he moved from Leicester in 1946, he is particularly proud of the reputation of his local band for method ringing and quality striking, especially for service ringing. The several broadcasts have been models of what broadcast ringing should be like, and they have received congratulations from all parts of the country. The fact that Lyme Regis has the most advanced local band in the West of England is mainly due to his efforts, coupled with those of the Rev. Canon Carew Cox, who was Vicar there for 26 years up to 1953 and who laid the foundations.

George was born at Leicester on December 20th, 1907, educated at St. Margaret's School and taught to ring by his father, aided and abetted by brother Ernest. During this time the old ten at St. Margaret's became unsafe and were awaiting recasting into a ring of 12, so he learnt to ring handbells before tower bells. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles on handbells on his 12th birthday, December 20th, 1919, in which his father and brother Ernest (conductor) took part. At the time he was the youngest Leicester ringer to score a peal. His first tower bell peal was unusual. It was Grandsire Triples at Thureaston in 1922, again conducted by Ernest, in which four pairs of brothers took part, the others being Messrs. Ballard, Cattell and Whitehead. George's present total of peals is around 450, of which he has conducted about 150, in a great variety of methods and on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus. His handbell peals number about 100, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Maximus, and he has rung every pair of bells many times to Stedman Caters and Cinques. One handbell peal of unusual interest was rung in 1924. It was Stedman Caters, conducted by Walter P. Whitehead, and was the first peal rung on ancient 'cup' handbells, taken from a set of 21 presented to the Leicester scholars in 1777. They had boxwood clappers, and the band stuffed their ears with cottonwool!

While still in his teens George took part in a number of interesting performances. In 1924, aged 16, he rang 9.120 Spliced Treble Bob at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, the first peal of Leicester Surprise Royal, rung on the old ten at St. Martin's Cathedral (then a parish church), conducted by the late Harold Poole, and the first peal of Bristol in Derby at St. Alkmund's. In 1923 he composed and conducted his 50th peal, Bob Major, and in 1925, aged 17, he was at that time the youngest ever to reach a century.

It must be remembered that in those days young ringers only 'got on' by proving their ability, and to be asked to stand in a peal of some importance by a prominent ringer was an honour of which to be proud. For this reason George is naturally proud of being the youngest, at the time, to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus. This was in 1925 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and was conducted by the great William Pye. Obviously he had impressed William Pye because he was invited to stand in, for the same method, at St. Mary-le-Bow in 1926, when still only aged 18. Again, in 1925, he was one of the company which rang two peals of Surprise Royal in a day, the first time this was accomplished. He was also in the first peal of Yorkshire Maximus for the old M.C.A. in 1926. When the Leicester Diocesan Guild was formed in 1946, out of the old M.C.A., he rang in many of their early peals, and he has rung peals on all the 13 bells in St. Margaret's, Leicester, as well as 'circling' the Bell Foundry, which he did with brother Ernest in the same peal in 1925. In 1949 he took part in a memorable tour of Southern Ireland, led by the late Harold Poole, during which they rang the first peal of Yorkshire Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and peals at Arklow, Kilkenny, Limerick and Waterford.

In later 1946 he moved to Lyme Regis, with his wife and small daughter, Barbara, to partner the well-known Dorset ringer Cuthbert Powell in the printing and stationery business. It is now a limited company—Messrs. Powell and Morris Ltd.—and they have been entrusted with various ringing Guilds' annual reports and other work. Their neat layout is a tribute to their interest and workmanship. The local band have scored peals of Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Rutland and London, and George is particularly proud of the first peal ever of Lyme Surprise, conducted by Canon Carew Cox and rung by the Sunday service band. He is captain of this band and Ringing Master of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and also one of their Central Council members. He has helped a good number of West Country ringers to score their 'firsts' in many methods, from Bob Minor to London Major.

DEDICATION  
BODIAM, SUSSEX

On Sunday, April 30th, the little Church of St. Giles, Bodiam, Sussex, was filled to capacity for a service of thanksgiving and the dedication of the six bells by the Bishop of Chichester, the Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson.

Originally there were five bells in this tower, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1761 by Lester and Pack. In 1854 the third was recast by Charles and George Mears, and in 1924 the ring was rehung with new fittings.

The five bells were recast on February 15th, 1961, by the Whitechapel Foundry, and a new treble to complete a ring of six was presented by Messrs. Guinness Hop Farms. The names and weights of the bells are:—

Treble.—The Guinness Bell, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Second.—Unnamed, 3-3-9.

Third.—The Cottam Bell, 4-1-26.

Fourth.—The St. Giles Bell, 4-2-24.

Fifth.—The All Souls' College, Oxford, Bell, 5-3-14.

Tenor.—H.M. Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, Bell, 7-1-5.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Major-General the Rev. A. E. Cottam, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp. In his address the Bishop referred to the ruins of Bodiam Castle, while the church, built about the same time, remained in first-class order, to serve and bear witness for many years to come.

Before and immediately after the service call-changes were rung by the local band, who then handed the bells over to the visitors. Two 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung and the bells lowered in peal. The ringers were L. Giles (Ringing Master, Eastern Division, Sussex County Association), W. Hughes and H. Parkes, representing the bellfounders, C. J. Burgess (local captain) and Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, of Wadhurst.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 9th, 1911.—

## CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

In the absence of Mr. J. Parker (Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. Trollope moved, and Mr. Dawe seconded: 'That the Central Council give to "The Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to "The Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in "The Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.'

After a lengthy discussion, in the course of which opposition was actively led by the president, the 'previous question' was carried by about 12 votes to six, in the meeting of 60 representatives, and the matter was therefore shelved.

His daughter, Barbara, rang at Lyme Regis until leaving school to take up nursing. Now married and living at Tisbury, near Salisbury, she has a 12-month-old son, making him a proud grandfather!

He has added several notable peals to his collection since living in the West: Cambridge Twelve and two peals of Stedman Cinques at Exeter, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques at Buckfast Abbey, the latter rung for the A.S.C.Y., for whom he also called two peals of Stedman Caters at Yeovil. He has also rung Cambridge and London at Sherborne.

He and his wife greatly enjoy entertaining visiting ringing friends and families in the summer, and their small cottage is often filled to capacity, to enable them to sample the delights of Lyme Regis, with a little ringing on the side!

George is a man of rare quality. He is a really first-class ringer on all numbers of bells in any method, and at either end of the circle (or in the middle!), who has taken his place with the best. In addition, he helps to maintain a good Sunday service band who can hold its own with any, and he is always willing to help beginners along in the simpler methods. In an area where advanced ringing is difficult to maintain, he can well be proud of his efforts to this worthy cause.

APACE.



## CHESTER GUILD ANNUAL AT MACCLESFIELD

THE annual meeting of the Chester Guild was held at Macclesfield on May 13th, and preceded by a fortnight the celebrations which the town has arranged for the 700th anniversary of the granting of the charter to Macclesfield.

The customary service was held in the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. T. Clarke, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who also gave a very interesting address. He referred to the local celebrations and the long connection of the town with the Parish Church. He said that a church had existed since 1278, and part of the old building was contained in the Savage Chapel, which was built by a former vicar who later became Archbishop of York. The first Bishop of Liverpool, Bishop Ryle, was also a Macclesfield man.



MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

He posed the question 'Why do we belong to the Church of England?'. We all should be able to give some answer. It is the ancient Church of the nation and contributed to making England one nation. The same Church had continued throughout the centuries. It is a scriptural Church in which it is ordered that the Bible must be read to the people. It is catholic and protestant both at the same time. The Reformation swept away many abuses and restored orderly worship which is intelligible.

He then referred to the part that ringers play in the ministry of the Church in letting those who are unable to attend, e.g., because of sickness, know that a service is in progress and that they can feel one with the worshipping company by taking part in their own homes with the prayer book. He also spoke of the part the laity had to play in the work of the Church.

After the service tea was served in the Stanley Hall. The Archdeacon then had to leave, but before he did so he was heartily thanked by the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, for his assistance.

The business meeting followed, at which the officers were all re-elected and thanked for their services. Because of alterations necessitated by the increased cost of printing, the annual report was not available, and a précis had to be given by the report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis. This disclosed that the Guild was in a healthy state both as regards membership and finance. Reference was made to the continued value of social activities in furthering the interests of the Guild.

After hearing the report of a committee set up to advise on the possibility of changing the nature of the annual dinner, it was decided that it be continued this year in the usual form but with more opportunity for fraternisation after-

wards, and that it be held on October 14th. The annual festival for 1962 will be held in the Grappenhall Branch on May 12th.

The meeting concluded with a very warm vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, the churchwardens, the organist and the local Branch for all they had done individually and collectively for the welfare of the Guild on this occasion.

Ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening at St. Michael's, Christ Church, St. Peter's and Sutton. C. K. L.

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## HIS 1,000th TOWER

On May 21st a small party of ringers from Somerset drove up into Cotswold country to celebrate the 1,000th tower for Mr. M. J. Horseman, of Portbury.

Both the weath and the countryside were at their best, and shortly after 3 p.m. the party arrived at their goal, the church of Coln St. Aldwyn, Glos. where the milestone was celebrated with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples. By coincidence, three other members of the band were able to achieve moderate records, as shown: G. Skelly (first on eight) 1. Monica Horseman 2. Mary Powell (350th tower) 3. Audrey M. Short 4. J. Brain (500th tower) 5. R. D. Short 6. M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7. B. Goodliffe (first on eight, 50th tower) 8.

The bells are seldom rung, as soon became apparent from the 'go' and the tenor man's movements were severely hampered by the clock case, which encloses all but a foot of rope above the sally.

The quarter was followed by a very welcome tea at Bibury. Much refreshed, the party were welcomed by the Rector and members of the local band at Lechlade (a very fine six. 17 cwt.). Some good ringing took place, including a course of London, and this met with the approval of all except the youngest member, Mark Horseman (3 months).

We left regretfully for the famous wool church of Fairford, with its priceless stained glass. Ringing takes place in the crossing, in full view of the congregation, and younger members of the party gained valuable experience in handling ropes of long draught. The day ended at Meyseyhampton, on an old Gillett six.

Our thanks to Michael for a grand afternoon's ringing, and to all tower captains and incumbents for making us so welcome to Cotswold country. J. B.

## RAVING RINGERS' WEDDING



THERE are not many brides who manage to ring at their own weddings. Miss Christine Pullin, of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, did, however, by taking part in a course of Minor during the reception following her marriage to Mr. Dennis Bowen, of Edmonton, on Whit Saturday.

Christine and Dennis are both members of the Society of Raving Ringers, and many ringers, both from St. Peter's Society and the Ravers, gathered to ring the bells of St. Peter's to welcome the bride. The bells again pealed out as the newly-weds left the church for the hotel where the reception was held. To the delight of the guests, ringers and non-ringers alike, Christine took part in a short course of Minor on handbells.

Christine and Dennis first met on the Ravers' tour of South Wales in 1959, and became engaged before Easter this year. They are now living in Palmers Green. Christine, who is on the staff of a London hotel, has been ringing for many years at St. Peter's and is known with affection in local ringing circles. Dennis, who was also a native of Hertfordshire at one time, is now working at Edmonton Hospital.

As the couple left for their honeymoon in Paris the Ravers 'rang them out' with rice-filled handbells. Earlier in the day a peal of 7-Spliced Minor was rung at Redbourne to honour the occasion.

Our picture, from left to right, is of Tony Mann 1-2, Terry Collins 3-4 and Mrs. Christine Bowen 5-6.

[Photo: R. C. Pullen.]



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****Sonning Deanery Branch**

The second annual striking competition of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at All Saints', Binfield, on May 27th. The bells, a melodious and easy-going ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.), are rung from the ground floor, and were admirably suited for the event. Seven teams had originally entered, but as time drew near three—Arborfield, Binfield and Sandhurst—found that they were not able to raise a team, which left Easthampstead, Hurst, Sonning and Twyford to compete.

The judges were the same as last year—Mr. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, and Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham. All the teams rang Grandsire Doubles, the test ringing having to last not less than ten minutes. The Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. Smith, was in charge.

The ringing over, all adjourned to the nearby school for tea, arranged by Mrs. Tomlinson and the local ringers, who were suitably thanked by the Ringing Master.

In his report Mr. Denyer stated that there had been a great improvement on last year's ringing and that all teams rang exceedingly well, making it much more difficult to assess the faults. In order of ringing, the results were Sonning 25 faults, Easthampstead 40, Twyford 35 and Hurst 19. Hurst were therefore the winning team for 1961, and with last year's winners, Sonning, will receive a certificate at the Branch annual meeting.

Mr. E. J. Bragg in his remarks said that if the Sunday service ringing at the competitors' towers was as good as what he had just heard they certainly had reason to be satisfied with their efforts.

The usual monthly combined practice followed, when methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. B.C.C.

**COACH ABLAZE**

Baldock ringers' annual outing ended with sufficient excitement to satisfy the young members of the party. The day had been a typical ringers' outing on the Oxfordshire-Berkshire border. There had been before lunch ringing at Wallington and St. Mary-le-More. Later came East Hagbourne and Harwell, with tea and a ring at Wallingford.

Now let us hear the story in our correspondent's own words. 'We turned for home, and after the usual stop were running into Hitchin in good time, just before 11.30 p.m. At the Tilehouse Street Methodist Church the coach stopped suddenly. We looked out as the driver leapt out and hastened round the side.

'It seemed hazy—someone been having a green bonfire? As the driver got back there was smoke inside the coach, from somewhere in front and not through the open door.

'It turned black and thickened. "All out!" came the imperative call. We roused ourselves, gathered our belongings and prepared to get out without much enthusiasm.

'Again came another order: "Use the emergency door." We did and all were out in safety.

'One occupant had the presence of mind to rescue the driver's maps from the dashboard; another a camera.

'What was that glimmer behind the radiator grille? It flickered and flared—FIRE! Burning fragments fell on to the road. Extinguishers were brought into use but we were glad to see the A.F.S. and Hitchin Fire Brigades, and in a couple of minutes the Letchworth Brigade.

'The fire went out quickly, and the general opinion was that the coach would need some drastic attention before being fit for use again. We stood and shivered—it was a clear, frosty night.

'The "R.W." representative was thrilled, and almost reluctant to get in the other coach in case anything else happened. The last words, however, were those of Mr. J. S. Dear: it was "The biggest fire-up of 'em all!"

**LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY**

Upwards of 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society held at Drighlington on April 29th, when a variety of methods were rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Surprise Major.

After tea the business meeting was held, the president (Mr. Tom Strangeway) being in the chair. Arising from the minutes, Mr. L. Drake asked why the tradition had been broken by not holding the A.G.M. at Leeds Parish Church. The secretary (Mr. D. Thorp) replied by saying that the tower captain at Leeds Parish Church (Mr. R. Dove) had complained that toffee papers, etc., had been left in the belfry after last year's meeting and that he could not advocate the clergy granting permission again this year.

Two new members were elected, these being Mr. John Couperthwaite and Mr. Russell Reed, of Leeds University.

The secretary then presented his report and statement of accounts, which showed that attendances over the year had not been too good. The statement of accounts showed that subscriptions were not fully paid up to date. However, the Society was still in a very healthy position.

All the officials who were nominated at the March meeting were automatically elected. These were: President, Mr. Tom Strangeway; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Smith, L. Drake and J. Gibson; secretary, Mr. D. Thorp; Ringing Master, Mr. I. Slack; auditors, Messrs. R. Lumley and I. North.

Mr. Irvin Slack announced that owing to domestic reasons he was compelled to resign from the position of Ringing Master. Mr. Leonard Drake was asked to undertake the position of 'caretaker' Ringing Master until the next nomination meeting in 1962. Mr. Drake agreed to act in this office.

Mr. Strangeway thanked Mr. Slack for his past services. Mr. D. Thorp seconded the motion.

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The reconsecration of Yarmouth Parish Church on May 8th, an historic event that was most memorable and impressive, has been worthily celebrated by a creditable peal of Plain Bob Major on the back eight of this already famous new twelve. This, the first peal, was unique, in that the band included not only the Ringing Master of the Branch and the Master and the secretary of the Parish Church ringers but also the Vicar (vice-president of the Central Council) and one of his assistant clergy. And for Billy Bird it was a perfect way of celebrating not only his birthday but the birth of a grandson.

From Hastings we hear that the note of the tenor at All Saints' Church is in F and not F sharp.

Mr. V. Shepherd, of Cape Town, S.A., writes to tell us that he is off on safari to South West Africa, Angola and Basutoland. 'Once on the trek,' he writes, 'it will be lion, elephant, hippo, crocodile, giraffe and savages, all guaranteed truly wild.' He might even meet Dragon Major!

A lucky posting in the Royal Navy has Douglas Linington on H.M.S. 'Seahawk,' Culdrose, Helston. He has been welcomed as a regular ringer at Helston Parish Church, where his father is a member of the band.

The composition used in the peal of 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in five methods, rung strictly silent and non-conducted by members of the Central Council at Silverdale on Whit Monday, was by Mr. Albert J. Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lowman, parents of two members of the Lincoln Cathedral band, celebrated their diamond wedding recently. The peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus on May 18th was rung to mark this happy occasion.

The peal at Midsomer Norton, Somerset, was rung on the occasion of the coming of age of Mr. David J. Purnell. The band, with other ringers and friends, were hospitably entertained by David's father, Mr. John Purnell, at a nearby hotel, where a very pleasant evening went all too quickly.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing the tenor at Broughton, Staffs, to a peal of Double Norwich Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking, has now 'turned in' 500 different tenors to peals; 62 of these have weighed between 26 and 46 cwt. He would like to thank all those many ringers who have helped him to achieve this. By a happy coincidence, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe rang the 7th. Pat has known him longer than any ringer, as they met first in July, 1928, at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, Kent, where Pat was learning to handle a bell.

Congratulations were extended at the Central Council meeting to Mr. E. H. Lewis on his approaching 80th birthday. The actual date is June 13th and ringers the world over will join in singing 'Happy birthday to you.'

Our Capetown correspondent informs us that at the Rector's request there will be no ringing on June 1st to mark the severance of the Crown and Commonwealth, in case it is misinterpreted.

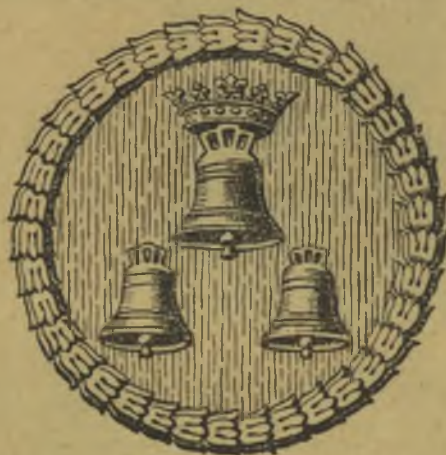
We have received a copy of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' by Nancy Poore Tufts (price 3 dollars, Abingdon Press, Nashville 2, Tennessee, U.S.A.). We hope to publish a review at an early date.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Darley Dale on April 13th, the ringer of the second bell was Peter D. Taylor, and the composition was Middleton's 5,056, not 5,040 as reported. Apologies from sender to Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. M. Paulson, whose names were confused in the report.

Prior to the annual school service of the Folkestone Grammar School for Girls, held at the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone, on May 24th, the bells were rung by eight pupils of the school. The young ladies who showed their skill as ringers were Jane Black (Sellindge), Eleanor and Jane Hough (Folkestone), Patricia Mills (Cheriton), Pamela Morris (Lympne), Barbara Nicholls, Caroline Selley and Penelope Thomas (Lympne). All the bells were rung steadily and the striking was good. Tenor 25½ cwt. We congratulate the girls on their success.

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## DISSENTIENTS TO 'RINGING WORLD' REPORT

### 'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The report for 1960, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated: Owing to the inevitable accounting delays the report of your committee must, of necessity, be in two parts if it is to be in the hands of members for the annual meeting of the Council and when commencing this report the final figures are not available.

Nevertheless, an equally important matter again to be brought to the attention of the Council is that of circulation. Copies sold in the issue of December 30th, 1960, were 5,488, but the comparative figure for 1959 was 5,719. The last analysis available at the time of preparing this report was for April 7th, 1961, giving a number of 5,503 against 5,605 for the same week in 1960. Your committee does not make any apologies for again urging all members of the Council the importance of postal subscription and the additional net revenue from this source as compared with the amount received from sales through newsagents. Despite all the efforts of your committee over many years it is not encouraging to note that the percentage of direct copies is practically static.

For the issue of December 30th, 1960, postal copies represented 42.34 per cent, and on April 7th, 1961, the figure was 42.96 per cent. Comparative figures for copies through newsagents were 57.32 per cent and 56.69 per cent, giving a turnover to postal copies of .62 per cent. Although the ultimate aim of your committee remains the same—all copies by post—the response of the Exercise generally is, to say the least, apathetic.

We do most earnestly appeal to all Associations to make 'The Ringing World' more widely known among members and especially young members. Dare we offer a suggestion to all towers to commence a custom of presenting to some of their members a year's subscription to 'The Ringing World' for regular attendance and/or progress during the year?

'The Ringing World' is the only paper published for the Exercise and we have all read of conditions fifty years ago when the paper was born. How could the Exercise survive, let alone progress, without means of intercommunication?

### THE ANSWER

The answer to a successful and progressive paper is in your hands. You are the owners of the paper. We have no paid reporters and depend on every ringer, young or old, expert or learner, to send us copy. Your committee will be pleased to increase the size of the paper if the Exercise will give its support by raising the circulation. If, as in times past, 6,000 copies a week could be sold, the present circulation reflects little interest in the Exercise generally by the great majority of ringers. Surely even the most parochial of ringers must find something to his taste in the paper's pages, and its present price is only the equivalent of three cigarettes a week.

The Exercise itself is hamstringing the efforts and aspirations of the committee and must realise that only by an increased circulation can the paper be enlarged. Give us the tools and we will do the job, but who can make bricks without straw?

The annual accounts of 'The Ringing World' have been circulated and members are urged not to read the profit for the year of 1973 without further examination of the figures and reference to the committee's report for 1959. The amount of 1973 is firstly not the working profit. Donations, for which this committee on behalf of the Council give their warmest thanks, amounted to £426, reducing the profit to £547. Also the interest on investments of £182 must be taken into consideration, bringing the balance down to £365 and this is the true working surplus for the year.

### WAGE INCREASES

The comparative figure for 1959 was £73, but as pointed out in the 1959 report a further wages increase in the printing trade was inevitable and negotiations on this are now proceeding. Forecasts in the trade are that the in-

crease will be 7½ per cent, and whilst in 1962 the full benefit of higher postal subscriptions will be felt: the Council must realise that the margin is very narrow and leaves little for expansion and development.

This report is of necessity lengthy, but cannot be closed without your committee once again expressing their thanks and appreciation to all who so wholeheartedly give their practical support to your paper. The editor and his staff, Mr. Jeater on the accounts, and Mr. H. L. Roper compiling the index, continue their work unstintingly, and to these and the many others too numerous to mention individually, we say most gratefully 'Thank you.'

Finally to this Council in particular and to ringers everywhere, please help us to help you by seeking new subscribers, for only increased circulation can mean a larger and more comprehensive 'Ringing World'.

Moving the adoption Mr. Smallwood said the report emphasised the need for more readers, which they felt was vitally necessary if they were to produce a better paper. The profit made looked spectacular, but if they were to break it down they would see that the actual profit was not large and certainly did not justify launching out in any great scheme. The solution was to try and obtain more readers.

Mr. R. S. Anderson formally seconded the adoption.

Mr. W. F. Oatway: I notice that this report is only signed by the convener. Is it right that other members of the committee have not subscribed to the report?

### 'A VERY GOOD JOB'

Mr. Smallwood: One of our members is absent and I have not been able to get hold of him. Another member does approve of it. I did not write it and at the time of the preparation of the report I was very busy shifting house. I think he has made a very good job of it.

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson said when he received a copy of the report he thought it was sent for observation and he sent it back with his observations. When he received the report back it was too late for it to be circulated with the other committee reports. He had had some correspondence over the report and he felt it was not a report of their activities.

Mr. T. J. Locke said he was under the impression that while it was desirable that some copies be sold to postal subscribers it was also agreed that copies should be sold through the newsagent. The point needed clarifying.

Mr. A. D. Barker: Will the committee give consideration to having life subscribers? They would get a lot of money in that way.

Mr. R. S. Anderson assured Mr. Wilson that his observations regarding the delay in publication of the report were not personal. The accountant must wait for Mr. Jeater before he could start his audit. He would like to draw attention to the profit of 1973 and its breakdown in the third paragraph of the report.

'You will see that we are still, and likely to be, dependent on the voluntary contributions,' continued Mr. Anderson. 'We are exceedingly grateful to all contributors; we are not refusing them. Our aim is to put "The Ringing World" on a sound basis without donations.'

'I would like to tell you what will happen in September, with the new printing wages. The basis for settlement for the 10 printing trade unions was a 5½ per cent increase in 1959 and a reduction in the number of hours worked from 42 to 41 in September, 1961, and from 41 to 40 in 1962. With a little mental arithmetic you will see it is another 10 per cent increase in wages. That is what we are continually up against.'

### 'TOO STEREOTYPED'

Mr. Norman Chaddock complained that 'The Ringing World' was too stereotyped in its news. He noticed in one issue that quarter peals were printed in a larger type and was disappointed when they went back to smaller type.

Mr. H. L. Roper congratulated the committee and Mr. White on producing the Jubilee issue and for their work. The paper was an absolute godsend on Fridays, and he hoped they would not pay too much attention to the jeremiahs.

The Rev. John Scott said in the Jubilee issue the peal reports were put in the back of the issue, with the other advertisements; could that not be permanent and give the news in the front pages?

Mr. C. W. Denyer called attention to 'The Ringing World' Jubilee. They were looking forward to welcoming all ringers to the Guildford area on June 17th, when their celebrations would be held. There would be a pilgrimage to the grave of Mr. Goldsmith at Pyrford, which was near to the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society. There would be conducted tours of the new Cathedral at Guildford by their own guides and they would take part in Evensong; afterwards a meal would be laid on at a restaurant, next to St. Nicolas' Church. While in the Cathedral, visitors would be able to see the actual bell which was a memorial to A. H. Pulling. It was in the south ambulatory.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said in regard to the Jubilee issue, he thought for one dreadful moment that there were no peals.

The editor addressed the meeting on various matters. When the report was presented there were six dissentients.

Mr. T. Dunwoody remarked that they were still waiting for the minority report.

Mr. Wilson: There is no minority report.

### THE ACCOUNTS

#### 'THE RINGING WORLD': BALANCE SHEET

Sundry creditors £636 17s. 6d. (£602 last year); amounts received in advance, postal subscriptions and notices £1,458 2s. 6d. (£2,086); provision for income tax £55 16s. (£45); capital account £5,870 7s. 11d. (£5,097). Total £8,021 3s. 11d. (£7,830).

Debtors £1,034 5s. 5d. (£862); investments £4,800 (£3,600); cash at bankers £2,016 13s. 6d. (£3,112); due from Central Council of Church Bell Ringers £170 5s. (£54). Total £8,021 3s. 11d. (£7,830).

#### 'THE RINGING WORLD': PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

##### Expenditure

Woodbridge Press printing £4,543 5s. 6d. (£3,952); blocks £161 9s. (£37).

Editorial office expenses—editor's fees and expenses £508 13s. 9d. (£400); clerical assistance £165 (£158); postage and sundries £23 19s. 11d. (£24).

Postal subscribers—despatch of copies £921 9s. 5d. (£823); addressing and wrapping £283 1s. 6d.

Accounts department—clerical assistance £182 (£156); postage £20 7s. 3d. (£25); stationery and sundries £30 10s. 10d.

Miscellaneous expenses £31 15s. 11d. (£33); audit and accounting fees £36 15s. (£47); income tax £70 18s. 3d. (£63).

Profit for year 1973 7s. 9d. (£575).

Total £7,952 14s. 1d. (£6,568).

##### Income

Rolls House £2,996 7s. 8d. (£2,251); postal subscribers £3,198 13s. 7d.; donations £426 2s. 1d. (£357); advertisements £522 0s. 9d. (£425); notices and peal reports £588 18s. 11d. (£546); sundry receipts £38 15s. 6d. (£38); interest on investments £181 15s. 7d. (£157). Total £7,952 14s. 1d. (£6,568).

The honorary secretary said the expenditure had risen by £750 and there had been a substantial increase under most headings. There had also been a considerable increase in income, because of the increased price, but the full increase was not reflected because postal subscribers, who paid before the end of the year got their copies at the 6d. rate instead of 8d.

On the revenue side there was a 20 per cent increase in advertisements and donations should a fairly similar increase.



Turning to the balance sheet, Mr. Barnett said they had written off £200 for goodwill and blocks which they would remember was paid by the Council for the purchase of 'The Ringing World.' After 16 or 17 years that had ceased to have much meaning. They were able to invest another £1,200 in Defence Bonds. The finances of the paper were in a fairly healthy state. He did not feel that there was any need for them to feel pessimistic. When they started making a loss that was the time for them to be worried. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded.

Mr. A. V. Davis said in the Jubilee issue they read of the great struggles in the past to maintain the journal. He thought the committee should get together to back the amount of enthusiastic work done by the editor and back the great efforts being made to perpetuate their 'Ringing World.' They could all help by selling the additional odd copy.

The Rev. John Scott: Can we have peals at the end of the 'R.W.'?

The president: That is a domestic matter for the committee.

The accounts were then adopted.

### THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS THE BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31st, 1960: Library £10; office and library equipment £26 15s. 11d.; stock of publications £419 18s. 4d.; stock of gramophone records £24 5s. 4d.; debtors and payments in advance £1,035 6s. 5d.; investments at cost £5,562 18s. 4d.; cash at bank and in hand £2,440 18s. 6d.; making a total of £9,520 2s. 10d. The Clement Glenn bequest stood at £830 2s. 4d. (interest £23 2s. 2d.).

### THE GENERAL FUND

To expenses: Biography Committee £26 15s.; Sunday Service Committee £14 16s. 8d.; honorary secretary £10; stationery and printing £23 19s. 7d.; postage £10 16s. 7d.; telephone £2 2s. 8d.; office and library equipment written off £6; insurances £1 16s.; A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund £5 5s.; typing £2 2s.; cheque book 8s. 4d.; sundry expenses £9 6d.; excess of income over expenditure £9 12s. 4d.

By affiliation fees £78 10s.; balance publications account £33 9s.; balance gramophone account £1 3s. 8d.

The accounts were presented by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who moved their adoption. The publication account (profit £33 9s. against £4 in 1959), he said, showed a much larger profit, largely due to the second 5,000 copies of the 'Beginners' Handbook' being a reprint with the type standing, therefore cheaper. All the records had now been sold.

Regarding General Fund income and expenditure account the large expenses of the Biographies Committee were not likely to recur.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the accounts were adopted after Mr. P. A. Corby had been assured that the item 'squares' in the gramophone account had nothing to do with rock 'n' roll, but related to the squares of cardboard used for packing the records.

### PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. W. Clarke (Convener) reports: A very considerable number of 19th century peal boards, obtained mainly from copies of 'Church Bells,' has now been collected, but the list is unlikely to be in any way complete. It will help considerably if members of the Exercise will forward details of boards which exist in their own towers as well as those encountered when visiting. The exact layout of the board, together with a note on any decoration, should be given if possible.

The report was proposed by Mr. J. W. Clarke and accepted.

## CHRISTMAS BROADCAST MUCH BETTER

### BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

It is with considerable satisfaction that we can at last report co-operation with the B.B.C. throughout the Regions, particularly in connection with the Christmas broadcast.

The new arrangement of pre-recording the various bells has made it possible to obtain very much better results; in fact, near perfection may well be achieved during the coming years.

There are, of course, several problems still to be rectified, the most important of these being the placing of the microphones when the recordings are made. The broadcast from Sheffield Cathedral was completely spoilt due to the poor position of the microphone, and a recent service broadcast from St. Mary's, Southampton, suffered in the same way. We also feel that a responsible ringer, with good judgment, should vet the recordings from each tower and select the most suitable portion for final broadcasting. If possible, the committee member for each region will endeavour to do this at the coming Christmas. We also feel that whilst we should have ample time to make our selections of towers, the actual recordings should be made as near Christmas as is practicable. It will also be our endeavour in the future to include ringing on all numbers from six to 12, and so satisfy all tastes.

Pre-service ringing has been heard on numerous occasions on B.B.C. programmes and in a few instances on I.T.V. Bells have also featured in other programmes, including the series 'The A.B.C. of the Church,' by John Betjeman, and in 'Town and Around,' when three veterans of the tower took part in the ringing from Hurstpierpoint.

### IN IRELAND

During the year the bells of some of the Northern Ireland towers were also broadcast prior to services, and although strong representations have been made to the B.B.C., with consequential promises of improvement, there is still cause for concern that the time given to the bells on the air is so short, sometimes only a few seconds as a background to the announcement. St. Donard's, Belfast, broke new ground in that they were heard on the B.B.C. Television (N.I.) when the service was televised from the church.

In Southern Ireland several bell broadcasts have been heard, particularly on New Year's Eve, and efforts are being made to get the bells on the air prior to broadcast services.

The Christmas Broadcast was generally very well received, and we feel was a considerable improvement on previous years. To a great extent, the fact that the bells were pre-recorded, and our opportunity to select towers where a fair standard could be expected, made this possible. If we are able to cover the points made in our general remarks we feel confident of further improvement.

The sudden death of Preb. Martin Willson was a great loss to us in the West. Mr. Willson had always been extremely helpful to the Committee and had provided a valuable liaison between us and the B.B.C. in general. We are happy to say that our relationship with those responsible for religious broadcasting in the West still continues to be a very happy one, and for this we are most grateful.

This report would not be complete without the inclusion of our sincere thanks to all those who have assisted us during the year, and to

the B.B.C. our appreciation of the opportunities given us to co-operate with them, particularly with regard to the Christmas Broadcast.

Signed by H. J. SANGER (Convener),  
A. G. G. THURLOW,  
H. N. PITSTOW,  
N. CHADDOCK,  
G. E. FARN,  
J. T. DUNWOODY.

Mr. H. Sanger, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had additional information of an American broadcast by the Launton Handbell Ringers, when a description was also given of the bells.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow seconded.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. R. S. Wilson, of the Scottish Association, who had rendered a great deal of assistance, should be added to the Committee.

Mr. Sanger said he would be very willing for Mr. Wilson to be co-opted to the Committee.

### DESIRE FOR LIVE BROADCASTS

Dr. Layton said he noticed that the Christmas broadcast of bells was a recording. He thought it was deplorable. If they were to broadcast Christmas ringing it should be live ringing.

Mr. A. V. Davis supported this view.

Mr. Edge said 20 minutes past nine was not the general time for ringing and there was a tendency then to go to pieces. He could not help feeling that the ringing would be better in a recording.

Mr. E. K. Lewis commented that the idea of ringing on Christmas morning was an act of worship, and as such one could not do it by a recording. If the ringing was not up to standard because the band had got nervous that could not be helped. He thought they were doing a lot by removing the personal element.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow felt they had to be sympathetic with the B.B.C. with all their technical difficulties. He thought it was best to leave it to the B.B.C.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Harry Sanger said when they had a live broadcast they had a big crop of letters: when they were recording they were using bells which would be used on Christmas Day. Personally, his sympathies were with those who attempted live broadcasts whether they were good or not. At Christmas time, because of the heavy demand, the B.B.C. had difficulty in finding all the necessary equipment. The spirit of Christmas was not entirely absent from the recordings.

The report was then adopted.

### REWORDING OF RULES

The honorary secretary said arising from the report of the Peal Analysis Committee last year over the question of a peal of Minor being rung, in which two ringers changed over, Mr. Cartwright was asked to consider rewording the rule. He submitted to the Standing Committee the following:

'Each bell shall be rung throughout by the same person and there shall be no exchange of bells by any of the ringers during the ringing of a peal, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the ringing of any bell throughout the peal by two persons at the same time, where the weight or go make this essential.'

The honorary secretary said he gave formal notice that this alteration to the rules would be proposed next year.

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## COMPLAINT TO PRESS COUNCIL CONSIDERED

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE FOR 1960

Messrs. Edgar C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes report: The year has brought forth a more than usually interesting number of full scale articles. Certain trade periodicals are encouraging essays on hobbies and spare-time occupations, and two notable specimens have come our way. In 'Timkin,' Patrick Chapman has given a clear exposition of the broad aspect of change ringing with reference to bell ringing employees of the firm. In 'The Computer's Journal' for April we have 'Computers and Change Ringing' D. G. Papworth. This deals with the proof and composition of Plain Bob by use of a Pegasus.

The magazine of the Crabtree Electrical Company published an article on electrical installations for bells and 'The Belfast Telegraph,' in an article in May, forecast a great growth in electronic devices for producing bell effects. The first of these essays has an advertising rather than altruistic motive, and the latter qualifies its views by quoting the number of young people now being attracted to ringing. 'Wills Magazine' printed an article by Michael Horseman expounding our art and adding the more unusual feature of notes on the organisation of the Exercise.

In the non-technical Press, Loughborough and its bells had two important recognitions—'Making the Mouths of Bawling Brass' by Geoffrey Moorhouse in 'The Guardian' and a scholarly article by C. V. Hancock in 'The Birmingham Post and Gazette.' The latter had a fine photograph of the carillon tower. Two articles that are of outstanding interest for the layman attract notice: 'Ringing the Changes' appeared in 'Home Words' for January. Here Michael Stevenson dealt with bell customs and uses. A photograph of Ernest Morris supplemented the text. On a similar theme 'St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington,' by Robert Scarr, appeared in 'The Darlington and Stockton Times.' Together with these we find, for the young, the very fascinating 'Ring in the New,' published in 'Eagle' of January 2nd. Here Ernest Morris writes of boy ringers; and his attractive approach, together with the seven illustrations, have the aim of interesting young folk.

An outstanding piece of work is Anthony Upton's 'The Bells of the Borough,' where the five rings of bells in the borough of Solihull are fully dealt with in an essay that succeeds in being factual without falling into the dullness of a catalogue.

### FEATURE ARTICLES

Feature articles have, as usual, occupied parts of newspapers during the year, and the following may be mentioned as showing contrast in approach. 'Lancashire Life' (January) reported Victor Zorian visiting Hawkshead to meet the ringers. There is the usual type of reporting, but with it we have some good photographs of bell handling, of young girl ringers, and of single handed handbell practice. 'A piece of Bob Minor,' J. L. Jones, in 'The Farmers' Weekly' takes us to Chewton Mendip. This report is well illustrated and gives a description of a bell being pulled up. An unusual feature is the representation of the five tones of a bell in music notation. A defence of the art of ringing comes from 'The Brintree and Witham Times,' where the gossip writer states that he likes the ringing of bells 'so long as there is some method in it' and 'so long as they do not ring too long.' Verb. sap! A similar eulogy of our art was voiced in the General Notes and News of the 'North London Press' of March 11th, in which the columnist praised ringing as a hobby especially for the young.

Young ringers continue to attract the notice of the Press and this year there have been numerous photographs of juvenile bands.

Among these we have found the young ringers at Westhoughton in 'Tillotson's Newspapers,' the band at Swynerton in 'Stone Guardian,' the very young people at Knowle, Warwickshire, and the boys of Tudor Grange Grammar School, Solihull, ringing for their own school service. This widespread recognition of youthful ringers should help to counteract the erroneous belief in some quarters that ringing is a dying art, a fallacy that still serves to fill up odd spaces in newspapers, and which was once again attacked during the year in Mr. York-Bramble's letter to the B.B.C.

One of the most important notices of the year was undoubtedly the report of the bell ringing festival at Carlisle. The news cutting that reached us has no date or name, but it presents a very full account of the festival and displays it prominently. The Dean of Carlisle, at Evensong in the Cathedral, spoke of the skill and devotion of bell ringers and emphasised the importance of their work in the Church.

### UNWELCOME PUBLICITY

Against this welcome and valuable publicity we would draw attention to the distasteful report of a disagreement between incumbent and ringers at Walberton, Sussex, in October. The blatant heading and vulgar writing in connection with this delicate matter bring no credit to the 'Sunday Despatch' and provide us with an example of publicity we can well do without.

References to ringers and ringing affairs of past always attract a good Press and two examples of this may be quoted from the past year. In November 'The Colleshill Chronicle' published a photograph of the local ringers of 1903, a band that included the well known Fred Clayton. The journal took great trouble to search for and publish particulars of the men and the photographer. A more notable relic still is the diary (1851-1857) of Alfred Arney, the Bristol ringer. This valuable document was recently rescued and published in the Bristol 'Evening Post' by Mr. F. C. Jones, lecturer in Bristol history for the W.E.A. Mr. Jones has hopes of finding further notices and recordings by Arney.

All ringers will welcome the tribute to the president of the Central Council, appearing in 'The Church Times' during August. The sincerity of the writer of the pen picture is emphasised by this fine reference to Mr. Sharpe and his work: 'To this work Mr. Sharpe brings the balanced judgment of an historian the practical approach of a craftsman and an acute ear for music.' We feel that these measured words, coming from the lay world, are of great value and must not be omitted from this report.

### VALUED PROPAGANDA

A further reminder of our work and its links with (and scrutiny by) the ecclesiastical world is shown in the 14th report of the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches, where the importance of ringers is stressed and some severe remarks on 'Gramophone Bells' are undoubtedly timely.

Lastly we have a valuable piece of propaganda in the North Oxfordshire edition of 'The Country Churchman' for November. In his article 'In the Belfry,' Mr. E. A. Barnett discusses recruiting for the belfry and poses pertinent questions on the responsibilities of both ringers and clergy in the securing of competent instruction.

The following publications and periodicals appeared during the year: 'The Irish Bell News,' 'The Ringing Towers,' 'The Ringers' Magazine,' 'The Belfry,' 'The Bellringers' Diary.'

Many ringers will have read, with interest, John Betjeman's 'Summoned by Bells,' which ran for three Sundays in 'The Sunday Times' and appeared in book form. John Betjeman at one times rang at Offington and Farnborough, and his collected poems contain many references to bells.

'The Steeple Bells and Clocks of Shankhill Parish Church,' by John Irwin, gave, in a small booklet, a very comprehensive treatment of its subject, and 'St. Mary's Church, Southampton,' edited by Kenneth Croft, dealt with the destruction and restoration of the bells and included among its charming illustrations a line drawing of the bells in the raised position.

### GOOD REPORTING

The impressions we get of the year's work are, first of some good reporting by lay writers and second, some first rate contributions by ringers themselves in the explanation of their art and its place in Church life.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. E. C. Shepherd said they were impressed by the excellent works written by ringers.

Mr. F. E. Dukes, in seconding, said the unseemly publication of disputes in belfries was no credit to the Exercise. They should do their best to avoid these disputes getting into the public Press.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said he noticed a reference to Walberton. This matter got into the papers before it was known by the ringers. Unfortunately the information was obtained from someone who hardly ever went into the belfry.

Mr. H. L. Roper asked what happened to the valuable collection of cuttings? Were they kept by the committee?

Mr. Shepherd replied that he retained some of them.

Mr. J. R. Mayne asked if the Council proposed to take any action concerning the photographs that appeared in 'The Sunday Pictorial'? They should consider what action should be taken.

The president replied that it would come up automatically in next year's report.

Mr. E. K. Lewis suggested that it should be reported to the Press Council.

### NOT BY INVITATION

Mr. G. McKay, of the Cumberland and Westmorland Association, said the incident, unfortunately, took place in a fringe tower. He could assure the Council that the conduct of the ringers in this tower was normally quite in order. There was a rather strange article that appeared in a newspaper, when, after a practice, a resident tried to spear a ringer. The second article was in 'The Sunday Pictorial' and it was not done at the invitation of the local ringers or approved of by the incumbent. The incumbent was under the impression that a very different report would appear. Their own Association president was taking the matter up with the local paper and the local tower.

Mr. Philip Gray called attention to the excellence of the article that appeared in 'The Observer.'

Mrs. P. J. Stanforth said what appeared in 'The Sunday Pictorial' involved the Ladies' Guild. The General Committee of the Ladies' Guild had considered the matter and were of opinion that it should be treated with contempt.

Mr. John R. Mayne commented that it was inconceivable that those in the belfry did not know that the pictures were being taken.

Mr. T. W. White urged that if the Council considered approaching the Press Council it should be done at once. It was no use making a complaint when the report was received in 1962.

The report was then adopted. The question of taking any action and notifying the Press Council was left to the committee.

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# MINIMUS PERFORMANCES ARE PEALS

## PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

In presenting the report for 1960 the Committee (Mr. W. R. Ayre, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. H. Miles and Mr. H. L. Roper) are pleased to report an increase of 427 peals over the 1959 total.

The grand total of peals accepted to date is 2,837, against 2,410 in 1959, with 2,750 on tower bells (2,283) and 87 on handbells (127)—a great gain on tower bells (due mainly, we suggest, to the two royal occasions) but a sad drop on handbells, and we wonder why?

Here is the analysis broken down:—

TOWER BELLS		
	1960	1959
Maximus ..	52	33
Cinques ..	31	26
Royal ..	174	125
Caters ..	83	77
Major ..	1,077	930
Triples ..	197	192
Minor ..	870	717
Doubles ..	266	183
	2,750	2,283

HANDBELLS		
	1960	1959
Maximus ..	—	2
Cinques ..	1	—
Royal ..	2	14
Caters ..	8	3
Major ..	18	49
Triples ..	3	4
Minor ..	34	38
Doubles ..	21	17
	87	127

In addition, there were six performances of Minimus—two on tower and four 'in hand.' There was a general rise in the number of peals rung on all numbers, but Royal and Major slumped badly on handbells.

### 626 FIRST PEALERS

An amazing number of first pealers was shown in 'The Ringing World'—626—a most gratifying sign, with 70 attaining first as conductor.

The Lincoln Guild somewhat closed the gap between it and the Leicester Guild, which still holds the premier position. The Chester Guild has moved up, but the Lancashire Association, while ringing more peals than last year, has dropped down. The first seven places are as follows:—

Leicester D.G. 180, Lincoln D.G. 157, Chester Guild 155, Yorkshire Assn. 146, Kent C. 140, Oxford D. 138, Essex Assn. 123.

What has happened to the Ladies' Guild?—no peals in 1960! Were the Police too busy with other things, as they too are missing? The Scottish Association also failed to score.

A 'peal' of Nightingale Treble Place Major is not included as two types of call were used, as reported by the composer. This was for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The Committee ask for guidance regarding the 'peal' of 'The Dragon Major,' rung by the Oxford Guild, in which six blows are made in 4ths place at a bob.

A peal of Bob Minor for the Bedfordshire Association, rung December 16th, 1959, and published in 'The Ringing World,' page 228 in the issue of April 1st, 1960, has not been included in either 1959 or 1960 records—a pity, as there were three first pealers.

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

22,400 Plain Bob Major by Essex Association, 113 methods of Doubles by Oxford Guild.

Peals in 98, 74 and 47 methods of Minor on tower bells and 87 and 77 methods of Minor on handbells.

Methods of which ten or more peals were rung are as follows:—

Maximus.—Cambridge 23, Yorkshire 16.  
Cinques.—Stedman 27.  
Royal.—Cambridge 47, London 17, Yorkshire 16, Plain B. 38.  
Caters.—Grandsire 46, Stedman 31.  
Major.—Spliced S.: 5-12 methods 22, 4 methods 24, 2-3 methods 11, Bristol 47, Cambridge 122, Lincolnshire 41, London 65, Pud-

sey 13, Rutland 23, Superlative 26, Yorkshire 128, Kent T.B. 44, D. Norwich 76, Plain B. 253, Little B. 13.

Triples.—Grandsire 103, Stedman 63, Plain B. 20.

Minor.—21 methods and over 18, 14-20 methods 16, 7-13 methods 238, 6 methods 17, 5 methods 44, 4 methods 80, 3 methods 77, 2 methods 43, 1 method 343.

Doubles.—15 methods and over 13, 7-14 methods 29, 5 methods 25, 4 methods 20, 3 methods 24, 2 methods 40, 1 method 133.

A slightly more varied list than for 1959.

Again we ask peal ringers to ensure that the account sent in to the 'R.W.' is accurate and fully descriptive. Doubles conductors please, please specify the number of methods previous to the enumerated list—or state the number of variations. This will help us a great deal. We note with pleasure that our request for peals to be sent in promptly has received attention. Thank you.

Mr. W. Ayre in moving the report said it was the Convener's report with the full approval of members of the Committee. Everything had been approved by them. They would note that in addition to the peal total there were six performances of Minimus, 'and on my own body I am going to keep it as such.'

### AWKWARD POSITION

The Rev. K. H. W. Felstead: I have been put in an awkward position by the Convener. I was prepared to second the report if the suggestion of the Standing Committee was accepted to change performances of Minimus to peals of Minimus.

Mr. H. L. Roper: If the Rev. Felstead has any qualms of conscience, I have not. I don't mind if you call it a peal or a performance. I'll second the report.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report with the substitution of the word peal for performance for peals of Minimus. They also recommended that the peal of Nightingale Place Treble Major be not accepted.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove asked the Convener of the Peals Analysis Committee why the peal of Nightingale was excluded as it conformed in every way with the rules. It was not rung as a gag, it was rung to commemorate the opening of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Chapel. It was rung for a thoroughly good reason.

Mr. Walter Ayre: I am no expert. I feel very sorry about excluding it, but previously we have excluded such peals. It was pointed out to him that what he ought to have done was to refer it to the Methods Committee.

Mr. Blagrove: The peals that were excluded were before this thing was added to Decisions (d). The things excluded were before it was added to second (d)—the Liversedge variation of Kent Treble Bob with two types of bobs. Peals of Treble Bob with two types of singles were excluded.

He would go further: Stedman used two types of bob, one at thirds and the other at ninth. He moved that the Council include this peal as it conformed to condition (d).

Mr. W. Ayre: The implication of Mr. Blagrove is that I should know all the compositions. It was only when the composition was put in 'The Ringing World' that I knew it.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the Committee was expected to compile an analysis, and if necessary it should have expert advice.

Mr. Wilson seconded the amendment.

### TO METHODS COMMITTEE

Mr. N. Chaddock said Mr. Lewis had not told them of the recommendation of the Methods Committee.

Mr. Lewis: The Methods Committee had not discussed it. If we did it might lead to a fight. In the past peals had been accepted which did not conform to the decisions of the Council, and I think this is a case where we might accept the amendment.

After further discussion the matter was referred to the Methods Committee.

The Minimus question was then discussed and Mr. D. Beresford suggested that the Council should be consistent with the decisions taken at the last meeting. Words were put

into the mouth of the Convener which he did not use.

Mr. J. Freeman: It seems to me that we have the Council's decision on the compilation of the peals analyses and we have heard a great deal of case law from Mr. Justice Ayre [laughter]. In my opinion these 4-bell peals should be included.

A member, in supporting Mr. Freeman, thought peals of Minimus should only be rung in 4-bell towers.

The Council then agreed that these peals of Minimus count as peals.

### DRAGON MAJOR

Dragon Major then came under discussion, and Mr. Lewis said the Committee had recognised in the past peals of Grandsire Royal and Grandsire Major as even-bell methods which had six blows. He moved they accept it.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded and the Council agreed to accept it.

Mr. G. Dodds deplored a peal of Grandsire Doubles with only two callings.

Mr. F. W. Perrens: The peal obviously conforms to the rules and we should not waste time debating it.

The report as amended was then accepted.

### BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, covers a period from June, 1960, to May, 1961.

Of the total of those who, in the seventy years of the Council's existence, have been elected to membership at the time of the preparation of this report, 450 are known, or for good reason are believed to be, deceased. The records of well over 300 of these will be found in our albums. Others' records are in various stages of completion.

It will be noted that some records are without photographs—a fact which we deplore. It is pleasing to report that, as a result of our enquiry for photographs in our 1960 report, good photographs have been obtained of the late F. E. Dawes, Arthur Craven and A. Coppock, the last named by the kind assistance of the Town Clerk of Nottingham. For the completion of their records we need only photographs of the following: C. E. D. Boutflower, John Clark (Ross), A. E. Coles, Henry Dew, Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (Bath and Wells), R. G. Knowles, G. Londen, W. Walsley. All these photographs are believed to exist.

A list of deaths since the last meeting and remembered earlier in the proceedings was included in the report.

A rather complicated arrangement, which began at Folkestone and in which Messrs. Ralph Edwards and G. E. Fearn took part, resulted in a good photograph of the late F. E. Dawe, taken from a book, formerly owned by the late J. George. This end of a long quest is eminently satisfactory, because F. E. Dawe was, in 1891, the first secretary of the Central Council. Mr. L. W. G. Morris and Mr. W. Barton co-operated successfully in the completion of our record of the late Arthur Craven, who died five years before our committee was first set up. Mr. B. C. Ashford provided all we needed regarding the late C. H. Woodberry and Mr. G. I. Lewis searched for us through the records of two extinct Welsh Guilds for the peals record of the late C. H. Hawkins.

Mr. W. Viggers, in presenting the report which was adopted, said they had completed 50 new biographies during the year.

### MENTEMOS OF VISIT

After the luncheon interval a pleasing ceremony took place. Mr. E. H. Edge, honorary secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, said the director of his company (William Adams and Sons Ltd.) had been very interested in the conference and they had prepared a small memento of the occasion in the form of an ash tray, suitably engraved. The tenor bell was that of Stone, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1710 and the inscription 'When you mee ring ile sweetly sing' was on the bell. A memento was presented to each member.

The president, in expressing his thanks to Mr. Edge, asked him to convey to the directors of William Adams and Sons Ltd. the Council's thanks for such a delightful gift. They were a firm of distinction and claimed to be the oldest family business by direct descent in the county, dating back to 1480.



# New Name For Sunday Service Ringing Committee

## THE REPORT

The year 1960 has been a quiet one for this Committee, giving time for the inspiration of previous years to filter through the Exercise generally. One factor contributing to our relative inactivity is that the Convener has been undergoing a one-year full-time course of professional study.

However, we are able to report that the booklet 'Ringing for Service' is now available, and there are already signs that this attractive and useful guide to the efficient organisation of the Sunday Service band will meet a long-felt need.

Guilds and Associations can contribute to the work of the Central Council by ordering a stock of this booklet for resale or issue to any tower in their area in need of guidance. Tower leaders can help by ensuring that a copy is made available to their incumbent. We also recommend that copies be issued to the theological colleges and that it be advertised in the ecclesiastical press.

The process of encouraging the growth of courses in bellringing by evolution has continued during the year, and we have been instrumental in bringing about another successful course at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, and assisting the Peterborough Diocesan Guild with a course to be held at Knuston Hall, Northamptonshire, in June. Negotiations for other courses are in hand, and we shall be pleased to share the knowledge and experience we have gained with any Association which might seek advice or guidance in organising a course.

## EVENING SCHOOL COURSE

In addition to week-end residential courses we have had several enquiries regarding evening school classes and have supplied material for syllabuses. In three cases we have been able to help the establishment of evening school courses by finding suitable tutors. The success of week-end courses run by the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the announcement of further courses in these areas this year, indicates that this development is meeting a real need.

Successful expansion in this field will do much to strengthen the position of the art and science of bellringing amongst other recognised cultural and educational activities.

A noticeable feature of recent courses has been the tremendous interest in various aspects of ringing shown by non-ringing students of all ages attending the colleges on other parallel courses.

It is regretted that this year we are unable to report any progress with regard to theological colleges, but it is hoped that progress in this direction may be made in the future.

One thing we would like to do is to ensure that all theological college libraries contain suitable books on bellringing and church bells. A visit to one college by a member of this Committee revealed that the library did not contain a single book about bells or bellringing.

Perhaps with the help of the Librarian we might be enabled to do something to rectify this position during the coming year.

We shall be pleased to receive from Association officials suggestions as to any other possible lines of action to enhance the value of the work of this Committee, and we record our thanks to those who have assisted us in any way.

The report was signed by

N. CHADDOCK (Convener).  
W. J. MORETON,  
F. B. LUFKIN,  
G. THURLOW,  
D. N. LAYTON.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Chaddock suggested that the booklet 'Ringing for Service' should be advertised in the ecclesiastical press. In regard to residential courses, every course should be a success. If any course was a failure it prejudiced other college courses because they passed the information on. He felt that ringing literature should be in theological colleges. A colleague of his had been in one college where there was not a single book on ringing.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin seconded.

The Hon. Secretary: The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and recommended that the title of this Committee be changed to Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: There is a clumsiness about the title, particularly at the end.

Mr. E. K. Lewis said the point was that this Committee had to contact local authorities and they wanted to create a feeling that they were an education committee.

Mr. N. Chaddock agreed to the change of title and the report was adopted.

## METHODS COMMITTEE

The report, signed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, C. K. Lewis and J. R. Mayne stated that during the year the Minor book was, at long last, completed and was sent to the printers in January. Work on the Triples book has proceeded, the chief difficulty being the production of peals for some of the methods. Most of these problems have now been solved.

The Secretary of the Council wrote to the Secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society concerning the peal of Gainsborough Surprise Royal, which was the subject of controversy last year. Although the latter said that the conductor of the peal would write to the Methods Committee about it, no such letter has been received.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in moving the adoption of the report, said they received about ten days ago the proof of the first half of the Minor book. In regard to Gainsborough Surprise Royal, a letter was received from the conductor of the peal. The Committee had had a few moments to consider that peal and would like to recommend to the Council that

they were in favour of not recognising that peal because it would open the way to very many similar situations and it was not according to the rules.

Finally, he would like to echo what Mr. Lewis had said, that any committee of the Council that had problems or difficulties should come and ask the advice of the Methods Committee. There was a rule of the Council that when the Methods Committee was asked for a decision a unanimous recommendation should be published immediately in 'The Ringing World' and come before the Council for ratification. There were two Committees—the Peals Analysis and the Records—where advantage of this could have been taken.

Mr. C. K. Lewis endorsed the views of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, and said he hoped the conductor of Gainsborough Royal would agree to change the name. It was not a correct extension in their point of view.

## PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The Convener (Mr. W. E. Critchley) reported that by the time the Council met the Collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques should be in readiness for the printer.

The chief consumer of time had been the proving of all the peals in the collection, whether or not they had appeared previously in other Stedman books. The Committee wished to place on record their grateful thanks to Mr. W. Barton, who so willingly shared the proving with Mr. Pitman; also to all the contributors, far too numerous to mention individually. Mr. John Freeman seconded.

The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted and the Committee asked to prepare a new collection of well-known Major methods to replace the present collection which would shortly be out of print.

## THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. L. K. Marshall, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne report the following new methods and progressive length for the year ending December 31st:

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| Jan.  | 7. 5.056 Foxearth S.M., Middlesex;              |
|       | 9. 5.088 Bicester S.M., Oxford Dio.;            |
|       | 9. 5.088 Birmingham S.M., St. Martin's;         |
|       | 9. 5.152 Repton S.M., Derbyshire;               |
|       | 16. 5.024 Kelshall S.M., Hertford;              |
|       | 18. 5.040 Coalville S.R., Leicester;            |
|       | 23. 5.024 Gresford S.M., Lincoln;               |
|       | 25. 5.040 Morecombela S.R., Leicester;          |
|       | 30. 5.088 Evesham S.M., Worcestershire;         |
| Feb.  | 4. 5.056 Shoreditch S.M., Middlesex;            |
|       | 6. 5.056 Tilstock Imp. M., Shropshire;          |
|       | 13. 5.120 Uttoxeter S.M., Stafford;             |
|       | 20. 5.056 Aspenden S.M., Middlesex;             |
|       | 25. 5.024 Swansea S.M., Middlesex;              |
|       | 27. 5.040 Hillingdon S.R., Middlesex;           |
| Mar.  | 5. 5.056 Holland Bob M., Essex;                 |
|       | 5. 5.152 Unstone S.M., Derbyshire;              |
|       | 12. 5.152 Dronfield S.M., Derbyshire;           |
|       | 12. 5.024 Halstead S.M., Essex;                 |
| Apr.  | 9. 5.040 Grundisburgh S.R., Suffolk;            |
|       | 9. 5.056 Grundisburgh S.M., Suffolk;            |
|       | 21. 5.152 Northolt S.M., Middlesex;             |
|       | 23. 5.088 Harthill S.M., Yorkshire;             |
|       | 30. 5.184 Derwent S.M., Leicester;              |
| May   | 2. 5.040 Narborough S.R., Leicester;            |
|       | 7. 5.040 Hampstead S.R., Middlesex;             |
|       | 7. 5.152 Windsor Delight M., Leicester;         |
|       | 7. 5.280 Lyddington S. Max., Lincoln;           |
|       | 9. 5.040 Osgathorpe S.R., Leicester;            |
|       | 12. 5.120 Brondesbury S.M., Middlesex;          |
|       | 21. 5.088 Codicote S.M., Hertford;              |
| June  | 2. 5.088 Tolleshunt D'Arcy Coll. Bob M., Essex; |
|       | 2. 5.024 Esher S.M., Middlesex;                 |
|       | 4. 5.120 Woburn S.M., Bedfordshire;             |
|       | 24. 5.120 Nelson Bob M., Lancashire;            |
|       | 27. 5.040 Queniborough S.R., Leicester;         |
|       | 30. 5.184 Jarrow S.M., Middlesex;               |
| July  | 8. 5.152 Osgathorpe S.M., Leicester;            |
|       | 11. 5.040 Primethorpe S.R., Leicester;          |
|       | 14. 5.056 Islington S.M., Middlesex;            |
|       | 18. 5.040 Xaymaca S.R., Leicester;              |
| Aug.  | 4. 5.056 Uckfield S.M., Middlesex;              |
| Sept. | 1. 5.024 Queensferry S.M., Middlesex;           |
|       | 3. 5.040 Bilsborrow Imp. Bob M., Lancashire;    |

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|      | 17. 5.020 Shifnal Alliance M., Shropshire;           |
|      | 24. 5.056 Bottesford S.M., Leicester;                |
|      | 29. 5.088 Hammersmith S.M., Middlesex;               |
| Oct. | 3. 5.040 Ravenstone S.R., Leicester;                 |
|      | 8. 5.040 Tamworth S.R., Stafford;                    |
|      | 8. 5.184 Sawley S.M., Derbyshire;                    |
|      | 17. 5.040 Shackerstone S.R., Leicester;              |
|      | 27. 5.184 Zeals S.M., Middlesex;                     |
|      | 29. 5.160 Spliced Plain M. (29 methods), Lancashire; |

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| Nov. | 5. 5.040 St. Leonard's Bob M., Oxford Dio.; |
|      | 7. 5.040 Thrussington S.R., Leicester;      |
|      | 10. 5.280 Verwood S.M., Middlesex;          |
|      | 19. 5.056 Zelah S.M., Leicester;            |
|      | 21. 5.040 Verdon S.R., Leicester;           |
|      | 26. 5.088 Heywood S.M., Lancashire;         |

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| Dec. | 2. 5.056 The Dragon Major, Oxford Dio.;         |
|      | 3. 5.040 Isleworth Litt. Bob R., London County; |
|      | 8. 5.120 Southampton S.M., Middlesex;           |
|      | 10. 5.040 Derbyshire S.R., Derbyshire;          |
|      | 10. 5.152 Tyrone S.M., Stafford;                |
|      | 12. 5.040 Wellsborough S.R., Leicester;         |
|      | 17. 5.024 Trumpington S.M., Ely;                |
|      | 17. 5.056 Nailsea S.M., Leicester;              |
|      | 26. 5.040 Luton S.R., Bedfordshire;             |
|      | 26. 5.088 Nettleham S.M., Lincoln;              |
|      | 29. 5.184 Clevedon S.M., Middlesex.             |

## PROGRESSIVE LENGTH

Apr. 9, 22.400 Plain Bob Maj., Essex.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove, in moving the adoption of the report, said the committee would like to draw attention to a decision of the Council that Societies should send records of all first performances to the committee. There were several Societies who did not send in these returns and involved the committee in a great deal of time in tracing the compositions.

Mr. John R. Mayne seconded.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick: Do I take it that every time a first performance or record is rung it has to be sent to the committee?

Mr. Blagrove: It is printed that every Society should send it to the committee.

The report was then adopted.



## THE RULING ON MINIMUS

The first motion before the Council, which was in the name of Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. R. Cooper, read:—

'That the conditions required for peals as laid down on page 19 of the Council's handbook be amended by the addition of the following:—

"A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells".

Mr. Corby said he was moving the motion as a private member and not on behalf of his Association. The purpose of bringing the motion was to give the Council an opportunity of expressing opinion, since most people left the meeting at Folkestone feeling that they had been rather taken by storm, and they had now heard the minutes of that meeting challenged.

The suggestion that the Council should not recognise peals of Minimus was made on two grounds. One was that it was quite unnecessary and he had yet to learn of any 4-bell tower where there had not been plenty of opportunities to go elsewhere. Similarly, if people felt that they must ring peals of Minimus it would be logical to ring Stedman on three bells, quick and slow alternately.

His main objection was that it was an extremely difficult task to guarantee that one had in effect rung the requisite number of extents to a peal. He had the greatest difficulty in counting up to sevenths and back again. To count 210 or something beyond that without aid—such as putting raisins in one pocket and transferring them to another—was extremely difficult.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, seconding, said the main reason of the motion was to clarify the position.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston said he did not think the extents mounted up to 210 in each case. If Mr. Corby rang Kent Treble Bob Minimus the number would be 105.

### DESIRE FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Mr. A. E. Rushton pointed out that 4-bell ringers, if they wanted to celebrate a birthday or a local event, would desire to ring in their own tower. He asked Mr. Corby that if he desired to celebrate his birthday he would not go next door. In this country there were some very good rings of four.

Mr. W. E. Critchley: I think peals of Minimus are just rubbish and I also think we can find plenty of rubbish in higher numbers.

Mr. J. P. Fidler: I think I can say that I have visited more 4-bell towers than anyone. Never have I found in a 4-bell tower a band capable of ringing changes. When peals were rung in 4-bell towers they were rung by tower snatchers.

Mr. John Freeman: In 4-bell towers Mr. Corby will be regarded as a squire [laughter]. I can see little merit in ringing peals on four bells, but there may be occasions when to maintain interest a peal should be rung there. I do not think we should legislate for something that is 'a flash in the pan.' I would like to move 'the next business.'

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott seconded and said he thought that people who rang these 4-bell peals should be seen by a psychologist.

Mr. F. E. Haynes: I should like to object to a motion being put on the paper and not debated properly.

A vote to pass on to the next business was heavily defeated.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: We don't want to stop them ringing—in fact we can't. The point is that we should recognise them.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin: In the Essex Association we started off by deploring these peals, and I was one who deplored them. In the discussion that ensued the majority of members were in favour of encouraging 4-bell ringing. I think the main thing is to encourage Sunday service ringing. If a person rang a 4-bell peal I would be unhappy if it was not recognised. I would like to move an amendment that 4-bell peals be permitted if rung in 4-bell towers only.

Miss Boyle seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson supported the amendment for the simple reason that their job was to en-

courage ringing, and to pass a motion that it should not be recognised would not.

Mr. W. F. Oatway commented that if the amendment was accepted the next step would be only 10-bell peals in 10-bell towers, 8-bell peals in 8-bell towers and six in 6-bell towers.

### 'LOWERING THE STANDARD'

Mr. John R. Mayne: This raises a far deeper issue. It is a question as to what extent we should attempt to legislate on the activities of the Exercise. There has been a movement to legislate much less and the effect was that quite a lot of sound ringing has ceased. If we accept 4-bell peals, what about 3-bell and 2-bell peals? We have another complication. 'The Ringing World' is the official organ. If we accept them they will have to be published in 'The Ringing World.' Do we want our 'Ringing World' full of peals of Minimus? Personally, I think we are lowering our standards and I am afraid a lot of people think the same. Personally, I shall vote for the resolution.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall: The more years the Council go on talking about peals of Minimus the more people will go on ringing them.

Mr. F. E. Dukes: If you legislate not to accept Minimus then the Associations may lose 4-bell towers.

Mr. A. P. Cannon: If we don't accept Mr. Corby's resolution it is a retrograde step. I happen to know the perpetrators. They will be ringing Minimus on rings of five with the tenor behind. There were two such quarter peals of Minimus, and on one occasion the tenor was rung by two people. I am for helping anybody, but not to Minimus.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he was in favour of Minimus. The first peal of Minimus was rung by two of his pupils in 1938. In the Chester Guild they had one 4-bell tower with ten members, and when they got going they would press for augmentation. If the Council discouraged Minimus they would get 4-bell towers being abandoned and becoming derelict.

Mr. Lewis pointed out that he could ring a peal of Minimus with five or more changing bells. How many rings of 12 have only five or six bells rung on a Sunday? Anyone interested in ringing would move from four or five bells upwards. If any of them had tried ringing Minimus they would find it was darned hard work.

Mr. Philip Gray said that the most important decision reached that day was to accept the Devon Association as members. It was the first time they had accepted a non-change-ringing Society as members. By accepting them they should also accept Minimus.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward: If the effect is to encourage 4-bell ringers I am all against the motion.

### BENEFIT OF STUNTERS

Mr. R. G. Blackman: We have our rules as to what shall be a peal. By altering those rules we are going to take a degrading step for the benefit of those who try to ring stunts.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Would the opposers of the motion consider the practical difficulties? As an experienced ringer I find it difficult to count 210.

Mr. Rushton: I can give Mr. Corby the name of a 4-bell tower where they ring the four bells regularly to changes. We might deplore 4-bell ringing but it is not necessarily a stunt.

Mr. G. Dodd: How many 4-bell methods are there?

Mr. F. T. Blagrove: There are 11 plain methods.

The President: I think if you go into it that there are nearly 40.

Mr. A. D. Barker: If we allow this we will be encouraging stunt ringing.

Various attempts were then made to produce an appropriate amendment. Eventually one proposed by Mrs. Staniforth and approved by Mr. Cartwright was presented to the meeting: 'Peals of Minimus on tower bells may be recognised in towers that contain four bells only. Peals on four handbells or less shall not be recognised.'

Miss M. Cross seconded this and it was carried by 78 votes to 57.

## MODERN ARCHITECTURE AND TOWERS

Mr. R. S. Anderson submitted to the Council the following motion: 'That this Council takes note of the present trend of ecclesiastical architecture in that no tower capable of containing a ring of bells to be rung traditionally is incorporated in new churches nor is any provision made for the addition of a tower, and urges the Royal Institute of British Architects and all diocesan authorities to be mindful of the essentially English art of bellringing and ensure in their design for new churches that the voice of the Church through the bells is not lost to future generations. That the Towers and Belfries Committee keep this matter before them.'

Mr. Anderson said new parishes were being created throughout the length and breadth of the land. They were being built in a new style and very few of them had a tower capable of taking a ring of bells. The usual reply to any criticism was that they could not afford a tower. There were churches being put out of use and in some of those churches there were bells. He felt that those bells should be transferred to new churches. He was told that the cost of a light ring of five or six with a 2 cwt. tenor was a little over £1,000. He was not suggesting that bellringing would go out during the next decade, but churches were being built without towers and being provided with electronic equipment which was utterly false. The Central Council for the Care of Churches was also concerned.

Mr. E. H. Edge, seconding, said they felt very strongly about this in North Staffordshire, and they felt that British architects had a big responsibility for this state of affairs. If economies had to be made it was invariably the church tower that came first.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow suggested that the motion should be amended to 'deplores the present trend of church planning' for 'trend of ecclesiastical architecture.'

This was agreed to, and the motion was carried.

### THE NEXT COUNCIL

The Hon. Secretary said the Council had received three invitations for next year. The Norwich Diocesan Association had invited the Council to Great Yarmouth, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to Salisbury in 1962 or the following year, and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association to Cardiff in 1962. The Council was last at Norwich in 1946, in Salisbury in 1923 and intended to visit Cardiff in 1940 but could not because of the war.

Mr. F. E. Haynes moved that the Council meet in London. It was high time they went to London.

The Council decided by a very substantial majority to visit Cardiff.

### HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. R. S. Anderson said before the Council met at Cardiff Mr. E. H. Lewis would have celebrated his 80th birthday. He moved that the Council extended to him heartiest congratulations and best wishes for that 80th anniversary.

Mr. E. H. Lewis: I can only say thank you very much. It is 53 years since I was first elected. I was not able to get to all the meetings during the first World War. I thank you for your good wishes and the friendliness you have always shown to me.

Mr. Anderson then asked the Council to show its appreciation to the Chairman in the usual way. Hearty applause for Mr. Sharpe followed.

### ARCHBISHOP'S PRESENTATION

Dr. Layton said a short time ago the secretary of his Society received a letter asking for contributions to the fund for a presentation to the Archbishop of Canterbury. At the annual meeting of the London University Society it was decided to contribute to the Fund. He asked where contributions should be sent.

Mr. Barnett replied that secretaries should send their contributions to him and he would send them in one lump sum.



## TOWERS & BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During 1960 the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee again increased. Advice on bell restoration was given in 67 towers, nine more than last year. They may be analysed geographically thus:—

Berkshire 4, Buckinghamshire 12, Breconshire 1, Cardiganshire 3, Cheshire 5, Cornwall 2, Essex 2, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 2, Herefordshire 1, Huntingdonshire 1, Lin-

colnshire 5, Northamptonshire 11, Oxfordshire 5, Pembrokeshire 1, Somerset 7, Surrey 2, Wiltshire 1, Yorkshire 1. To these may be added one enquiry from Scotland, where advice was given on the recasting of a turret bell.

In seven towers advice was given on recasting, in one tower the installation of a new bell. Thirty towers sought advice on rehanging, 28 on the repair of existing gear and 12 on sound control and improvement.

No outstanding or unusual problems were reported by members of the Committee. Mr. Clarke advised on the sale of the bells of St. Michael's, Chester, details of which have been reported in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Austin was disturbed to find in one tower that 'restoration' had been carried out by enthusiastic amateurs without professional advice. Many of the requests for advice came as the direct result of quinquennial surveys by architects, and we foresee much bell restoration in the near future. We find many towers in a neglected state, with little or no routine maintenance work being carried out, and urge all Guilds and Associations to emphasise to their members the need for regular inspection, adjustment and lubrication of bell gear.

The Council's handbook on the Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bellframes and Gear will soon need reprinting. We recommend that a new edition be printed incorporating such revision as the Committee may decide, and that the text of the joint statement issued by the Central Council for the Care of Churches and our Council clauses (b) to (h) as approved at our meeting last year be incorporated in the new edition. After further discussion between representatives of both Councils, clause (a) has been amended as follows:—

'(a) Bells cast before 1600, if sound, should not (as a general rule) be recast. As such bells are of archaeological importance, they should be preserved intact, incorporated in a

### PRESENTATION TO MRS. SHARPE

Mr. G. W. Biddulph, chairman of the North Staffs Association, said this was the first time the Council had been in their district, and they need only to be there for a short time to realise that they had a wonderful industry and Stoke was the world centre of the pottery industry. Members had received a souvenir ashtray, and they would have liked to give the Council a further token of their industry but unfortunately the Central Council had no permanent headquarters. They had therefore decided to make a presentation of a Doulton figure to



At the opening of the Central Council meeting at Stoke. From left to right: The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (vice-president), Mr. G. W. Biddulph (chairman of the North Staffordshire Association), Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president of the Central Council), the Lord Mayor (Ald. G. Dale), the Bishop of Lichfield (the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve), the Archdeacon of Stoke (Ven. G. Youell, president of the North Staffordshire Association). [Photo: by courtesy of 'The Evening Sentinel,' Stoke-upon-Trent.]

ring and display of the crown, canons and inscription band in the church.' We recommend that this clause be incorporated in the new edition of the handbook.

(Signed) FREDERICK SHARPE  
(Convener),

B. AUSTIN,  
J. W. CLARKE,  
F. E. COLLINS,  
J. FREEMAN,  
E. H. LEWIS,  
W. A. OSBORN,  
J. G. M. SCOTT,  
B. THRELFALL.

The President in moving the adoption said that since the report had been typed they had given advice in regard to a Devon tower. Mr. Scott said the incumbent took not the slightest notice. As well as members of the Committee there were others who gave advice, such as Mr. Ernest Morris. They did not deprecate the work of others.

Mr. F. E. Collins, seconding, said the matter of bell restorations was still very brisk in the South of England. Another matter was sound control, and they were getting nearly as many enquiries for this as for restorations. Sound control had to be gone into carefully because sound modification could be only a short step to a distorted musical effect outside. He had received the following letter:—

'Our bells are rather noisy outside. We want to do something to deaden them down. We have some sheets of galvanised iron—would that be suitable?'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, speaking on 'firing' of bells, said that if all the bells were roped to one side they would get the maximum force. 'Firing' took place slowly, and because of that they were not likely to get the tower down. Each case should be considered on its merits.

The report was adopted and authority given to the Committee to reprint the Council's handbook on the 'Preservation of Bells.'

Mrs. Sharpe, and asked the President to accept it on her behalf.

Thanking Mr. Biddulph, the President said this was a delightful surprise and he knew Mrs. Sharpe would like to have permanent possession of it.

### AN AUSTRALIAN REVIEW

Mr. G. W. Pipe, who is back on furlough from Melbourne, was asked to give a résumé of ringing in Australia. He said Australians were very interested in what the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers were doing. He remembered in 1958 going to Sydney, when a young ringer came up to him and asked if George Fearn was a professional. [Laughter]

Over in the West they had Perth, where in the Great Adventure in 1934 the visitors could not ring. Until last year the tower was recognised as unsafe, but round about Christmas an architect and civil engineer considered that the bells could be swung again. Perth was 2,100 miles from Melbourne.

The next centre was Adelaide, 800 miles to the east of Perth, where there was a fine ring of eight at St. Peter's Cathedral, with a tenor 41 cwt. in C. He would like to pay tribute to the work of Enid Lloyd Roberts, who for two years travelled 70 miles each Sunday for Bob Doubles. The band were now ringing Stedman Triples and man for man were the best band in Australia.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, his tower, had the only 12 outside the United Kingdom, and they could say that ringing there at the end of last year was at its peak. At Melbourne they could ring Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. There was an octave at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral which was cast by Murphy, of Dublin. They rang there on the first Sunday in each month.

The next centre of importance was Sydney, 600 miles away, where there were nine or ten rings of bells. Unfortunately they did not do as much as they could. They also had two eights at Hobart and other rings at Yass, Ballarat and Maryborough.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would like, if you please, to express through your columns my appreciation of the warmth of welcome which was extended to me, both as representative of the Devon Association and personally, by all who attended the recent meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at Stoke-upon-Trent. At no time did I have the feeling of being 'a stranger in a strange land,' and this impression of welcome and oneness with you all in a common interest, whatever the 'persuasion,' will always remain with me. Names came to life as persons and impersonalities at once became personalities in a most heartening manner.

More than ever it was realised that we, yourselves as change ringers, or 'scientific' as we like to think of you, and ourselves as call change ringers, have much to offer each other, which in this new fellowship can only serve to bring us even closer together for the benefit of the Church, which we are all privileged to serve.—Yours faithfully,

BERIC E. BARTLETT.

Torquay.

## CAN A METHOD BE RENAMED?

Dear Sir.—I do not wish in any way to detract from the merit of the performance of Mr. Ogden and his band in the ringing of 53 methods in a peal of Spliced Major, and indeed would like to offer my congratulations to the band, but if the records I have kept are correct methods Nos. 261 and 263 have already been rung to full peals and have been named Warminster and Holland Bob Major, respectively.

It would, therefore, seem that confusion is likely to arise if fresh names are given, when methods are rung again either in full peals or in peals of spliced methods.

I should like to know if there is any ruling on this point, also what is the position in regard to methods which have not been rung to a full peal, but have formed part of a spliced peal. Would a band ringing a full peal in the method be entitled to give it a name of their own choice, or should the name already given to it have to stand?—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

## WHICH IS THE CORRECT ST. DUNSTAN'S?

Dear Sir.—Reading a few weeks ago the account from Australia of a peal containing St. Dunstan's Doubles brought to mind an old controversy, especially, St. Dunstan's Day (May 19th) being close at hand. The question was asked in this District: Which is the correct St. Dunstan's?—the one printed in 1766 in 'Campanalogia Improved,' which has Grandsire bob work for its plain lead, with a Chace Bob (or Grandsire extreme as some call it) for a Bob and a St. Blaise call for the single, or the same plain lead and bob with an ordinary Grandsire single, or that published in the 1939 Central Council book on Doubles and Minor, which has no singles, and the bob a fourths place bob?

We decided that if the Central Council stick to their own rules, that is 'that once a method has been named no one shall alter it,' the 1766 version is the correct St. Dunstan's, and not that published in their 1939 collection, or the one rung with ordinary Grandsire singles. Here is the 1766 version for the benefit of those who don't know it:

12345	41532	34152	25314
21354	45123	43512	23541
23145	54213	45321	32451
32415	52431	54231	34215
34251	25341	52413	B 43125
43521	23514	25143	41352
45312	S 32154	21534	14325
54132	31245	12543	14235
51423	13254	15234	41253
15432	13245	51243	42135
14523	31425	52134	24315
			23451

callings twice more repeated for 120.

Yours sincerely,  
P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

## NEW BELL RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—I would like to bring to your notice what appears to be a new series of gramophone records of bell ringing. Marketed by H.M.V., they consist at present of one L.P., one E.P. and one standard 45 r.p.m.

The L.P. contains Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Major; the E.P., Siedman Caters, and the 45 r.p.m., call changes.

One wonders, however, if these recordings are intended for churches with 'synthetic' bells.—Yours faithfully,

Putney.

D. BROOKES.

## SHIRLEY BURTON IN NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir.—It was a great pleasure for the ringers of Christchurch, N.Z., to welcome to the Cathedral tower Mr. Shirley Burton, of Leicester.

We regret that, owing to repairs being made to the tower, we were unable to arrange a peal attempt. However, during his stay of two weeks with us, we were able to ring a little Grandsire and Siedman Doubles and touches of Grandsire Triples and, with the learners in, rounds and call changes on the full ring of ten bells. This may seem very little to experienced ringers, but to us the experience gained was valuable. To ring with and discuss things with Mr. Burton has encouraged all to aim for a higher standard of ringing.

We thank Mr. Burton for his visit and hope that Mrs. Burton and himself have enjoyed their stay in New Zealand, and, on behalf of the members of our Society, I wish them a safe and pleasant voyage home.—Yours sincerely,

G. NELSON SLOAN,  
Secretary, Christchurch Cathedral  
Society of Bell Ringers.

## A MORAL FROM IMAGINATION

Dear Sir.—The account in 'The Ringing World' of May 19th of the achievement of a band of ringers who rang in 32 towers in one day put me in mind of a not dissimilar performance of which I was a witness some few years ago.

The late P. J. Forbes-Smythe, who was a contemporary of mine at Cambridge, and the winner of the 1956 Jesus College 'Pint-to-Pint' race, once conceived the idea of attempting to drink half a pint of beer in each one of Cambridge's public houses in one day. Unaware of the magnitude of the task, several of us volunteered to accompany him, while not necessarily trying to emulate him. We set off in fine style promptly at 10 a.m. on the morning of May 31st, 1956, and by a quarter to two we were just about to enter the forty-first inn when poor old J.P. collapsed on the pavement. An ambulance was summoned and Forbes-Smythe was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he seemed to be in a fair way to recovering, when the news was broken to him that he had, in fact, covered less than a quarter of all Cambridge's public houses! This piece of intelligence so upset the poor fellow that he suffered a relapse and died on June 5th.

The funeral, which was simple and dignified, was attended by a large number of his friends, who afterwards laid a wreath of hophines on the grave. Afterwards, when we assembled in the 'Volunteer,' we agreed that each year, on May 31st, wherever we might be, we would raise our glasses and drink to the memory of 'A Gallant Fellow.' I, for my part, have never failed to pay this tribute to one of our greatest men, cut off so tragically in the flower of youth.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. COOK.

Wimbledon

## A PREVIOUS OCCASION

Dear Sir.—I see that correspondence on 'The Sunday Pictorial' photo is still kept going. Not nearly so much fuss was made last time it happened. I remember the Press publishing a picture of the young ladies of Burnham demonstrating bell ringing. They were swinging away up near the ceiling, well above the head of their instructor, the late George Gilbert.—Yours, etc.

Hastings.

C. A. LEVETT.

## 32 TOWERS IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—Re the 32 towers in a day, I work the time spent on this tour (?) as follows: 1 hour at each tower=8 hours; 10 minutes between each tower=5 hours 20 minutes. Total 13 hours 20 minutes.

This prompts the following points:—

- 1 Were the bells raised and lowered in peal?
- 2 What was the standard of the ringing like?
- 3 Did ringing go on until after 9 p.m.?
- 4 Were any of the locals meeting the band offered a 'ring'?
- 5 Was it an enjoyable experience, apart from having rushed more towers into a day than anyone else?

Once, and for the last time, I was on a tour of 17 towers in a day, and even though we had a good band the ringing suffered through the ringers becoming tired, and dare I say it, fed up with pulling bells up.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincs.

P.S.—I think that 6 towers a day, with adequate breaks for meals is ideal.—J.E.C.

## COUNTING PLACES

Dear Sir,—The Rabbits' Guild, keenly interested in teaching, of course, insists on the counting of places by the 3-4-5-6-6-5-6 method only, and for an excellent reason. The alternative system of counting all the bells encourages that chattering motion of the lower jaw, which commonly marks the expert, present or future, thus leading to painful misunderstandings. It is not good for learners, especially rabbits, to appear to ape the tigers.—Yours, etc.,

B. M. W. D.  
Secretary, Rabbits' Guild.

Birmingham.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

He made an appeal to the British bell-founders to send a representative to Australia as he was certain there was plenty of business. The Dutch Consul had approached him on behalf of Dutch bell-founders.

The second point was the possibility of a Great Adventure the Second. It would be a very nice outing and do a welter of good to the ringers of Australia. All the change-ringers in Australia take 'The Ringing World,' and they long for the day of Great Adventure II.

Mrs. Richardson, as the only one of the Great Adventure party now living, said everywhere they rang they were received with great kindness.

## THE ATTENDANCE

The Hon. Secretary reported that there was a record attendance of 147, against 144 last year. Details:—

	Present	Absent
34 fully represented ..	83	
20 partly represented ..	45	29
5 not represented ..		5
Life members ..	7	2
Honorary members ..	12	6
	147	42

## VOTE OF THANKS

The President proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting such a success. He especially mentioned the Lord Mayor, Dr. Reeve, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Archdeacon of Stoke, the Rector of Stoke (who entertained the Council to breakfast), Mr. G. W. Biddulph, Mr. R. S. Anderson, and Mr. E. H. Edge for the local arrangements, and also incumbents and tower keepers.

## CIVIC RECEPTION

The meeting was followed by a civic reception and tea, at which the guests were received by the Lord Mayor.

A social evening was afterwards held at the Grand Hotel.



## DEATH OF PREBENDARY E. V. COX

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers has lost its beloved president by the death in Exeter City Hospital on May 30th, of Preb. Ernest Vyvyan Cox, of Hunthay Close, Axminster, at the age of 79 years.

Preb. Cox, who retired in 1947, spent most of his adult life in Devon parishes. For 28 years he was president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and was an acknowledged authority on church bells. His advice on bells was sought by many bodies, among them being the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral, the Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches and various parochial church councils.

It was while at Keble College, Oxford, that he had his first ringing appointment, that of secretary of the Oxford University Society, 1902-3. After graduating he went to Ely Theological College and was ordained a deacon in 1904 and a priest in 1906. While holding curacies in the Midlands he was clerical secretary and treasurer to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford (1910-15). In 1917 he became Vicar of Bampton, Devon, and was secretary of the N.E. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers from 1920-22; during 1924 he was general secretary and in 1933 he succeeded the late Rev. E. S. Powell as president.

He left Bampton in 1923 to become Vicar of Littleham with Exmouth; in 1931 he was Vicar of Bramford Speke and from 1939 to 1947 Vicar of Tedburn St. Mary. In each of the last three places he left the bells in perfect order and they are still a pleasure to ring. Preb. Cox became a non-resident prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in 1940 and was Rural Dean of Kenn from 1943 to 1946.

He served the Devon Guild with great faithfulness and will be missed, especially at branch meetings, which he always made a point of attending, if possible, although it might mean 120 miles of motoring from one end of Devon to the other. He also devoted many evenings to teaching learners in his own district. At the Guild's annual meeting, in 1958, a presentation, subscribed to by most of the members, was made to him by the late Mr. F. C. Smale to celebrate his 25 years in office.

Preb. Cox had been a reader of 'The Ringing World' from its first issue. His 144 peals included one silent, Holt's Original.

A report of the funeral service at Axminster will appear in our next issue.

### FOUNDER OF CLERICAL GUILD

J. H. B. A. writes:—

In the only peal of clerical Caters yet rung, Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910, the 4th was rung by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, the 5th by the Rev. E. V. Cox. This association in clerical ringing continued until the Clerical Guild tour of April last, when the one was re-elected president, the other vice-president, of the Clerical

### ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

On Whit Monday the St. Laurence's, Reading, ringers had their annual outing, and re-inforced by Frank White, of Appleton, and George Bishop and Jack Napper, of Hagbourne, a very happy day was spent ringing at villages on the Berkshire downs. A grand lunch was enjoyed at 'The Plough,' at Appleton, where, of course, it was a job to get the foreman on the move again. For an outing the ringing was quite good and everyone was amazed we rang Appleton bells so well to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

After ringing at Blewbury, Hagbourne, Buckland, Appleton, Harwell and Drayton, our last port of call was Ilsley and beside Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, we had the termerity to bring home a course of Double Norwich. Again it was a job to get the foreman away, but eventually we arrived back at Reading at 11 p.m., after a very happy day, with memories of a beautiful tea (prepared by our Mrs. Catterall) on the Ridgeway.

W. H.

Guild. 'E. V.' rang in three of the four other clerical peals on tower bells before the formation of the Guild, and in the first Guild peal, at Knebworth, on April 29th, 1938. This was his last clerical peal.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers may be said to be his creation. He was in the chair on April 8th, 1937, when twelve clergy taking part in a 'ringing week' at Evesham, resolved to form themselves into a Guild and to invite Canon G. F. Coleridge to be their president. 'E. V.' was the natural and obvious choice as honorary secretary and treasurer, for his enthusiasm, his attention to detail and his humanity ensured the success of anything he organised. He continued as secretary until 1953, and he attended every subsequent 'week,' including this year's at Southampton, when, although obviously far from well, to his delight no less than to that of the rest of the party, he was able to join in most of the ringing.

When the Clerical Guild was televised in action in the tower of Canterbury Cathedral in 1959, it was upon 'E. V.' that the camera naturally lingered. He had come to look, perhaps, a little older than his years, but it was also the whole alert, intent figure that caught the eye. In the ringing chamber he was one of the steadiest and most helpful of ringers. But ringing tours are not spent wholly in the belfry, and members will sorely miss a true friend and a loved companion. He is the third of the original twelve of 1937 to be called to his rest.

## ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and their friends had their annual outing on May 27th, and had the best weather of the year for a trip to the East Coast. From Darlington they went to Guisborough and then along the lovely coast road, which loops and twists and climbs over the moors to Robin Hood's Bay.

Here, at Fylingdales' church, there was a stay of about an hour, and on the musical eight (tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.), touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung. A visitor to Robin Hood's Bay from Wimbeldon joined in the ringing.

Over the moors again, the party went on to Scarborough for tea. Those of the ringers who did not fall for the attractions of the resort, went up to All Saints' Church, under the shadow of the castle, and rang Plain Bob and Stedman again, but the younger ringers having sought other entertainment, ended up with touches of Cambridge and London Minor. Mr. Bert Sutton, of the All Saints' band, made the arrangements and joined in the ringing.

The eight at All Saints' (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.) have a claim to distinction recorded on a tablet in the tower. The treble and tenor were sent by the founders (Taylors) to the great exhibition of 1851, and obtained first prize; viz., 'a prize medal and the special approbation of the jurors.' E. P.

## 130 METHODS TO A PEAL

After eight years of progressive ringing, Messrs. W. F. Moreton, Howard Scott and W. Eric Critchley have rung a handbell peal of Minor in 130 methods, which we publish in this issue. The Exercise will extend to them their warmest congratulations.

Mr. Moreton informs us that it is not possible, at the moment, to include more than 130 methods in seven extents of Minor, unless methods with places made at once are included, and the band object on principle to doing this.

The names 'Cripplegate' and 'Cornhill' are used for two new Little methods; as in 'Clavis' there are three Little methods, Cripplegate, St. Sepulchre's (sic) and St. Lawrence, with the same work for the treble as in our new ones. Both the old Cripplegate and the old St. Lawrence are irregular, while St. Sepulchre's is regular. The name St. Lawrence has already been used for a Little Minor method, but Cripplegate was still available and Cornhill was chosen to match.

Extents 1 and 3 are on page 356 of 'The Ringing World' for July 25th, 1947, both by A. G. Driver.

Extent 4 on page 168, March 4th, 1960. By H. Chant.

Extent 5 on page 239, April 10th, 1959. By H. Chant.

Extent 7 on page 727, October 28th, 1960. By C. K. Lewis and H. Chant.

Extent 6 on page 730, November 18th, 1955. By C. K. Lewis.

Extent 2, by H. Chant, is rung in a peal for the first time.

### 720 IN 25 METHODS BY H. CHANT

Including three types of Alliance, two types of Little, and Plain methods.

23456	Chelford Alliance
64523	Benington Alliance
56342	Freiston Alliance
35264	Langton Alliance
42635	London Bob
S 56432	Bastow Little Court
45263	Bastow Little Court
24356	Bastow Little Court
32645	Bastow Little Court
— 63245	Bastow Little Court
26534	College
45326	Ellacombe Alliance
— 63452	Bastow Little Court
S 46325	Cripplegate Little
53246	Darrington Alliance
25634	Frampton Alliance
62453	Candlesby Alliance

34562	London Bob
— 25346	London Bob
63425	Butterwick Alliance
46532	Butterwick Alliance
54263	Adwick Alliance
32654	Poynton Alliance
S 46352	Ellacombe Alliance
23546	College
— 65234	Bastow Little Court
26453	Bastow Little Court
42365	Finchley Alliance
53642	Bastow Little Court
— 65342	Bastow Little Court
S 36524	Tattershall Alliance
45236	Sutton Alliance
24653	Double Oxford
62345	Chelford Alliance
53462	Tattershall Alliance
— 24536	Thrybergh Alliance
65324	Denton Alliance
36452	Cornhill Little
43265	Poynton Alliance
52643	Tattershall Alliance
S 36542	Bastow Little Court
53264	Wavertree College
42653	Bastow Little Court
— 64253	Double Court
53426	Double Court
26345	Double Court
45632	Double Court
32564	Double Court
— 64532	Bastow Little Court
S 56423	London Bob
34256	Frampton Alliance
23645	Frampton Alliance
62534	Alford Alliance
45362	Cornhill Little

### NEW METHODS IN H. CHANT'S 25 METHOD 720

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Half Full lead lead
Darrington Alliance	34	34	16	36				36 12
Thrybergh Alliance	34	34	16	36				36 16
Adwick Alliance	34	34	16	36	12			36 16
Cripplegate Little Court	34	36	14					34 16
Cornhill Little Bob	34	36	14					34 12

The first time these types of method have been rung in a peal.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

**BORDER.**—On June 2nd, 1961, at 18, Frobisher Road, Stuyvechale, Coventry, to Ruth (née Jackson) and Peter Border, a daughter (Helen Ruth). 8368

## MARRIAGE

**WHITE—MASKELL.**—On June 3rd, 1961, at St. Michael and All Angels', Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks. Arthur John White to Innes Felicia Maskell, both of Aston Clinton. Future address: 98, London Road, Aston Clinton. 8342

## DEATH

**COX.**—On May 30th, 1961, at the City Hospital, Exeter. Ernest Vyvyan Cox, M.A. (Oxon), of Hunthay Close, Axminster, aged 79 years. Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's, in Exeter. Funeral at Axminster Parish Church, Friday, June 2nd, 1961, at 3 p.m. No mourning or flowers. Donations to the Church Army, 55, Bryanston Street, W.1. 8346

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after June 20th, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Wright's new address will be The Chequers Hotel, Market Place, Grantham, Lincs. All ringing friends welcome. 8371

## PERSONAL

'But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.' (Rom. viii, 25.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH CHURCH, GREAT YARMOUTH.**—Now that the church has been reconsecrated will all intending visitors please note they will be most welcome to ring with us at the following times: Sundays 10.30-11 a.m. and 5.45-6.30 p.m.; also on practice nights, which, on and from June 14th, will be Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.—A. G. Wigmore, Master. 8328

**STAMFORD HILL ST. ANN.**—Practice night has recommenced at this tower, on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors not only welcome, but essential.—Michael Rowe, tower captain. 8342

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Summer tour, Wrexham, August 12th-19th. Will any member who has not received a circular and would like one, contact A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts, or Gay Williams, College Hall, Malet Street, W.C.1. 8356

**SURPRISE MINOR PRACTICE.**—Ash, Monday, June 26th. Methods: Canterbury, Carlisle, Cuneastre, Durham, Flamstead, London, Sedliscombe. Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford, Thursday, June 15th. Methods: Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire. 8373

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## MEETINGS

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Biggleswade District) and **ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Huntingdon District).—Joint meeting, Eaton Socon, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Yorkshire and Stedman. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith and M. Dyer. Dis. Secs. 8309

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Saturday, June 10th, meeting at Newick. Tea in Village Room. Possibly Chailey in evening. Names to me.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8327

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Meldreth, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8310

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting, June 10th, Great Wakering. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Kirby, 181, High Street, Great Wakering. Buses 4 and 4A from Victoria Circus, Southend, at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. 8264

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bishop's Stortford Group.—Meeting at Little Hadham, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Much Hadham. Names for tea to A. Kent, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham. 8326

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, June 10th, Flamstead. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. Definitely, no name no tea. 8311

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on June 10th. Ringing, Nettlestead (5 bells) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5. Yalding (6) after tea. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8274

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwick. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6-8 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 8291

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, St. Mary's, R.C., Clapham Common, 2.30 p.m. Tea, handbell ringing and business 4 p.m., at 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Battersea, 6-7.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Miss M. Powell, above address or phone Tulse Hill 8190. 8306

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at St. John the Baptist, Pinner. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6, followed by evening ringing until 8.30. Names for tea please to D. E. R. Knights, 11, Draycott Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. 8325

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—First ringing meeting, Stretton-cum-Wetmore, Saturday, June 10th. New ring of six bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Cotton. 8323

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Garsington. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 8272

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8317

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Felp-ham (6), on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 8318

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Church Lench (6), on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham. 8307

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Portbury (6), on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8194

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by 15th, to Mr. R. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Dunstable, Beds. 8351

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, June 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8352

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Bulkington, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington. 8345

**DEVON GUILD.**—Annual festival, Exeter, June 17th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8. Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 8320

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 17th, Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Miss E. Warburton, 25, Elm Park Terrace, Elm Park, Shodley Bridge. 8344

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8357

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 15th.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 8360

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**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m., service and tea. Names to O. Mills, Church Street, Wotton. 8362

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to M. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8347



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash please, by June 14th.—Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Teynham, near Sittingbourne. 8260

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8374

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 150th ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome.—F. S. Mortlock. 8349

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Saturday, June 17th, Oaks-in-Charnwood (6). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall.—C. W. Hall. 8336

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Crowland, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 14th, to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 8289

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Practice on June 17th, at Brentford, 6 to 8 p.m. Tower representatives to collect reports. 8372

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence, on June 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Notify for tea to Mr. W. J. Bolter, 10, Downfield Road, Waltham St. Lawrence, Twyford, Reading, by June 12th.—B. C. Castle. 8348

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, June 17th. Names for tea essential to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8365

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8359

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill (8), June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill, by Thursday, 15th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8282

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday, June 13th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8354

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, June 17th, Bentworth (5). 6-9 p.m. 8367

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Lockenley, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service at East Tytherley 6 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea by 14th please, to Mrs. J. Kippin, 120, Wilton Road, Southampton. 8363

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, by Thursday, 15th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, June 17th, at Skipton. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by June 14th, to Mr. C. S. Scott, 2, Prospect Place, Skipton.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8332

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, June 17th, Hovingham (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting after tea. Service 6.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Fred Bishop, High Street, Hovingham, by June 15th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8370

**ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.**—Dedication of the new peal of eight bells at Atherstone Parish Church, will take place on Saturday, June 24th next, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Dodds, extends an invitation to the following Guilds to attend the service of dedication: The St. Martin's Guild, the South Staffs. the Midland Counties, the Leicester Guild and the Coventry Diocesan Guild, with any other ringers who would care to attend the service. The bells will be available for ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Numbers for tea would be appreciated and should be sent to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8299

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 24th, at the beautiful old Church of Ault Hucknall (near Hardwick Hall), also eve of the church's patronal festival. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special request, names for tea by Saturday, 17th, please, to J. J. Cooper, 'Highfields', Hardstoft, Pilsley, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8361

### APPEAL

#### CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS RENOVATION FUND

An appeal is extended to all readers to help us meet the coming bill for renovating the ring of 8 and in restoring the unique campanile. We approach, particularly, the many who have over the years rung here; quite soon we shall be ready to welcome friends again. Over £2,000 will be required to cover the cost.

Contributions may be addressed to:  
The Chichester Cathedral Bells Fund  
(‘Ringing World’ Appeal),  
The Deanery, Chichester. 8287

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, June 24th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to Arthur Farrand, 12, Greenhill, Mossley, Manchester, by June 17th, please. For teas please notify Arthur Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, by June 23rd. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 8294

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—Open day, Saturday, June 24th, all ringers welcome. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Names for tea to Dr. Woodcock, The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, Chester, by June 21st. 8338

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Brecon, on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's (8) available from 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. C. C. Williams. Tea and meeting at the Bishops Meadows Cafe, 5.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 8337

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery. Corporate Communion, Axbridge, Sunday, June 25th. Bells (6) 7 for 8 a.m. Communion. Names for breakfast before June 17th, to A. J. Peters, Salisbury House, West Street, Axbridge. 8341

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bi-annual rally will take place at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop of Coventry will give the address. Tea will follow at 5.15 p.m. We hope to have the following towers open during the afternoon and evening: Bedworth, Bulkington, Nuneaton and Atherstone, in addition to Chilvers Coton. Numbers for tea is very important and should be sent as early as possible to me. Full details will be published later. All towers in the Diocese will be notified by letter.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8298

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Burnham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 2.30-3 and 3.30 p.m. onwards. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 8364

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Bedford, Saturday, July 1st. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Peter's Hall, Committee Room. Service 4.30. St. Peter's Church. Tea

5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, Bedford. Bells available: Kempston (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Bromham (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Biddenham (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Goldington (6) 2.30-3.15, Bedford (St. Peter's) (8) 2.30-4.30, Bedford (St. Paul's) (10) 7-8.30, Elstow (6) 7.45-9 p.m. 8369

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church; 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge', Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Newport, Isle of Wight, Saturday, July 1st. General meeting in Church Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Saturday, June 24th. Accommodation for tea is limited so notification is essential. Bells available: Arreton (6) and Ryde (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Brading (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Godshill (6) and Freshwater (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Newport (8) 12.30-2 and 6.30-7.30, Carisbrook (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Roger Savory, 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 8355

### OUTINGS

#### SOUTH LINCAS TOWERS

Ringers from Donington, Bicker, Swineshead, Silk Willoughby and Caythorpe joined together for an afternoon and evening outing on May 13th. Towers visited were Caythorpe (8), Barnly in the Willows (6), Balderton (6), Swinderly (5), Eagle (6) and Harmston (8).

A good variety of methods was rung, from Doubles to Cambridge Minor, at the six bell towers and from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major on octaves. A warm vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Edward Brown for arranging the outing and to incumbents.

J. H. M.

#### BARKING (SUFFOLK) & DISTRICT

The St. Neots and Huntingdon area was visited by ringers of St. Mary's, Barking, and the surrounding district, on the occasion of the annual outing on May 13th.

With perfect weather and the countryside at its best, ringing in various methods took place at Eynesbury, Eaton Socon, Great Staughton, Spaldwick, All Saints', Huntingdon, Hemmingford Abbots and Hemmingford Grey.

Our sincere thanks to all incumbents, local ringers and Mr. H. Peacock in particular for his great help with arrangements and the ladies for providing an excellent tea.

PARTICIPANT.

#### RYE, SUSSEX

The ringers outing on May 13th was to London with packed lunches eaten at the Tower of London, followed by a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where Mr. Hughes explained the principles of bell-founding. On the journey to London, stops for ringing were made at Tonbridge (8) and Eltham (8).

After tea at Lewisham, there was more ringing at St. Mary the Virgin Church and finally at Bromley (8). This first full day outing was made quite unforgettable by the coach breaking down outside Lamberhurst. The journey was concluded in another coach, home being reached at midnight. Our thanks are extended to incumbents and tower captains for their hospitality and kindness.

N. W.

### LATE NOTICE

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Childwall, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. 8375



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## INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER

By the Rev. JOHN SCOTT

**A**BOUT nine years ago, Paul Gallico, in one of the national dailies, derided the village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor because, though crammed with trippers, it alone among tourist spots kept its shops and cafés shut on Sundays. Widecombe was delighted, and shut itself even more firmly the following Sunday, in exactly the same spirit in which the men of Devon, 400 years before, had responded to the surge of popular feeling which had brought in the English Prayer Book with a fight to the death for the Latin Mass. It's no use trying to persuade us in Devon to do anything because everybody else is doing it; not only do we not mind being different, we enjoy it. So when, in the 1870's, Maitland Kelly, Acland Troyte and H. T. Ellacombe began to tell the round-ringers of Devon that their way was backward, sinful and out of fashion, they started a tremendous wave of enthusiasm—for round-ringing.

It seems to have begun as pure reaction. Round-ringing meant prize-ringing, prize-ringing meant cash prizes, and cash prizes meant good business for the pub and bad for the Church. There is no doubt at all that few parts of England were so badly in need of belfry reform as Devon, and the pioneers who founded the Guild of Devonshire Ringers saw it as a simple problem: do away with round-ringing and replace it with method-ringing, and all will be well. It never occurred to them that the round-ringing tradition could be Christianised, and one must not blame them too harshly, for no one had ever succeeded in doing it.

Though they were Devon men, they had not reckoned with the Devon spirit. It is plain now that there were men among the round-ringers who wanted belfry reform as badly as the Guild wanted it, but they were not going to have anyone telling them how to get it. They would get it their own way; and get it they did, though how they did it is as hard to discover as who they were. The Devon Association of Church Bell Ringers was founded in the '20's, but it was preceded by several smaller bodies, most of which survive under the D.A.'s ægis. And it seems to have been these smaller bodies which broke the back of the evils which beset round-ringing and brought it to the honourable state which it now holds. Money prizes are gone, the divorce between the belfry and the pew is gone, and round-ringing (or call-change ringing, as it is now) has attained an ever-growing reputation both with the Church and with the Exercise. The men of Devon, as they usually do, set out to do the job in their own way, and they have been triumphantly successful.

Needless to say, there was something like war for years. The change-ringers, certain of the righteousness of their cause and sometimes with more than a hint of self-righteousness (as one can see from the 'Bell News'), treated the round-ringers with condescension if they were polite, with superiority if they weren't, and almost always with scorn. The round-ringers, of one can believe the early reports of outings by Guild bands, were impressed and interested at first, but this gave way all too soon to suspicion and hostility. They were not allowed to forget that the Guild was bent on destroying for ever the kind of ringing which they enjoyed, and they set themselves to fight for it. For years a change-ringer in a call-change tower was not welcome, and seldom offered a rope; for years the visits of change-ringing bands to call-change towers were met with coldness and followed by complaints of ropes altered, bad striking and tenors turned in spite of specific requests to the contrary. And for years the name of Devon would bring forth from change-ringers 'up the line' scornful references to 'stony' and 'church-yard bob.'

Feelings, once roused, always long outlast the cause that aroused them, but they can't outlast it for ever; and when the scattered, unknown, unsung heroes of the call-change world had done their work, and the old prize-ringing had gone and the competitions really were aimed at the perfection of call-change ringing, people began to see that there wasn't so much to fight about after all. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers removed from the book its ban on members taking part in competitions; talks were even begun with a view to amalgamation of the Guild and the Association. But far more powerful than these was the gradual change of feeling on both sides. There were men on the call-change ringing side whose standard of striking and rising and lowering in peal was as high as that of the call-change ringers; Ernest Taylor, who was highly respected as a competition judge, was one, and Harry Myers, with his superb bell-control and unstinted enthusiasm for good ringing of any kind, was another. There were, and still are, many more; and much is also due to those change-ringers from up the country who, coming to Devon with none of the local prejudices which beset us here, have freely given credit where it is due, and have enjoyed and learnt from ringing in call-change towers. On the other side it has been again the men who were real lovers of ringing—any kind so long as it was good—who have recognised the fascination of the change-ringing way, have been ready to commend it with real critical knowledge when it merited commendation, and yet have remained loyal to their own tradition, who have done so much to bridge the gulf—men like Bill Miners of Widecombe, Tom



Darch of St. Giles, Beric Bartlett of Upton, and others like them, who sometimes have tried method-ringing enough to know they could do it well if they tried, but still keep as their first love the way in which they were brought up. Their example has spread, so that now there are hundreds of method-ringers who cherish the memory of practice night with a call-change band; Guild bands like Newton St. Cyres and Babbacombe, which enter for competitions and don't disgrace themselves; and many call-change ringers who have visited the Cathedral, alone among strangers, and had the 12 set going to rounds so that they could have their share of the short and precious time on the monthly Guild practice night.

(To be continued)

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

### A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. . 7
ALAN J. FROST .. .. . 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 8
JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. . 9
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	DENNIS RANDELL .. .. 10
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. . 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 11
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. . 6	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.  
Rung in grateful remembrance of Alfred B. Peck.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	*†FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 7
*ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 2	FRANK HANSFORD .. .. 8
*BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 9
*†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	*†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 10
‡DONALD E. COBB .. .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 11
§JOHN BRAIN .. .. . 6	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † Have now rung Grandsire Doubles to Cinques, and 50th peal. ‡ First of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' § First in the method, and on 12.

## TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 6
JILL STANFORTH .. .. 2	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 7
KATHLEEN M. LOCK .. .. 3	ANN M. COX .. .. . 8
DIANA M. LAWELESS .. .. 4	DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 9
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. .. 5	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JILL STANFORTH.  
First peal of Royal for the Guild.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 2	JOHN E. COOK .. .. . 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 8
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.  
First peal of London Royal for the Society.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 6
*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 2	†DEREK ASTRIDGE .. .. 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 8
†MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. .. 4	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 9
HAROLD TAYLOR .. .. . 5	*MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.  
\* First peal in the method. † First on ten bells.

Rung to welcome the birth of a son (Martin G. Halls) to Gordon and Patricia Halls. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

ALAN A. POTTS .. .. . Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. . 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. . 7
BASIL JONES .. .. . 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. . 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 9
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. . 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.  
Rung in connection with Macclesfield's 700th charter anniversary celebrations. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. . 2	†JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 7
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 3	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 8
*MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 5	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. . 2	NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Sutcliffe, B.D., A.L.C.D., who was inducted as Vicar of this church by the Ven. A. Selwyn Bean, Archdeacon of Manchester, on the previous day.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 124 cwt.

PHILIP EASTLAND .. .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
*FRANK COOKE .. .. . 2	ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE CHAMBERS .. .. 7
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.  
\* First peal of Little Bob.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss A. C. Rooke.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. . 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. . 2	BASIL JONES .. .. . 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 3	FRED SHALLCROSS .. .. 7
†DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.' First as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

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LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., May 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDS-Triples**

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.
*A. CLIVE BERRY .. .. Treble	*BERNARD D. SIMS .. .. 5
*JACK A. LONG .. .. 2	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 6
RONALD I. THOMAS .. .. 3	†JOHN I. WILCOX .. .. 7
†GEOFFREY T. HORRITT .. 4	*MICHAEL F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method.  
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. D. H. Hallett (Vicar of Lydney) on his departure to St. Barnabas', Kensington, London.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 2	CLIVE WALKLATE .. .. 6
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 3	BRIAN MANNING .. .. 7
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.  
Rung to welcome a son (Martin Gordon) to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp	
JOHN K. SMITH .. .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 2	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* First peal of New Cambridge.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, on the sixth anniversary of his induction to the living.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstan's Four-Part (Sir Arthur Heywood's variation).

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.	
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 5
*LEO EVANS .. .. 2	*HARRY EDGE .. .. 6
DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. .. 4	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In three methods, being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge, 1,344 Superlative; with 135 changes of method.	Tenor 8 cwt.
STEWART F. KIMBER .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 2	DENNIS A. HEWITT .. .. 6
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 4	BRIAN DOWNES .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN DOWNES.  
25th peal, and first of Spliced on the bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.	
HENRY LEWIS (Filz. H.) Treble	RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 5
*ALISON INCE (Newnham) 2	HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 6
*FRANK PEACOCK (Selwyn) 3	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 7
NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s) 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.  
\* First peal of Major.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.	
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Treble	STEPHEN. BROMFIELD .. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 6
HARRY HALL .. .. 3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
JACK BRAY .. .. 4	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.  
A compliment to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, the only survivor of the band who rang the first peal in this tower on May 17th, 1911.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*WALTER AYRE .. .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* 775th peal. The conductor has now called this composition from every position in the circle. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	†NORMAN COSSEY .. .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. 2	CHARLES E. BAILEY .. 6
*JANE V. COOPER .. .. 3	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7
RICHARD W. R. COATES .. 4	ANDREW E. CROWE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.  
\* First peal and first attempt. † First on eight.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5120 BANGOR SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. WOODS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 17).

BARNES, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 6
*MARILYN M. BARTON .. 3*	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 7
MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 4	PAUL CATTERMORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.  
\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.  
Rung as a compliment to Alan J. Spreadbury and Margaret West, who were married earlier at Wood Green.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.	
*PATRICIA H. MORGAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
DAVID S. LLEWELLYN .. 2	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 6
SHIRLEY PARSONS .. .. 3	†JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.  
\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.  
Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Shirley Parsons and Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.	
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. Treble	ERIC T. LEE .. .. 5
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor's 65th tower in the county for a peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
DENNIS G. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 5
RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 2	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 6
*MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 7
EDWARD JENNER .. .. 4	IAN H. ORAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 3). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BANGOR SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 38.56 x 56.18  
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.



ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER .. .. Treble	*HARRY B. FULLER .. .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. .. 6
*HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 3	†JOHN E. IVINGS .. .. 7
*RICHARD ROSE .. .. 4	*JOHN L. GIRT .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal of Little Bob. † First of Major.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

MRS. P. A. CORBY .. .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY .. .. 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 6
*JANET H. BUSS .. .. 3	DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 20).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal at first attempt.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

TORTWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (five callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

HONOUR PRATT .. .. Treble	CLIVE LEGG .. .. 4
R. McLUNG .. .. 2	OLIVER MILLS .. .. 5
AUDREY EVANS .. .. 3	*ERIC PRATT .. .. Tenor

\* First peal. First on the bells.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARK'S DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2	PERCY AMOS .. .. 4
RICHARD J. DANBY .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Mark.

BOSLEY, NEAR MACCLESFIELD.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*PAUL HULME .. .. Treble	PETER WM. HORN .. .. 4
*GEOFFREY YARWOOD .. .. 2	EDNA M. P. LAWTON .. .. 5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON .. .. 3	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.

\* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Horn.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

*JULIA A. CHANDLER .. .. Treble	ROY H. JONES .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. 2	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 5
†MARGARET J. COZIER .. .. 3	†ANDREW J. D. DUNKLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor. 30th peal together of 2 and 4.

Rung for Rogation Sunday.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN F. TOWLER .. .. Treble	TONY OWEN .. .. 4
FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. .. 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE .. .. 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.

Rung as a compliment to Shirley M. Parsons and Geoffrey R. Drew on the occasion of their engagement.

SOMERTON, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 720 each of Kennington and Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ANDREW J. D. DUNKLEY Treble	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 4
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 5
†ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. .. 3	JOHN PLADDYS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.' Rung for Whitsun; also as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Faulkner, grandmother of the conductor.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,

**A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

In seven callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. Treble	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. 2	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 5
*†HELEN WILLIAMS .. .. 3	ROY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

\* Longest length. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. Treble	MICHAEL UTTON .. .. 4
*JOHN W. SAMPSON .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor in the method by all, and on the bells (augmented to six on May 5th).

LONG WITTENHAM, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 360 each of Old, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, 600 of Grandsire, 360 of April Day, Kennington, 600 Plain Bob, 360 of Southrepps, Clifford's and 600 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. Treble	*JOHN PLADDYS .. .. 4
*JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 2	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 5
ROY H. JONES .. .. 3	*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal in 12.

Rung for Commonwealth Day.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CUNECASRE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

PAUL CATERMOLE .. .. Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 5
MIKAELA ERIC .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

TENDRING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER F. DOWNS .. .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. 2	PERCY W. MILLS .. .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3	ROY DUESBURY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Pryke, ringer and chorister at this church.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., May 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

With two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 4
ROGER POWELL .. .. 2	PHILIP J. EVANS .. .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung as a compliment to the Revs. M. Courtney, C. Lawson and D. Austerberry, on the occasion of their ordination in Lichfield Cathedral.



## HALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Surfleet and Beverley and three of Cambridge.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

## PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*MARY S. THORLING .. .. Treble	RICHARD G. MORRIS .. .. 4
*PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. .. 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS .. .. 5
†VICTOR H. NASH .. .. 3	ROGER E. TALLIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Rev. D. Campbell Miller, Vicar; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Morris and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John K. Foot.

## BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. Treble	*DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 4
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	*PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. 3	LOUIS WILLERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Norwich Surprise.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

## STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of April Day, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*WILLIAM A. SAVILL .. Treble	†DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. 4
†WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 3	*RICHARD STEVENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

\* First peal. † 800th peal. ‡ First of Doubles. Most Doubles methods yet rung by ringers of 2 and 3.

## PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CURIG,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.

*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON Treble	†EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY .. 4
†ROGER G. HAVARD .. .. 2	†ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. 5
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

\* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor in three methods. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Molly Searle (a Porthkerry ringer) to Mr. Alan David, of Welford, near Barry.

## COWLEY, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Court Bob and two each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

*JOHN R. CAWOOD .. .. Treble	ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 4
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT .. .. 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. .. 5
DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 3	BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

\* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

## HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, namely: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob.

HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. Treble	NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s) 4
LAWRENCE SMITH (Queen's) 2	HENRY LEWIS (Fitz.) .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

Rung to welcome Emma, daughter of Peter and Marilyn Shipton.

## EXFORD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 35 methods, as follows: (1) 1,440 of Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Canterbury, Morpeth, Chester and Munden; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (4) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning; 102 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

## LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Single Court.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

LOUIS WILLERS .. .. Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 4
DELIA SMITH .. .. 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
CLAIRE DELLAMORE .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

## HAYES, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

ANDREW M. MACVE .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5
JOHN E. CANNELL .. .. 3	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The conductor's 100th tower in the county for a peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Geoffrey William) to Susan and John Cannell.

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COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in three methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

B. E. FROST .. .. Treble	*D. M. TRUEMAN .. .. 4
*JUDITH I. FROST .. .. 2	G. W. MAYES .. .. 5
*G. T. DICKINS .. .. 3	J. HOBSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by B. E. FROST.

\* First peal.

A farewell peal for the tenor ringer who is going to Kenya.

HUTTON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents of All Saints' (four callings) and 21 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN COLLINS .. .. Treble	*JOHN J. WALLETT .. .. 3
WALTER G. WRIGHT .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. HILL .. .. 4

RAYMOND G. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. HILL.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of Kent T.B. and three of P.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*IAN FOSTER (14) .. .. Treble	JOHN CLARKE .. .. 4
SIDNEY C. EASTER .. .. 2	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
ROBERT LEVETT .. .. 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

\* First peal, first attempt.

A birthday compliment to Ann Fell, daughter of the conductor, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frost, of Tollesbury.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RICHARD F. DAVIS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK W. SWEET .. .. 4
AUDREY M. SHORT .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. STONE .. .. 5
CECIL T. CLARKE .. .. 3	RONALD D. SHORT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

\* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a wedding compliment to Miss Freda M. Phillips and Mr. F. A. Keith Prime. Also to mark the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 2,520 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN Treble	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 5
*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. 3	ROY H. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

\* First peal in two methods.

Rung to congratulate the conductor on passing his examinations in mechanical engineering.

## HANDBELL PEAL

LONDON, E.C.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
*On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, STAINING,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 1—2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 3—4
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 5—6	

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal 'in hand.' First on the bells.

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## HALF PEAL

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On June 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Old, St. Columb, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, Grandsire and April Day): Margaret J. Cozier (first half peal 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the Queen's coronation and as a 20th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. S. Walker.

**ACLE, NORFOLK.**—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Freda P. Greaves 1, N. Cossey 2, W. Bird 3, Doris Lidbetter 4, G. Larter 5, B. W. Wilgress (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Daphne Le-Grice, a local ringer, on her marriage to Mr. Peter Nicholls.

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Halls 1, S. K. Huson 2, D. F. Roberts 3, E. D. Thomas 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, E. Gibson (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of R. I. Gosling, S. K. Huson and E. Gibson.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Holling 1, Christine A. Smith 2, Judy A. M. Cox 3, M. Brown 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4, 6. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey as Vicar. Also a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Goldthorpe 1, Miss E. D. France 2, Miss E. Poulter 3, A. M. Cooper 4, G. F. Nix 5, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Marshall.

**BRADFELD, BERKS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Holloway 1, Mrs. E. Butler 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum 4, G. Keal 5, A. Payne 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—1,280 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: G. Humphries 1, D. Stillman 2, R. Humphries 3, D. Gaisford 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in the method for all the band.

**CAPTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Law (has now 'circled the tower') 1, J. Riley 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, O. Lamb 4, V. Sheppard 5, J. Ernstzen jun. 6. For Evensong.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On June 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holby 1, B. Forsyth 2, J. Boustead 3, C. Forsyth 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1 and 2 leading): D. Hartley 1, M. Cary 2, J. Dieppe 3, Mary Adamson 4, A. Pugh 5, Janet Taylor 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, B. Lake 8. First quarter 1 and 2. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band. For the Patronal Festival.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On June 2nd, 1,330 Grandsire Triples (the first and last of Holt's Original): Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. R. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild).

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Herschell 4, W. Parrott 5, F. Oakshott (first in method as cond.) 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, J. Munton 8. First quarter in method for all the band except the conductor, and first in tower for at least 47 years. For Evensong.

**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, M. J. Bray 2, Mrs. R. Sturges 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, Miss S. Smith 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, D. S. M. Jones 7, G. Miles 8, A. H. Sturges 9, J. Stevenson 10. First of Caters by all except the ringers of 1 and 2. A farewell quarter by the local band to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, who are leaving for three years in Mauritius on June 6th.

**FARNBOROUGH HANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. A. Pound (first in the method) 1, P. N. Murgatroyd 2, V. M. Cox 3, D. P. Treble 4, W. J. Parker (cond.) 5, P. Joyce 6. For Evensong.

**FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Y. Parker 2, R. Palmer (cond.) 3, J. Ivings 4, A. Mann 5. For the induction service of the new Vicar.

**GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.**—On May 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Oglesby 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, Doreen Cox 3, R. J. Bowden 4, C. C. Clarke 5, A. T. Collins 6, A. R. Mann 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Dennis C. Bowden and Miss Christine V. Pullin, who were married at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on May 20th.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.**—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Simpson 1, F. P. Wright 2, Mrs. C. E. Slade 3, Miss P. J. Laycock 4, J. M. G. Anthony 5, J. Small (first of Major 'inside') 6, R. E. Waters 7, C. E. Slade (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 5. For Matins.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Munn 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, Miss A. Gladwell 3, D. Jaie 4, J. C. Eisel 5, A. T. Wingate 6, T. Wood 7, J. J. Webb 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, W. Gittins 10. A tribute to Archdeacon Winton Ingram on his last day as Canon Residentiary.

**HOLBEACH, Lincs.**—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Vellam 1, A. Marshall 2, Mrs. D. A. Davis 3, R. Bailey 4, K. Davey 5, R. Sanders 6, C. McCall 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8. First quarter by all except 3 and 8. Rung for Matins by the Sunday service band.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harvey (first quarter) 1, Celia Hodge (first 'inside') 2, D. Salter 3, A. Hodge 4, Janet Real (first as cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDD.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Beck (first quarter) 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, M. Gathercole 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. John Hales, married the previous day at Omaha, Texas, to Miss M. J. Cherry.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. H. Symonds 2, F. Hunt 3, A. R. Knight 4, R. Chambers 5, S. Smith 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. Jarvis 8. For Evensong.

**LEIGH, LANCs.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 2, Ann Burns (first 'inside') 3, Valerie E. Watts 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, W. Davies 6. A compliment to Rev. Ian Foster on his ordination to the priesthood.

**LEVERTON, Lincs.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Lakin 1, B. Henton (first quarter) 2, C. Askew 3, D. Tomlin (first quarter) 4, W. H. Lakin (cond.) 5, A. Pickwell 6.

**LONDON.**—On May 13th, at the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Rowe 1, T. N. J. Bailey 2, W. A. Hughes 3, D. H. L. Langdon 4, A. F. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung by members of the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

**LUPPITT, DEVON.**—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hodge 1, J. Sage 2, D. Salter 3, F. Sage 4, C. J. Turner 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 3.

**LYDNEY, GLOS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): M. Houl 1, W. F. Scudamore 2, J. Houl 3, N. K. Winspear 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, P. J. Bayliss 6, M. F. Sims 7, W. G. Reeve 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 6 and 8. Rung to commemorate Commonwealth Technical Training Week.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Davies 1, C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, W. A. Yates 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. In memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

**NAILESA, SOMERSET.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brake 1, Olwen Quint (first of Minor) 2, Mary Powell 3, P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton 4, G. Blake 5, D. Hawkins (first quarter) 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. H. F. Hawkins, who is leaving this parish.

**OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Shaw 1, Miss M. Carr 2, D. Brown (cond.) 3, W. O. Haythorn 4, A. Carter 5, D. Haskell (first quarter) 6.

**OTTERTY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On June 2nd, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. C. Turner 1, J. Ayres 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, C. C. Deem 6, R. T. Wood 7, C. W. Glanville 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, L. Hine 2, J. Ayres 3, J. Arbury 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. C. Deem 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, C. W. Glanville 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): P. J. Rothera 1, M. C. Hughes 2, V. H. Nash 3, M. A. Lister 4, R. E. Tallis sen. 5, Mary S. Thorling 6, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 7, Jennifer S. Hill 8. For Matins.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On May 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. S. Shepherd (first on 10) 1, Miss S. P. Sims 2, J. W. Perkins 3, F. E. Day 4, D. R. Bould 5, B. W. Story 6, E. A. Marsh (C.P.O., R.N.) (first on 10) 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. In memoriam Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, beloved president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Also at Emmanuel Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Blagg 1, J. P. Sims (cond.) 2, Sylvia Sims 3, J. H. Foster (St. John's, Blackpool) 4, H. H. Thomas 5, T. G. Myers 6, W. G. Lavers 7, F. R. Hocking 8. Rung as a token of our regard and in memory of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Northeast 1, A. T. Shelton 2, K. Game 3, W. Dunn 4, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 5, D. Mundy 6, G. Olliver 7, Joan Hanning 8.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On May 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Guymer 1, J. Guymer (first quarter) 2, M. Keyworth 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**—On June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Allison 1, W. Bains 2, J. F. Underwood 3, H. Judd 4, F. Lacey 5, E. Button 6, M. Whiting 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 6. First of Major 3 and 7. Rung for the ruby wedding of the ringer of 5th.

**SKETTY, SWANSEA.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Watkins 1, H. Boyce 2, Hazel Way 3, D. J. Williams 4, E. Morris 5, B. Couzens 6, J. A. Hoare 7, K. Robinson 8. Rung for the christening of Richard, son of the Vicar, the Rev. Garfield James.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Evensong.

**STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Charman 1, Mrs. R. J. Chacksfield 2, R. J. Chacksfield 3, M. Davis 4, Jean Horton (first as cond. in the method) 5, R. G. Blackman 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

**WEST COKER, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. R. O. Fry 1, K. E. Pinney 2, F. Welch 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, F. Priddle 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. W. Guppy 8. In memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

**WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, W. S. Girdling 3, R. E. Lester 4, E. Hotine (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Taylor 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

**WICKEN, NORTHAMTS.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, L. Smith 2, C. E. Truman 3, F. C. Case 4, J. Linnell 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**—On May 25th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob): T. E. Trickett 1, A. J. Yorke 2, Miss A. D. Edwards 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, E. Cribble 5.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wallater 1, E. Stitch (cond.) 2, B. Horton 3, J. Roden 4, W. R. Hughes 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, G. Peers sen. 8. For the ordination of the Rev. J. H. Halton, curate, as priest in Lichfield Cathedral on May 28th.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At the Cathedral, on June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Short 1, H. Collins 2, D. C. Jackson 3, D. White 4, M. V. White 5, R. D. Short 6, V. G. Roberts (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, C. Gumm (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. James 1, Mrs. L. James 2, S. Wooding 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, K. Triplow (cond.) 5, C. Dilnot 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Mr. John Wright of this parish.

**WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hoison 1, G. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. Sharpe 3, L. Harvey 4, E. Shippey 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the people's warden, Councillor E. J. Humphrey, being elected chairman of the Wisbech Rural District Council.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan E. Cross (first of Royal) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (first of Royal as cond.) 5-6, J. R. Heath 7-8, R. J. Palmer (first of Royal) 9-10.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford Spliced, Plain Bob): C. W. Hall 1, Miss P. Dobson 2, J. E. Manners 3, F. Chambers 4, G. E. Tebbutt 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.



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After listening to the 11 teams in the Derbyshire Association's striking competition, a correspondent gives these tips: 'Leave your weakest member at home. Choose a conductor who can count. Make sure which bell you are on and learn your start. Make sure you are ringing the same method as the majority of the band. Practice.'

The peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Tewkesbury on May 20th was to the memory of Alfred B. Peck.

Miss Gillian Coker, from Harpenden, Herts, who is teaching for a year in Australia, attended a ringing practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Sydney. Her present appointment is at Broken Hill.

Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Cranleigh, after three previous unsuccessful attempts, rang his 800th peal on May 30th. His first peal was rung in 1914. He has one ambition left—to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

At the annual general meeting of the University of Bristol Society the following officers were elected for the 1961-62 season: Master, I. C. Maycock; secretary, Miss J. Atkinson; tower secretary, S. M. J. Young; treasurer, Miss J. Gambling.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on May 11th was Frederick A. Saker and not as printed. Mr. Saker informs us that this was the fourth time he had 'circled the tower' in the 86 peals he had rung at St. Peter's.

Regular Sunday service ringers at St. Michael's, Madeley, Salop, Mr. F. W. Jones and Miss D. B. Lewis, ascended the belfry on their wedding day to receive the good wishes of the band. As crinolines and bellropes don't go well together, the bride and bridesmaid were unable to ring. The happy couple received a travelling alarm clock from the company. Fortunately they are making their new home in Madeley so their valuable services will not be lost to the tower.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Mr. J. A. Underwood, who conducted the quarter peal at Chesham, Bucks, on May 21st (see page 362), in which there were five first quarters by the local band, is leaving for Coventry. Within living memory there had previously been no active change ringing at this tower. Mr. Underwood extends to local ringers his best wishes for more successes in the future.

The bells of St. Helen's, Abingdon are receiving attention from the bell hangers and are not at present available.

The Sussex County Association has 280 lady ringers. Is this a record for any County Association?

What bell at Cambridge has the inscription 'Glory to the Church, and damnation to all enthusiasts'?

We doubt if any ringer has rung a heavier bell for his first quarter than Mr. C. Gumm, who performed on the tenor at Wells Cathedral on June 4th. Weight 56 cwt. 1r. 14 lb.

The advantages of the M1, as opening the Midlands to London ringers for their outings, was demonstrated by Hillingdon Guild. Including a break of half an hour for coffee they were ringing at Leicester within three hours.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, has had a ringing romance. Mr. Graham Heyes, the deputy captain, and Miss Beverley Sayce, a former secretary of the Society, were married at the Cathedral on May 20th. A visitor from Sydney was able to take part in the congratulatory ringing.

On May 25th the Leatherhead and Dorking Deaneries held a service of Thanksgiving in the new Guildford Cathedral, and after the service, at the suggestion of the Rev. E. B. Wood, of Leatherhead, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung on the steps of the west doorway, whilst the congregation was leaving. On its completion, at the special request of the Bishop (Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp), a further course was rung. Those taking part were A. H. Winch 1-2, E. G. Coward 3-4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5-6, W. F. Oatway 7-8.

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## A NATIONAL RINGING DAY

Tuesday, June 27th, is to be a national ringing day to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Announcing this decision, at the Stoke-upon-Trent Central Council meeting, the president (Mr. F. Sharpe) said: 'This is an occasion, which I feel confident, all ringers will regard as their duty to recognise.'

'May I express the hope that so far as possible the bells of every church will be rung at some time during the day and that many peals and quarter peals will be attempted, either on the day or as soon afterwards as practicable.'

'I would urge ringers to see that all possible publicity is given locally, preferably beforehand to the ringing, thus bringing to the notice of the general public our part in this important event in the life of the Church.'

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### The 2,000th Peal

THE annual report of the Ely Diocesan Association, presented at the annual meeting at Trumpington on Easter Monday, mentioned the milestone passed during the year of the Association ringing its 2,000th peal. During 1960 peals totalled 50—Major 10, Minor 26, Doubles 4, and in these 102 members took part.

Four members—Miss L. Allen, G. J. Mann, J. Wilson and M. Parker—called their first peal and 16 members rang their first peal.

The year had seen a steady increase in the strength of the Association. Subscriptions from resident members showed a slight increase over 1959, the peal total increased by two and the balance sheet showed an increased balance, thus making a satisfactory year.

A recent inspection showed that Houghton bells were unsafe and it was hoped to raise funds and rectify this. Brampton bells should be augmented to six during 1961, as all that was required was work of putting in the bell. The cost had already been raised. Little Shelford's bells were also in the hands of the foundry.

Ringing started at Great Gransden and Gamlingay at 10 o'clock, followed by the following towers during the day: Bourne, Ornell, Melbourne, Meldreth, Harston, Haslingfield, Trumpington, Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's, Cambridge and Histon. Although the weather was inclement this did not deter the usual number of resident and visiting ringers from going on a tour round.

The ringers service was held at 4.15 p.m. in Trumpington Church, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Maddox, of Trumpington, and the address was given by Canon A. L. Woodard, the Cambridge District president. Tea was provided in the School Room, opposite the church, served by local ladies, over 130 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Woodard in the chair. The 1960 report was adopted, and all the Association officers were re-elected. For the next annual meeting it was decided to visit the Wisbech District on Easter Monday, 1962.

There being no other business the meeting closed, with the usual thanks to all who had helped to make this a successful day.

Resident members were present from over 30 towers and visitors came from about 12 different Guilds and Associations.

A 50th anniversary peal of the first on the bells was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, on May 30th. The only survivor of 50 years ago, Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, rang the treble.

## LADIES' GUILD'S PEAL OF SURPRISE ROYAL



The Rev. Basil Williams congratulating Mrs. Jill Staniforth and the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester on May 20th. Our picture, from left to right: The Rev. Basil Williams, Dorothy E. Beamish, Diana M. Lawless, Doris E. Colgate, Jill Staniforth (cond.), Shelagh R. Collins, M. Elizabeth Chapman, Joan Beresford, Ann M. Cox, Kathleen M. Lock, Hilda G. Snowden.

[Photo by courtesy of 'The Leicester Evening Mail']

AS a result of a gathering of ladies (and supporters!) in London, during January of this year, surprise was expressed that this occasion—the 35th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by an all-ladies band—was to honour the one and only ten bell peal rung for the Guild.

The strength and calibre of the ladies available for peal ringing in 1961 showed little doubt that this situation could, and indeed should, be quickly remedied.

Consequently, arrangements were duly put into operation and it was thought a good idea to make an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal on Whit Saturday.

At approximately 2 p.m., six keen tower grabbers (not ladies) climbed the stairs at St. John the Divine Church, Leicester, to pull up the beautiful ring of ten bells in readiness for this attempt, and at 2.24 p.m. the bells were set ringing to a first-class beat. This high standard was maintained throughout and the peal was brought round at 5.51 p.m.

The Rev. Basil Williams (Vicar of St. John the Divine), the local Ringing Master (Mr. Sidney Harrison) and the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Mr. Peter J. Staniforth) came up into the belfry, together with a local paper photographer, to offer their congratulations on a performance that was described as one of the best peals on the bells.

During correspondence prior to this attempt a letter arrived at 'The Wayside, Leicester,' marked 'S.O.S. What's happening to the husbands on May 20th?' The outcome of this was a peal of London Surprise Major to be rung at Claybrooke—accommodating both husbands and boy-friends alike. This also proved to be a well-struck peal.

During the evening the two peal bands, plus other friends, enjoyed a well earned meal at the Victory Hotel, Leicester. This was followed by a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by four members of the Ladies' Guild.

The band would like to offer their appreciation, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the Rev. Basil Williams and Mr. Sidney Harrison for the use of their bells and their interest in the peal attempt.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Southern District

May 13th turned out to be a lovely spring day for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, held at Alresford, Hants. Over 20 members and friends rang in the afternoon at Old Alresford Parish Church. The Rector conducted the Guild's service and also played the organ. At tea a collection, amounting to 10s., was made towards Guildford Cathedral bells, after which ringing in the four standard methods was enjoyed on the eight at New Alresford. Next meeting, July 22nd.

C. M. H.

### Beds and Northants Branch

At the meeting of the Beds and Northants Branch on May 27th, only 7 members (all from Bedfordshire) were present. Visiting gentlemen assisted with and improved the ringing a great deal.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry, when Henlow was suggested for the next District meeting in September. As no arrangements for tea had been made the ringers adjourned to a nearby cafe for fish and chips! Ringing was then recommenced. Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Miss K. Rivett was Ringing Master.

### TOWER'S INTEREST IN CONDUCTING

Peter Chilton, aged 15, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has conducted his first peal at first attempt—Kent Treble Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. St. John's is fortunate in having six of the band able to conduct. In consequence, Mr. Harrison, the Ringing Master, very rarely conducts a touch himself. He feels strongly against a 'one man band.'

The band who rang in the quarter peal at Stratton on Whit Sunday, would like to associate with it the names of David Garvie, one of the local band, and Mary Lewis, on the occasion of their engagement.



## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 76th annual general meeting of the Sussex Association was held at Brighton on May 13th. The service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar of Brighton (the Rev. J. N. Keeling). He gave a very interesting sermon. Having been born in a Vicarage, he had been associated with bells all his life. Most people do not understand the bellringers language, he pointed out. To them, Double Norwich Court Bob Major may be a new hair style, and Pudsey Surprise a new recipe for Yorkshire pudding!

The collection amounted to over £3 and has been donated to the Fabric Fund. The Bishop of Chichester was unable to attend owing to the induction of the new Vicar of Balcombe.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and was attended by 94 ringers.

The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson), who welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman and Mr. Davies from the Surrey Association. Apologies were received from Canon H. T. Mogridge and Ben Barhill, who was convalescing at Arundel.

The Master requested those present to stand in silence as a token of respect to those who had passed on during the year; their names appeared in the annual report.

### 28 CONDUCTED PEALS

The various reports were passed by the meeting and the followed were the items of note:—

The treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman) pointed out that there was a balance of £10 excess over expenditure for the year. Only 57 peals had been rung during 1960, 15 being of Surprise, but 12 of these were conducted by non-resident ringers. There had been 28 conductors, which was very encouraging.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) pointed out that although several towers had been deleted owing to non-payment of the affiliation fee, membership had increased. There were now over 280 ladies in the Association. The annual report was proving very expensive and it might be necessary to consider printing the report every two or three years. After some discussion it was decided to carry on as before and rely on the general secretary to do his best to keep down the cost.

Mr. R. Overy proposed that all the officers for 1960 should be re-elected for 1961, to save time. This was carried by the meeting, but Mr. K. Knight questioned this action and hoped this would not be an annual occurrence.

### LIBRARY CABINET

Mr. Armstrong gave details of the Association's library, which would be installed in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton. Mr. Ropley, a ringer and a skilled craftsman, was making the cabinet and the necessary permission had been given by the Vicar of Brighton. The cabinet would be made in sections and provision made for any extensions. The question of raising the necessary finance and the insurance of the library would be dealt with when the actual cost was known.

Mr. Albert Bond was elected librarian and he gave details of the books, etc., already given, promised and purchased. We would have one of the finest libraries in the country.

Mrs. Hairs mentioned that her daughter, Mrs. Barnett, would present a copy of 'Sussex Bells' by A. J. Turner, when the cabinet was completed.

The General Committee had made a recommendation that the Association form of service be revised and a suitable belfry office be printed in the report for general use.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 24



MR. NICHOLAS M. NEWBY,  
Lancashire Association.

The Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association covers a large area of about 200 miles. It runs from Millom on the Cumberland coast to Ambleside (where Alan Capstick keeps the flag flying) and Kendal, down to Beetham in Westmorland. Buses are not too frequent and travelling about is difficult, unless one has one's own transport. The consequence is, therefore, that maintaining and assisting local bands has to be done the hard way. Mr. Nicholas M. Newby, of Ulverston, Lancs, has been secretary of this Branch since 1936—25 years' service—and really tries his hardest to do the job with enthusiasm and efficiency.

In 1946 he started giving lectures, illustrated with slides provided by John Taylor's, of Loughborough, first to Church Fellowship groups, and later to County Adult Education groups. As a result of this work, and with the backing of the Lancashire Education Committee, evening classes in bellringing were started at Hawkshead, a delightful village situated between Lakes Conistone and Windermere.

The last item was the Alfred Pulling Memorial, and after some discussion it was decided to send a token amount for the time being, and a larger amount when the full ring of bells was installed. It was felt that it was a waste of money to mount the bell on a pedestal, electrically ring same and then do away with same.

The verger of St. Peter's, Brighton, brought 'best wishes' from the Norwich ringers, after attending a vergers' meeting there.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Brighton, the verger and the organist for the part they played during the service.

**EPHING, ESSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss B. M. McClelland 2, D. Hawkins 3, D. G. Mayell 4, M. C. Austin 5, J. Statham 6, H. Turner 7, R. J. Chapman 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, for the opening of the Epping Town Improvement scheme.

and where 2 trebles were added to complete the octave in 1958. Later, another class was started at Broughton-in-Furness, and both are still going strong. A further two classes were commenced at Hornby and Scorton. When Nicholas first started at Hawkshead, he left Ulverston at 6.45 p.m. by bus to Newby Bridge, took a taxi to Hawkshead to commence ringing at 8 p.m. On finishing at 10 p.m., it was a taxi back to Newby Bridge, and the last bus home, arriving at 11 p.m.!

Nicholas (or Nick, as he is popularly known) is a blacksmith by trade, and was born at Ulverston on October 25th, 1910. He was educated at the local C. of E. boys' school and started learning to ring in June, 1924, at his local Parish Church of St. Mary's, where there are six bells. He scored his first peal on July 16th, 1927, at Hawkshead, one of Bob Minor, conducted by William Robinson. He is not very keen on peal ringing, as opportunities are difficult, and an afternoon practice meeting gives him as much enjoyment, if not more. His present total is 106, of which he has conducted 36. He believes, however, that peal ringing does help to make ringers, and he gets most satisfaction from those peals in which the band are all local service ringers, and particularly first peals by all the band except himself.

One peal of which he is rather proud is his only handbell peal, which was arranged on the spur of the moment. It was Bob Minor, rung at Dalton-in-Furness, with Dorothy Schofield, of Morecambe, now Mrs. Roland Eccles, and Robin Shuttleworth, of Hawkshead. It was the first peal 'in hand' by all, and the first handbell peal in his part of Lancashire for over 30 years!

Nicholas has served on the General Committee of the Lancashire Association since 1934, and was a vice-president for 1956-58. His wife, who in the past has given him every encouragement in his work of instruction, has recently started to ring herself, and now enjoys getting amongst ringers. His three sons, aged 11, 17 and 19, are also all able to ring as well, making five in his family to help man the bells at Ulverston.

Nicholas is one of Lancashire's main 'spade-workers,' working in a difficult area. Such men, though they do not do a lot of peal ringing, are the salt of the earth. The Lancashire Association is indeed fortunate in having someone active in this area, who by his own example of enthusiasm has helped to strengthen the ringing in North Lancashire and Westmorland.

## NORTH SOMERCOTES, Lincs, RINGERS' OUTING

This outing, held on Whit Tuesday, will seem of little interest when it is said that ringing consisted of call changes. Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Hunt Minor, but the band consisted of fifteen ringers from a three bell tower, with two friends from Alford and the Vicar of Somercotes. Ringing took place at Willoughby, Halton Holgate and Old Bolingbroke, all very good sixes. Tea was taken at Old Bolingbroke, generously given by Mr. Riggall. The last tower, Raithby, was visited with some trepidation, and fears seemed justified when the treble rope broke on ringing up. But ringing continued on the back five, proving to be the best of the day, the bells going very well indeed. The outing proved very worth while and most encouraging to the organiser. Perhaps it will not be too long before the three at Somercotes are increased to six.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PENALTIES OF RUSHING LEARNERS

Dear Sir.—How right Mr. John Pladdys is in his letter of June 2nd, when he says that learners are pushed along at an incredible rate and never master their bell or striking. It is only bewildering to the learner who, not only has to think of how to handle his bell, but think of the method also—not call changes mark you—at the same time. No wonder so many learners give up. I was ringing rounds and call changes for a long time before starting change ringing and my handling of a bell was not perfect even then. Well do I remember having to ring solo in front of some eminent ringers one practice night at a neighbouring tower, just to correct one fault. Even in my first peal I was often told to keep my back strokes in when I thought my striking was quite good, and that was after I had been ringing for three years or so.

Every learner must be able to ring call changes accurately and know in what place he is striking. The method used should be, where one bell only is told what to do, i.e., 'to 6' (from rounds). The 6th will have to use his ropesight to see which bell the 5th was ringing after, which may not necessarily be the 4th, so that the 6th can come down into 5th place. The method, where two bells are told to dodge, is a complete waste of time and sounds horrible, especially when four bells start doing this. It would be far better to use very quick call changes and to concentrate on one bell at a time as in Devonshire Call Changes.

Another thing which I have seen done is to start teaching a learner to raise and lower a bell before he can handle one properly. He gets into the habit of tugging and pulling away at the rope until the bell is up and even then he is pulling away like mad only having to check it at the other end and never getting out of the habit, with the result that his striking is all over the place. One can normally tell who are the good ringers by their effortless and graceful movements or style, and every beginner should study the actions of a good ringer and then try to do likewise.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Bournemouth.

### IRISH WELCOME

Dear Sir.—May I, through the columns of your paper, express my appreciation and thanks to the captains and companies of the ringers at St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. George's Church, Dublin.

Being only a semi-beginner, and consequently having limitations, nevertheless, during my short stay there during Whitsun, not only was I invited to take part in practice and service ringing, but a conducted tour of the city was laid on for me in one of the ringer's cars.—Yours sincerely,

S. E. DENBY.

Mansfield, Notts.

### THORNCOMBE BELL RINGERS

Dear Sir.—The Thorncombe (Somerset) ringers are busy raising funds for a sixth bell which, I understand, will cost in the region of £600.

It has been suggested that there may be a Central Fund available from which monetary grants may be allocated for such a project.

Donations will be gratefully acknowledged by—Yours faithfully,

A. E. O. JORDAN.

The School House,

Thorncombe,

near Chard, Somerset.

### COUNTING PLACES

Dear Sir.—I feel I must reply to Mr. Hall's letter in 'R.W.' dated June 2nd.

Like Mr. Hall and Mr. Aitch, I had no idea of how one 'counted one's place'. The obvious way was, to my mind, 3-4-5-6-6-5, etc. This, coupled with the knowledge 4652 (i.e., coursing order), enabled me to ring plain courses (only) of Bob Minor (only) on the 3rd (only). This state of affairs lasted quite a while (6 months). Then I read in a book, I forget which, that the best way to attain good striking was to get the 'beat' of six taps (one for each bell) running through your head and to emphasise the one which coincided with your position in any change. This made me aware of what people had meant by 'listen to it' and of my own bell being one among many to be listened to and for.

About this time the faculty of ropesight became something I suddenly found I had and this, coupled with the Society of Rambling Ringers putting up with me on tour for ten days, made me realise that I was gradually getting into rhythmical change ringing.

After the summer, my lifelong friend, 'Farmer,' recommended peal ringing as a means of improving one's faculties of change ringing, the only problem being to impress some local conductor and 'muscle in' on peal ringing. This done, progress became easy and rapid, but should follow definite stages.

Further, to any beginner who finds difficulty in getting anywhere, I recommend them to join the College of Campanology and read Part I of the 'Manual.' This also to Mr. Pladdys, so he can 'spread the gospel' of good teaching up in West Hartlepool.—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Manchester 21.

### 55 MAJOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir.—It has been brought to my notice that two of the methods named for the peal in 55 Major methods, have already been named and rung. Method C.C.C. No. 263 should be Holland Bob. This is listed in the Central Council additional list of Major method names, but no C.C.C. number or method details are recorded. C.C.C. No. 261 should be Warminster Bob. This method was first published in a peal in March this year, after the Spliced composition was completed, and unfortunately I completely overlooked it.

Please accept my apologies for not detecting these inaccuracies before I sent the peal report to you.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK OGDEN.

Sale, Manchester.

### THE PITSTOWS OF SAFFRON WALDEN

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. C. Stacey's article brings back memories of 1892, when I saw and heard the first half-pull ringing on Exeter Cathedral bells. It was in October that year that a touring band visited the tower, where rounds on the 10 by 16 men was only possible for a few minutes. A suggestion was made that a course of Grandsire Caters might be tried and to the surprise of everyone it was rung at the first attempt and very well struck. The first nine bells were rung by nine men as follows: H. G. Truin, John W. Taylor, Ernest A. Pitstow, Nathan J. Pitstow, Rev. F. E. Robinson, W. W. Gifford, Ferris Shepherd, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, James W. Washbrook and on the tenor were Rev. W. S. Willett, Edwin Shepherd, B. Mundy and J. W. Carnell. Nobody present wanted a second course!—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

### NO DISSENSION ON 'R.W.' COMMITTEE

Dear Sir.—May I first of all congratulate you on some of your recent editorials. Your last two in particular (June 2nd and 9th) have been commented on favourably as giving an excellent 'Editor's eye view' of the Central Council and some of its work. But I hope you will allow me to correct the impression which may have been given by your first paragraph of June 9th and by the necessarily condensed report, on Page 385, of 'The Ringing World' discussion at Stoke.

There has been no dissensions in the 'R.W.' Committee. Since I was elected last year they have met once—in London last November—and one result of a very useful meeting was what most ringers have agreed was the highly successful Jubilee issue of our paper. Neither in meeting nor in correspondence has there been any committee consideration since then. There was no minority report for the very simple reason that there was no majority report either. The report that was submitted to the Council was signed and sent to the Council's secretary without consultation with the committee. And he who signed it was naive enough to tell the Council that he had not even written it.

Had the report been put to the several members of the committee for their comments, like the reports of other committees I have worked for, and had I been unable to persuade the other members of the committee to alter it, then I should have been happy to make it a unanimous report of the committee. That chance was not offered to us, however, which is why I must emphasise again that the report submitted was not 'of the committee.'—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

### GERAT CHART ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Sir.—In your report of the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association Mr. May, in reply to a question by Mr. Hillis, stated that no acknowledgement had been received from Great Chart for the £15 donation towards restoration of the bells.

We were considerably perturbed by this statement. An acknowledgement was sent, and as proof our Rector has a counterfoil of the receipt, which was sent with a letter of thanks on February 22nd, 1960. I have written to the general secretary, Dr. Hatcher, on the matter, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, but having no reply I am writing in the hope that you will print a correction of the erroneous report, as we feel this is a slur on our tower, and all concerned.

Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN HOBDEN.  
(Honorary Secretary).

Great Chart,  
Ashford, Kent.

### INTERPRETATION NOT INTENDED

Dear Sir.—Mr. McLean, in his letter in the May 26th issue, has taken part of a sentence and twisted it to convey an interpretation that I did not intend.

Of course, photography in church or the belfry is not sacrilegious, but it is the subject of the photograph one has to take into account and from Mr. McLean's first paragraph he apparently agrees that this subject was not normal church procedure.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. BROWN.

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## OUTINGS

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

The University of Bristol Society was lucky to have a beautiful day for their summer term coach outing in the Cotswolds on May 13th. The first tower was Northleach (8), where we had our first experience of long Cotswold tail-ends. Tea followed in Bourton-on-the-Water, with time afterwards to join the crowds of sightseers in the model village, or even in a 'Witchcraft' exhibition.

From here we moved on to Stow-on-the-Wold (8), where the ringing did not do justice to a good ring of pleasant-sounding bells. For the last tower we returned to Bourton. Here the light ring of eight proved difficult at first, after the heavier preceding towers, but later produced some good touches of Plain Bob Major and Duffield. Stopping on the way back, handbell enthusiasts were cried down in favour of singing, which was appreciated by at least one 'old local' who removed his hat for the University song! Thanks are due to the incumbents and tower masters, and to the secretary for organising such an enjoyable outing.

### SPALDING, Lincs

The annual outing of the Spalding ringers, along with friends from neighbouring towers, was once again arranged by Mr. E. T. Chapman, who decided to introduce us to some of his friends in Suffolk.

Leaving the Corn Exchange at 6.30 a.m. the first tower of the day, Diss, was reached on time. Unfortunately the 'go' of the bells was not all that might be desired. Over the border into Suffolk our first stop being Stradbroke, a pleasant 10, although the trebles are difficult to hear amongst the others. Dennington then provided some Minor ringing for the six bell men, the interior of this church being well worth the visit.

With rumbling stomachs we next visited the White Hart at Wickham Market to feast on a much needed lunch. No ringing here, but we did notice the unusual feature of the bell hung half way up the spire on the outside. The afternoon's ringing took place at Ufford and Woodbridge, both very good towers. Tea was provided for us at the Deben Tea Rooms at the latter place.

A short journey brought us to the delightful 10 at Grundisburgh to be met by Mr. Cecil Pipe, although he preferred to listen to us from his garden rather than ring, we hope our efforts were judged to be of good standard. At the remaining three towers, all well known to peal ringers. Helmingham, Framsdon and Debenham, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Leslie Brett. A large variety of methods were rung to suit all tastes from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

We left Debenham replenished with fish and chips and a glass of beer, to make the long journey back home arriving about 1 a.m. An excellent day with good weather, bells and company. Thank you, Suffolk.

R. C. N.

### AN EAST YORKS OUTING

Ringers from eight East Yorks towers participated in the Whit Monday outing, which started from Hessele. The first bells sampled were those of Sherburn-in-Elmet. A halt for sandwiches took place at 'The Lagoon,' a stretch of water on the Collingham-Otley Road. The beautifully toned bells at Otley were much admired by the ringers and doubtless by the crowds awaiting the Whit Monday procession.

Guisley and Barwick-in-Elmet followed. At the latter tower we were the first visiting band since the augmentation of the bells from three to eight on Palm Sunday. An adjournment was made to the White Swan Hotel, Tadcaster, for tea. Unfortunately Tadcaster bells were not available as a clapper had been damaged the previous day, but the fine eight at Howden was good compensation and concluded another enjoyable day's outing. Our thanks are due to the organisers and local ringers who met us.

## PUTNEY RINGERS' WEEK-END



Putney ringers at St. Nicholas', Warwick.

In 1923 a party of Putney ringers visited Evesham for a weekend, and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters and now 38 years' later Putney ringers have repeated the performance as reported on page 315 of the 'R.W.'

The ringing started on Saturday, April 22nd at Great Hampton, an octave much enjoyed by everybody. We then rang on the pleasant old six in the small village of Bishampton. Our next stop was made at Stoulton, to try the lightest ring in the world (6, 56 lb.). These are hung in part of a cottage and we were very grateful to Mr. Jopp for allowing us to make such a poor exhibition of ourselves. Obviously one has to learn to ring again, to ring here.

After lunch, we rang at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, an old six, with two trebles added. Travelling southwards, we came to Upton-on-Severn, another good octave. Here certain members of the party had difficulty in moving their car as a local octogenarian, after giving her views on the

council's rates, demanded a sixpence! Defford, a four, was the next stop, where almost the whole village turned out to see what was happening. Great Comberton, a pleasant but noisy six, just below Bredon Hill, followed. Arriving back at Evesham we sampled the magnificent Taylor twelve in its equally magnificent perpendicular tower. Here, ringing with the local ringers, we even managed Stedman Cinques.

Sunday started with a Corporate Communion at Evesham and ringing for morning service, with the enthusiastic local band at Salford Priors (8). The next stop was St. Nicolas', Warwick, voted by many as one of the best octaves they had visited. At Rugby we had the great privilege of ringing in both rings at the Parish Church. We rang the five before tea and the grand eight for evening service. Finally, a quick visit was paid to Daventry's fine eight, before a trip down M.1 to London.

Our grateful thanks go to all incumbents and Ringing Masters, who made such an enjoyable weekend possible.

### BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

This year's outing of the Barnesley District Society on Saturday, June 3rd was into Leicestershire. Everywhere the welcome was most cordial and the lunch at the Lodge Hotel, Barrow-on-Soar, and tea at Old John Cafe, Newton Linford, was so satisfactory that even the grumblers could find no fault.

Ringing took place at Warsop, Bulwell, Quorn, Barron-on-Soar and Bottesford.

Special thanks are due to the organisers (Messrs. Trevor Turbutt and Eric Stainrod) and the driver. Also to the incumbents and those who met us.

J. W. B.

### BRISTOL RINGERS AWHEEL

Members of the University of Bristol Society and the Bristol Cathedral Society combined for a cycle outing on Whit Monday. The first tower visited was Chew Stoke, a ring of six originally cast in the village. From there we battled our way over numerous hills and through swarms of flies to Blagdon (8). At the third tower, Nempnett Thrubwell, the bells showed a marked tendency to accelerate. From there, faulty map reading took us a mile out of our way to Butcombe, a light six.

A break for tea, and then on to Winford, a medium weight six with 'comfortable sallies.' A broken rope curtailed ringing after three touches. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, but striking was, at the best, indifferent. Our thanks are due to incumbents and tower secretaries for allowing us to ring.

S. M. J. Y.

### RAVERS TOUR OF SCOTLAND

After ringing at St. Peter's, St. Albans, for the wedding of Miss Christine Pullen and Mr. Dennis Bowen on Whit Saturday, five members of the Raving Ringers left by road for Scotland. By travelling all night four of the party rang Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman at Paisley and were entertained to lunch by the tower secretary, Mrs. L. Caldwell, and allowed to doze on her lawn before going to Glasgow and ringing Cambridge Major and Grandsire Caters. The party then proceeded to their headquarters at Stirling.

Three days passed until the next tower, St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, where Ron Wilson, who helped with the arrangements, met the party and ringing included Plain and Little Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. The next day ringing took place at Fettes School and St. Mary's Cathedral.

Alloa was visited two days later, and with the help of Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambridge, and the local captain some Mixed Doubles were rung. Better ringing, including Double Norwich and Cambridge was enjoyed at Dunblane. The lovely bells of Dundee Cathedral came next and after tea the Old Steeple, Dundee, where permission to ring has to be obtained from a magistrate.

En route for home Keith was visited and in the evening Kendal. The night was spent at Settle and imagine our surprise in the morning at breakfast to see at the next table Mr. & Mrs. Cox and Mr. & Mrs. Bowden, of Bristol, en route for the Lake District. Their suggestion of grabbing a tower resulted in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major ringing out from nearby Giggleswick. Our thanks are accorded to all who made our trip possible, especially Ron Wilson.

H. O.



## OBITUARY

### FUNERAL OF PREB. E. V. COX

The Bishop of Crediton and the Archdeacon of Exeter were among the large number of clergy at the funeral service at Axminster Parish Church on June 2nd of Preb. E. V. Cox, the president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The night previous and during the weekend the bells of many East Devon churches were rung to his memory.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Axminster (the Rev. N. Carey Potter) and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox, a cousin of Preb. Cox, who represented the Clerical Guild and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews also represented the Clerical Guild and the North Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and the Rev. G. J. M. Scott, the North-West Devon Branch, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth). Other representatives of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were: Messrs. H. W. Milford, treasurer; E. M. Atkins, secretary; W. L. Lavers (Plympton St. Maurice), T. G. Myers (Plymouth St. Andrews), G. L. Blagg (Emmanuel, Plymouth). The East Devon Branch of the Guild was represented by Messrs. G. C. Woodley, chairman; and W. Webb, secretary. Other towers were represented by W. A. Sparks (Cotleigh), G. E. Retter (Aylesbeare), R. C. Woodley (Sidbury), C. Joyce, P. Copp, P. Doble and J. Knight (Stockland), R. F. Loud, F. Gardner and Brian Gardner (Shute), C. J. Turner and E. Marks (Ottery St. Mary), H. A. Hodge (Honiton), F. H. Parr (Buckerell and Feniton), J. Board (Axminster), F. G. Barratt (Colyton). Clyst Honiton and Sowton ringers were represented by Mrs. G. E. Retter; Kilmington ringers by Miss D. Bindloss; St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Lyme Regis, by Mrs. C. W. Powell; and Umborne Handbell Ringers by Mesdames V. Cox, J. Gillingham, R. Gorst and W. J. Page; Miss B. M. Boyle (Combe Martin), C. J. Stevens (West Buckland).

### TO E.V.: A MEMORY

The official record will tell of the peals which he rang, the offices he held, the long tale of service and hard work. May an ordinary Guild member reminisce for a moment of things which are not on record?

The indefinable lift which it gave to any meeting, anywhere, when someone said, 'Prebendary Cox is here,' and we knew that he had come perhaps 70 miles and would have the same journey home, and maybe would be covering another 40 before he took the services at some vacant parish next day. And if he was there already when you came, the gay, delighted smile as though you were the one person he'd been waiting to see.

Such a chairman! It was so completely impossible to doubt his real love and thoughtfulness for every person in a meeting that he could say what he thought with the utmost firmness and candour and nobody could take it amiss. 'Mr. R.' we heard him say once at a branch meeting, 'I've been attending meetings of various kinds for the last 46 years, and I don't think I ever heard a more fatuous suggestion.' Yet, not because of any special tact of manner, but simply because it was E.V. and he loved us. I don't think Mr. R. would mind a bit if I gave his name in full.

And the apple pie made in his honour and dropped upside down on the carpet at his feet—E.V. on his hands and knees in a flash scooping the remains on to his plate and mine before its tearful maker (and dropper) could return with a floor cloth. The boyish enthusiasm and zest which never left him, whether it were a parish or a tower or a beehive he was concerned with. We have seen much tired schoolboys than E.V. in his 70's. We thank God for him. He was a lovely person.

ANON.

At St. Paul's Church, Honiton, a quarter peal was rung to his memory, with the bells half-muffled. This was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind), by Celia Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, Jack Real 4, W. Sailer 5, Janet Real 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7 and M. Squire 8.

### TRIBUTE AT DEAN PRIOR CHURCH

As a tribute to their late president, there was half-muffled ringing at Dean Prior Parish Church, Buckfastleigh, on June 3rd. This took the form of one extent and a number of six-scores of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Those taking part were the Misses Sylvia Sims and Yvonne Porter, Messrs. A. L. Bennett, W. G. Lavers, R. Crocker, W. Whitehead, J. V. Parnell, Revs. P. Angold, P. Dowling and A. de Guingand.

Call changes were also rung for the less experienced ringers, and a visit was afterwards paid to Holne Parish Church for further ringing.

### THE UMPIRE REPORTS ON 13,440

#### SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Mr. Peter Laflin, the umpire to the peal of 13,440 Spiced Surprise Major rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on May 20th in 7 hours 11 minutes, sends us the following report upon the ringing of Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition:

The bells went into changes at 10.13 a.m., the first part end came up in 2 hours 25 minutes, the second in 2 hours 24 minutes and the third in 2 hours 22 minutes.

Every course end was ticked off as it came up, and all bob lead-ends noted. The bells ran round at 5.24 p.m.

The ringing was generally good, and fast for Spiced. Occasional slip blows seemed to be more due to boredom or carelessness than from mistakes; it was evident that this band of conductors had no trouble with the methods.

In the 55th course the speed increased noticeably for some reason or other, and this must be the cause of the last part being rung in less time. Rounds came up beautifully, and the bells were lowered in peal without setting up.

The second part was beautifully rung. The third was a trifle unsteady for a time, due to brilliant sunlight from a high window almost blinding some of the band. Altogether, a creditable performance.

PETER LAFLIN.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held on June 3rd at Harrold. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m. and a touch of Double Court, a special method for the day, was brought round before tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Collins (Vicar of Olney), in the absence of the incumbent. The ladies of the Mothers' Union kindly undertook to prepare tea and this was followed by our business meeting.

Next meeting, Turvey, August 5th, beginning at 5.30 p.m.

### Bells Part Of Orchestra In Tchaikowsky's '1812' Overture

On Sunday evening, June 4th, Mr. Walter Judge, Ringing Master of the Oxford Society, temporarily gave up his command of the Cathedral belfry to Hugo Rignold, well known conductor in other than ringing circles, and the bells became twelve more instruments, augmenting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The occasion was a promenade concert held in the Great Quadrangle of Christ Church in aid of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, the last item in the programme being Tchaikowsky's '1812' Overture.

Closed circuit T.V. provided the necessary link between belfry and conductor's rostrum, and following an afternoon's rehearsal of indescribable chaos—and much running up and down stairs—an acceptable signal was found for correctly timing the entry of the bells.

Thus it was that, in competition with the orchestra, the band of the Royal Hussars, trumpeters of 'The Blues,' the Cathedral organ, suitably amplified, and a seemingly unlimited supply of military thunderflashes, the bells were rung for two short periods at the climax of the Overture. It was decided to ring 'Queen's,' a formidable task for those of the band to whom twelve bell ringing by definition means Stedman Cinques.

The ringers wonder if this is the first concert performance in which a peal has been used in such a way.

In case the audience felt that they had not had value for money, they were played out to a touch of Grandsire Cinques.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 16th, 1911.—

#### MISHAP AT KENT COUNTY MEETING

It is curious what a little the average individual seems to know about bell ringing. In describing the accident one of the London daily papers says:

Bell ringing is a somewhat tricky art. In the raising, setting and falling of a bell the ringer must stand perfectly straight, and pull from the shoulder. If he bends his head he is liable to be caught by the rope as the bell swings over, the rope giving a little twist and forming a loop a few inches below the 'sally' every time 'she' swings over.



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### MEETINGS

**DEVON GUILD.**—Annual festival, Exeter, June 17th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8. Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 8320

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8357

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 8360

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to M. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8347

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash please.—Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Teynham, near Sittingbourne. 8260

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod (6), June 17th. Saturday afternoon only. Horwich (8) evening only. Tea at Blackrod, moderate charge.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 8377

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, on June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. 8405

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Practice on June 17th, at Brentford, 6 to 8 p.m. Tower representatives to collect reports. 8372

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**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers.—G. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, June 17th. Hovingham (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting after tea. Service 6.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Fred Bishop, High Street, Hovingham.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8370

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Aldeburgh Church. Dedication of two new treble bells, and rededication of the recast old six, by Canon Godfrey at Matins, 11 a.m., Sunday, June 18th. All ringers heartily welcomed to this service. Bells available from 3 until Evensong at 6.30 p.m.—J. Pilgrim. 8353

**ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.**—Dedication of the new peal of eight bells at Atherstone Parish Church, will take place on Saturday, June 24th next, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Dodds, extends an invitation to the following Guilds to attend the service of dedication: The St. Martin's Guild, the South Staffs, the Midland Counties, the Leicester Guild and the Coventry Diocesan Guild, with any other ringers who would care to attend the service. The bells will be available for ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Numbers for tea would be appreciated and should be sent to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8299

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, East Brent, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. Corporate Communion, Axbridge, Sunday, June 25th. Bells (6) 7 a.m. Names for breakfast by June 17th, to A. J. Peters, Salisbury House, West Street, Axbridge. 8340

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, Northwich. 8379

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Heswall, June 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8408

**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.**—June 24th the bells will be rededicated at 3.30 p.m., followed by an interval for tea. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. and bells available during evening. 8319

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at Belper. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8389

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st, to E. P. Rock, 'Rosegarth,' Eaglescliffe, or phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 8407

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Practice, Bagshot (8), Saturday, June 24th, 6-9 p.m. 8393

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 8386

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 24th, at the beautiful old Church of Ault Hucknall (near Hardwick Hall), also eve of the church's patronal festival. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special request, names for tea by Saturday, 17th, please, to J. J. Cooper, 'Highfields,' Hardstoft, Pilsley, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8361

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, June 24th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to Arthur Farrand, 12, Greenhill, Mossley, Manchester, by June 17th, please. For teas please notify Arthur Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, by June 23rd. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 8294

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—Open day, Saturday, June 24th, all ringers welcome. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Names for tea to Dr. Woodcock, The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, Chester, by June 21st. 8338

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8396

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Worsley St. Mark, on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden, by Wednesday, 21st.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 8410

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at East Ardsley Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Members, bring own food. Cups of tea available. 8376

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Desford, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No service. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Blue Bell Inn. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous at the latest please, to the District Secretary.—Michael Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 8399

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, June 21st.—Mrs. H. E. Hiniman, Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8391

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting at Cromer. Bells (6) from 6 p.m., Saturday, June 24th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8412

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8381



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Please note, quarterly meeting will be held at Lois Weedon on Saturday, June 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 20th. —W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Daddford, Buckingham. 8384

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—There will be a meeting at Walgrave on June 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 21st, to me or Rev. Procter. The Vicarage, Walgrave, please.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane, North Moulton. 8413

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington (afternoon) and Brightling (evening) on June 24th. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8401

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Fulmer on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompils Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8378

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Brecon, on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's (8) available from 2-3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. C. C. Williams. Tea and meeting at the Bishops Meadows Cafe, 5.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 8337

**VETERANS' REUNION.**—London, June 24th. Ringing: St. John's, Waterloo Road 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. George's, Borough 2 to 3.30. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, 4.30, and tea in St. Botolph's Hall 5 p.m. Any more names please to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 8414

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Staple-grove, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 8404

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st. Committee 4 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. 8417

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Oakley and Chapel, Saturday, July 1st. It is hoped to have Oakley bells 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, Chapel. 5 sharp, followed by service and ringing at Chapel. Numbers for tea by June 29th essential, to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside Cottages, Chapel, Dorking. 8398

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, July 1st. Names to R. Howard, Flint Cottages, Barley, by June 28th. No names no tea. Barkway after tea. 8397

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8403

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Bedford, Saturday, July 1st. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Peter's Hall, Committee Room. Service 4.30. St. Peter's Church. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, Bedford. Bells available: Kempston (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Bromham (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Biddenham (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Goldington (6) 2.30-3.15, Bedford (St. Peter's) (8) 2.30-4.30, Bedford (St. Paul's) (10) 7-8.30, Elstow (6) 7.45-9 p.m. 8369

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church: 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 8388

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8385

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Saturday, July 1st, meeting at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by previous Wednesday please, to Miss Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 8387

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing for the Crawford Cup contest after tea. Names for tea by June 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts. 8409

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—West Central District.—Meeting, Badwell Ash (5), July 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great Ashfield (5) in evening. Names for tea must be in by June 28th, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 8395

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Newport, Isle of Wight, Saturday, July 1st. General meeting in Church Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Saturday, June 24th. Accommodation for tea is limited so notification is essential. Bells available: Arreton (6) and Ryde (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Brading (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Godshill (6) and Freshwater (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Newport (8) 12.30-2 and 6.30-7.30, Carisbrook (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Roger Savory, 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 8355

#### APPEAL

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The Chichester Cathedral Bells Fund  
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**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at Crowle, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Upton Snodsbury (6) also available after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 8400

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, July 8th, the Putney area. Times and towers later. 8402

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting, July 8th, with Nottingham and North Notts Districts of Southwell Guild, Chesterfield District of Derbys Association, Sheffield and District Society, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and Society of Sherwood Youths. Towers open: Creswell 2-4, Edwinstowe 2.45-4, Warsop 2-4.30 and 6.30-9, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse 7-9. Service at Warsop 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Most important names for tea to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop, Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, July 5th. No guesswork possible as to numbers likely to come. 8380

## GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers was held at Great Dunmow, Essex, on May 13th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Parish Church, and the Master (who arrived late because he allowed professional commitments to interfere with ringing—an unforgivable offence in the G.M.R.) heard some excellent Kent Minor being rung on these beautiful bells as he walked up to the church. Thereafter all eight bells were kept going, and as well as a goodly number of members, including the president, (W. R. Winterton) there were several visitors. Ringing in various methods (variously successful) went on until 4.30, when the service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar.

The company then adjourned to Stebbing, where there is a useful and tuneful six (and a ringing incumbent—is this just a coincidence?). Here again the bells were kept going in various methods, even rising to the heights of London Minor and a touch of ‘Spliced’ (reduced to two methods eventually and shaking the president by coming ‘round’ at the back stroke snapping lead of the treble which he was ringing).

The largest company that has gathered so far for a G.M.R. meeting sat down to an excellent dinner at the ‘Saracen's Head,’ at Great Dunmow, and we were glad to have with us the Vicar of Dunmow and some local ringers as guests. By tradition no speeches were allowed, except a few words from the president. The business meeting, commendably brief, followed. It was noteworthy in reporting a peal, the second rung for the Guild, and the first of Major, at Stamford Hill in March, conducted by P. A. F. Chalk. The honorary secretary and treasurer reported that the usual summer meeting would take place by the invitation of Dr. Rowarth, in the Swindon area on July 1st, and the winter meeting in the City on November 25th.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of the president, W. R. Winterton; the Master, D. J. Neal Smith; and the honorary secretary and treasurer, D. L. Gullick. One honorary member, J. Phillips, was elected, and several associate members. One associate member, Gillian Neal Smith, made history by being the first associate member to be elevated to full membership.

The meeting closed by thanks being expressed to the two incumbents, for the use of the bells, and to Dr. Castleden who made all the local arrangements.

D. J. N. S.

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## OUTING

### SWITHLAND, LEICS

Four towers in Leicestershire were selected by Swithland ringers for their outing on June 3rd, viz., Willoughby (5), Wymeswold (5), Walton-le-Wolds (5) and Hoby (5). At the last named tower five of the company rang a quarter peal of 1,380 Doubles, while the rest of the party went to the local to quench their thirst. Mr. R. Brown organised the outing and he is thanked for making it a big success.



## QUARTER PEALS

**HERTFORD.**—On June 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, J. Kemp 2, E. Phillips 3, J. Phillips 4, C. Springham 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, J. Welch 7, P. Saunders 8. For Confirmation service.

**HOBY, LEICS.**—On June 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew's): M. Copson 1, M. Brown 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant (cond.) 5. Rung at the last tower of the Swithland ringers' outing.

**HORBURY, WAKEFIELD.**—On June 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. W. Strangeway 1, Grace M. Beardow 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, M. Johnson 4, I. North 5, D. Lockwood 6, D. Thorp (cond.) 7, I. Slack 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Mellor who leaves to become Vicar of Scholes, and as a welcome to Rev. M. Bebbington, his successor.

**LIVERPOOL, LANCs.**—On May 27th, at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, 1,584 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus: C. Low 1, T. W. Heaketh 2, R. Kenrick 3, F. J. Nelson 4, J. Bibby 5, W. E. Court 6, T. S. Harridge 7, F. Hawthorne 8, P. S. Bennett 9, W. Allman 10, C. Crossthwaite 11, J. Ridyard (cond.) 12. Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey H. Pullin, on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Frost 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss P. Brown 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, Miss A. Shackshaft 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. D. J. Tompkins. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Frost (first on eight) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, G. F. Roome 5, W. J. Dove 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, S. F. Earl 8. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong as a token of respect for Mr. W. Matthews.

**OXFORD.**—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Butler 1, R. Howes 2, Susan Howes 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, A. Howes 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to S. Howes.

**STOWFORD, DEVON.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sandy (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, F. Kerslake 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. T. Hearne, Rector. Before ringing the band stood in silence as a tribute to Preb. E. V. Cox.

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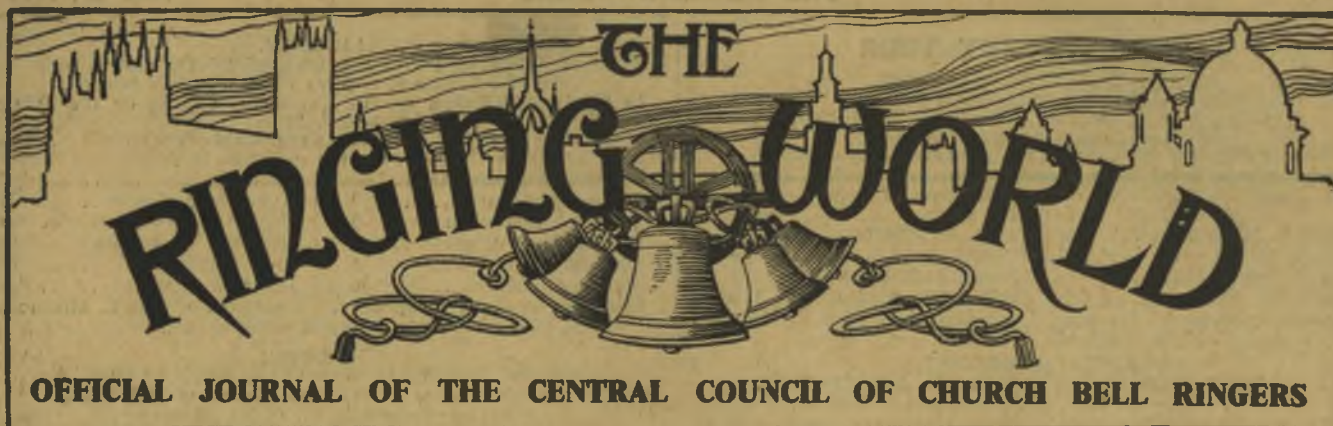
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## INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER — PART II.

By the Rev. JOHN SCOTT

THE Devonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers is by general consent the senior body of a very loose federation of smaller bodies. To understand how this works it is necessary to realise one very great difference between the call-change societies and any others. The call-change ringers have put their faith almost exclusively in the competition as their means of encouraging good ringing. It's a hotly-debated belief, this; it is pointed out that competition-ringing tends to keep bands small, it tends to set so high a standard that a crack team will not tolerate lowering it to get learners in the band, and it tends to perpetuate the one-man-one-bell custom which has crippled many a good team which still had more ringers than ropes. Be that as it may, the Association has some 80 towers affiliated to it, and the smaller bodies cover a host more, so that the call-change ringers can point to some success behind their practice. However, it does mean that an Association exists almost exclusively to run competitions, with the result that if the ringers in one area found they wanted a local competition for their deanery or district, they set up a society to run it rather than a branch of the parent body.

Most of these local associations, in fact, preceded the Devon Association, which when it came into existence did not in any way supersede them, but did in the course of time attain an unchallenged leadership. It was presumably the coming of the motor-coach which, making it possible for ringers to move farther afield to competitions, brought the need for a contest for all Devon, and the Association provides this in the form of an 8-bell competition for the whole county, and three 6-bell competitions—one for North Devon, one for South, and one final in which the five leading teams from each take part. This last was on June 10th at Shirwell this year; West Down lead the North from their festival at Hartland, and West Alvington 'A' lead the South from theirs at Broadhempston. North Devon have held the Ross Shield for some years now, but after reading that W. Alvington got away with 17½ faults last week, they are not quite so cocksure as they sometimes are.

Members of the Central Council already know Beric Bartlett, who is one of the Association's four representatives on it. The others are the Chairman, the redoubtable Tom Darch, Albert Tapper and George Daw. The Secretary is E. J. Cole, of High Bickington, and the President is Mr. T. Oatway, of Morchard Bishop. But beside the officers the judges hold a very high position indeed in this part of the Exercise, and they deserve it. Imagine being shut away with two others in a cottage bedroom, a school, or even a car on a warm May or June afternoon, incommunicado and out of sight of the tower. Imagine then having to listen intently to perhaps five hours' ringing, maybe 10,000 rounds nearly, rise, changes and lower, and check not just the course-ends or even lead-ends, like the umpire in a record attempt, but every single blow—a dot for a quarter-fault for a blow mis-struck, a line for a half-fault for a clip, a cross for a whole fault for a bell out of place. Not till the last lower is done and all the marks checked, compared and averaged, can the judges emerge from their voluntary prison and announce the results, still not knowing which team has won until the captain of the second or fifth in order of ringing comes forward. These men are highly skilled and vastly experienced, and they do this work for the good of ringing over and over again, willingly, whether it be the Devon 6-bell or a little deanery affair with a large novice class to give them more work and less pleasure.

Will we ever see an amalgamation between the Guild and the Association? There was a time when it was much in the air, at least on the Guild's side, but more and more of us are wondering whether it would be such a good thing after all. Call-change ringing is such a very specialised and different art that it is probably better served by the organisation which it has itself called into being. Moreover, its demands from the Association are entirely different from the demands of change-ringing from the Guild, and no organisation based on an attempted compromise between them would serve either as well as they are served at present. Moreover, the federation of which the Association is the head is justly proud of a unique achievement—of taking a neglected, stagnant and unhealthy backwater of the Exercise and, without changing its essential nature and with very little official backing, infusing it with a new spirit, a new purpose, and the highest possible ideals. Such a body deserves better than amalgamation; and the Guild, so far from dreaming of a take-over bid, now seems proud to stand side by side with the Association for the cause of ringing in the diocese, and prouder still to be able to bring to the Central Council such an example of sturdy independence.



## A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,496 London, 1,216 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 576 Superlative; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. .. 6
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
*PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CUDWEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. Treble	PETER J. EVES .. .. 5
*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	*ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. +3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 6
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
PETER J. EVES .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BLACKDOWN DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. .. 6
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method. First of Delight Major by all the band.

## BLACKDOWN DELIGHT MAJOR

—38—4—58—16—34—1—14—5

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

Composition as for the first peal of Oxfordshire Surprise Major, 'R.W.' March 6th, 1953, page 157.

EXFORD.

The peal at Exford, in 35 Spliced Surprise Minor methods rung during the tour, appeared in our last issue.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

NEIL BENNETT .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
CAROL FEARNLEY .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. .. 6	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Rung on the occasion of the royal wedding.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 4	GEORGE F. FEARN .. .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN .. .. 7
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. .. 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 10
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 5	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 11
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 6	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First twelve bell peal. A royal wedding peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

## A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	DAVID CUBITT .. .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	*JOHN COX .. .. 8
*DIANA M. PIPE .. .. 3	CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. 9
STANLEY W. GAUL .. .. 4	WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 10
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. .. 11
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley, and also as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Frederick Jarvis, on the anniversary of his induction.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5280 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 8
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 10
NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
PETER BORDER .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

Rung in honour of the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Mon., May 15, 1961, in 3 hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 8
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 4	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 9
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the peal of Bob Major rung at this tower by the Society on May 11th, 1761.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Colley.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.



## BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

## BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2	*JOHN MANLEY .. .. 7
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 3	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 8
*PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 4	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 9
RIGINALD W. REX .. .. 5	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

\* First peal of Royal.

## BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung to welcome Helen Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Border, who was born on June 2nd.

## BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MARY HALL .. .. Treble	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 6
EDITH BROCKLEHURST .. .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 7
*ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 8
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 9
DON. C. EXELL .. .. 5	†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by MARY HALL.

\* First peal of Caters and in the method. † 200th peal. First as conductor.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM T. GRICE .. .. Treble	FREDERICK C. HOGAN .. .. 6
LEONARD MANNERING .. .. 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 8
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 9
*MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5	*HERBERT J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by LOUIE HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung for the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOHN SCHOFIELD .. .. Treble	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 2	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 8
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 5	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

## CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*JAMES W. PRIEST .. .. Treble	*DENNIS G. BLOWS .. .. 5
*JOHN KING .. .. 2	ROY COLLINS .. .. 6
*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 7
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. .. 4	MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

## WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
DENNIS G. BLOWS .. .. Treble	ROY COLLINS .. .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. .. 2	†EDWARD E. TYNDALE-BISCOE .. .. 6
CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 7
†JOHN MARTIN .. .. 4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* 25th peal. † First on eight 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

Rung on the day of the consecration of Guildford Cathedral.

## BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-Part.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
*C. THOMAS MASON .. .. Treble	*CHARLES LANE .. .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) .. .. 2	JACK N. BROWN .. .. 6
FREDERICK E. DUKES .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
DAVID VOKES .. .. 4	DAVID EAMES (16) .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal.

Rung in memoriam of two past presidents, the Irish Association, Canon E. H. F. Campbell, Rector of Bray, and the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis Crosby, B.D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, interred this day.

## RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. .. Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 6
*RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 7
MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 4	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS F. COBB.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Major as conductor. Mr. R. N. Marlow has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Bryan H. Parker and Jennifer Treglown. Also to welcome the Rev. Robert Jones as Vicar of Ringwood. 50th peal on the bells.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL WADE .. .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes, of Edenham, on the birth of a son (Andrew Michael).

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**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.,*

At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

*JENNIFER M. COOK .. .. Treble	RONALD A. WRIGHT .. .. 5
†ANNE O'FLAHERTY .. .. 2	A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. 6
‡GORDON W. LAND .. .. 3	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 7
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4	THOMAS R. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples in the method on the bells, as conductor and by all the band, except the conductor.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, who was inducted on May 29th. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

**COGGESHALL, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

*JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. .. 2	JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. .. 7
PETER L. WOOD .. .. 4	HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. N. Brown, for more than 22 years Vicar of Coggeshall. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

**GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,*

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 5
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 6
PETER DALE .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

**IDLE, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,*

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 6
*RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7
JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. Treble	LEWIS J. BATLEY .. .. 5
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. .. 2	FREDERICK P. MEAD .. .. 6
*FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. .. 7
JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Mr. John Hales, married this day at Omaha, Texas, to Miss Mary Jane Cherry; also to the ringers of 3 and 7 on their engagement.

**SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. Treble	*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5
*K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. .. 7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method. First in the county, and by the Association.

**WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PETER PEARCE .. .. Treble	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. .. 2	PETER BEEDIE .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. .. 4	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung for the dedication of St. Luke's Hall-Church; also a farewell to the Rev. R. E. L. Walker, Curate.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*DAVID H. WHITE .. .. Treble	†MICHAEL V. WHITE .. .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 6
MRS. C. W. POWELL .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 7
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 16 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Bristol, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley, Eastcote, Cray, New Gloucester, Lindum and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method.

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

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK W. GROCOT .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
*F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* 50th peal for the Association.

First peal in 16 Surprise Major methods for the Association.

**BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Helen and Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) Treble	*HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
CLARE WEBSTER (Girton) 2	ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 6
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 3	HUGH NEILL (St. Cath.'s) 7
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

\* First peal of Surprise.

**LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt 2 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.,*

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble	PETER DALE .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
JOHN R. GILDEN .. .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

**BERRY POMEROY, DEVONSHIRE.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble	*HORACE HEARD .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. DAY .. .. 2	HARRY STACEY .. .. 6
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. 7
CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

Rung to the immortal memory of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild for 28 years, who died May 30th, 1961.

**BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Pritchard's Four-Part .. Treble	JENNIFER SCENEY .. .. 5
JENNIFER SCENEY .. .. 2	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 6
PAMELA M. JERVIS .. .. 3	MARY R. JAYCOCK .. .. 7
GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 4	*NEIL BELSON .. .. Tenor
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 4	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.

\* First peal of Major.



# HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING... .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
*CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 4	*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal of London. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.' The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

# COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN AVIS .. .. Treble	JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. .. 2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. .. 6
HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. .. 7
†WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. .. 4	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL .. .. 5
KENNETH J. DARVILL .. .. 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. .. 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 3	*EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. 7
WALTER AYRE .. .. 4	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.  
\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent T.B. Major.  
Conductor's 450th peal for the Association.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine L. M. Worsley.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

# WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., April 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

M. ROWLAND REED .. .. Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. .. 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 5
IVAN SAUNDERS .. .. 3	GRAHAM J. MANN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

# HIGH HAM, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, five each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, 10 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 20 of Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

GLORIA M. NEWTON .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3
*DAVID J. BARNETT .. 2	*†TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 4
*ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* 25th peal together. † First in 5 methods. First peal on the bells.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Robin Stubbs and June Crees, married June 2nd at Bathwick, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Barnett.

# CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 20 cwt.

VICTOR G. ROBERTS... .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 4
MRS. KATE WRIGHT .. .. 2	GEORGE W. HAWKINS .. .. 5
ERIC C. WADMAN .. .. 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

# LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Bob, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. 4
*VALERIE LACEY .. .. 2	*JOHN MANNERS .. .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

# KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden, Chester and Carlisle.

JACK RILEY .. .. Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR.. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	PHILIP A. MASON .. .. 5
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

# DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HAUGHTON.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

First peal of London Minor by all the band who, with the exception of the second ringer, have now rung peals of London from Minor to Maximus.

# HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

VALERIE LACEY .. .. Treble	TOM HARRIS .. .. 4
DAVID SWIFT .. .. 2	RON CARTER .. .. 5
CELIA COWLEY .. .. 3	ARTHUR ROWLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ROWLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

# THORINGTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720s in 16 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston and Oxford T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, (7) Double Court.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS .. .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
ROY DUESBURY .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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**EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of St. Clement's, one of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

LESLIE MAYNARD .. .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

\* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

**LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. Treble	*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
*CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 13 methods, as follows: (1) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Bourne, 72 Hull and 72 Primrose, with 26 changes of methods; (2) 432 London and 288 Wells, with 12 changes of method; (3) York; (4) Durham; (5) Beverley; (6) Surfleet; (7) Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in 13 methods by all the band except the conductor.

**RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being 720's of York, Durham, London, Wells, Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich.

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	JAMES W. HAW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of the wedding, prior to the peal, of Emrys Wand and Janet Marsh, daughter of Mr. W. R. Marsh, tower captain of Rippingale.

**ST. MARTINS, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, comprising 720's of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	*REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 2	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and as a compliment to the Duke of Edinburgh on his 40th birthday.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

**DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.*

**AT 135, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR**

In six methods, being 1,008 each of Plain, Double and Reverse Bob, 756 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 5,040 Little Bob, with 377 changes of method.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3-4	*STANLEY BIRDSALL .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in six methods.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

### The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## HALF PEAL

**BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At All Saints' Church, on June 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Brittan 1, G. Hair 2, Mrs. Gloria Tucker 3, G. Roobottom 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, L. Manning 6. A 21st birthday compliment to twine, the Misses Patricia and Stella Harwood, both ringers at this tower.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On June 11th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne M. Rowson (first of Minor) 1, Angela M. Ayres (first 'inside') 2, Barbara M. Butler (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Gillian Wiggins (first of Minor) 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong by members (except the conductor) of SS. Helen and Katharine, Abingdon, School.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On June 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. P. Blake 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Sally Oates (first of Major) 3, P. Dye 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, S. M. J. Young 6, L. Derrick 7, J. Brain 8.

**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by H. W. Wilde): W. Rice 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, D. J. Barnett 3, T. J. Milson 4, C. J. Richards 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, W. E. Day 8.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. George 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, J. Carr 3, J. M. Swift 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. F. Pilbeam 6. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Miss Katharine Worsley.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Veronica Tumber 1, Ann M. Cox 2, Vivien Rowe 3, Caroline Vibert 4, D. E. House 5, E. T. P. Field 6, T. Chapman 7, W. J. Durrant 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Chapman.

**BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sharon Northeast 1, D. Wroe 2, W. Dunn 3, K. Game 4, F. W. Bird 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. First in the method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Lewis (first of Bob Major) 1, G. North 2, Angela Gardner 3, S. G. Ridge 4, A. W. Bond 5, C. W. Riddellstone 6, H. Stalham 7, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Rev. J. C. How, formerly Vicar of Brighton and Bishop of Glasgow, a resident of this parish, who died on Whit Monday.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Luck 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, J. W. Unwin 3, S. G. White 4, T. H. Holmes 5, F. Jenkins 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, S. Walker 8. Rung on the front eight to mark the 8th anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Seymour (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, C. J. Shepherd 3, P. G. Badcock 4, E. G. Swift 5, E. J. Briden 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the 100th birthday of Miss M. Sheriff.

**CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stephens 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. To welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. N. Brown.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Ranyard (first quarter) 1, Janet Smith (first 'inside') 2, Brenda Fox 3, P. Burton 4, J. M. Burton (cond.) 5, T. Smith 6. Rung for morning service on Whit Sunday.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lutton 1, G. Ellett 2, W. Harding 3, G. West 4, C. Savage (cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox, interred at Axminster this day.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Rolfe 1, J. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, H. Fuller 4, N. Watson 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, J. Ivings 7, J. Paul 8. First in method for 2, 3 and 5.

**EXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,344 London Surprise Major: G. R. Eyles 1, Elizabeth Bowden 2, Lesley Bladon 3, A. Bagworth 4, D. J. Hunt 5, B. Bladon 6, D. C. Exell 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Rung by the S.F.E., for Evensong.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss R. Earle 1, W. E. Stepany 2, E. E. Breed (cond.) 3, A. N. Matthews 4, B. Sepney 5, Miss L. Grove 6, A. C. Robinson 7, H. C. Goldsmith 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackman, grandparents of Miss Earle, on their golden wedding anniversary.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Vasey 1, R. Bowser 2, E. Jackson 3, J. Robinson 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. J. Meek.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on June 4th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): T. G. Still 1, W. G. Hurst (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Mason 3, G. H. Bray 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, R. K. Mason 6. For Evensong, rung on the back six of the light octave, tenor 16 cwt.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Old, Clifford's Northrepps, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Deddington, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grand-sire): M. Wall 1, A. Stenning 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, W. Luff 6. To welcome the Rev. A. Robinson to the parish.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. E. W. Colley 1, E. W. Colley 2, E. P. Ellis (first in two methods) 3, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 4, A. J. Strathdee 5. For Whit Sunday. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): J. Paxton 1, R. Paxton (first in two methods) 2, E. W. Colley 3, A. J. Strathdee (cond.) 4, M. W. Fairey 5. For Trinity Sunday.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Tei (first quarter) 1, Dinah Page 2, H. Baldwin 3, R. E. March 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, S. J. Orchard 6. For evening service.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stone 1, Mrs. R. D. Short 2, C. T. Clarke 3, P. Cox 4, R. D. Short 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells. Rung with the band's best wishes for the future happiness of Keith and Freda Prime, who were married at Wembdon on the previous Saturday.

**MATLOCK, DERBYS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, M. Paulson 2, G. Paulson 3, P. Taylor 4, H. E. Taylor 5, R. Bullen 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8. For the royal wedding.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Huggett 1, R. Cannon 2, H. Turner 3, S. Turner 4, A. Best (first as cond.) 5, A. Robinson 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman): P. L. Bill 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, J. E. Lawley 3, M. D. Fellows (cond., Grandsire and Plain Bob) 4, M. G. Fellows 5, P. J. Brown 6. Stedman non-conducted. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): A. Roden 1, M. Swadling 2, P. L. Bill (cond.) 3, R. Cooper 4, C. R. Tandy 5, J. Roden 6, B. Wootton 7. For Matins on Civic Sunday, and as a welcome to the Rev. G. A. Buckler, new curate.

**OXFORD.**—At New College, on June 4th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: A. N. Stubbs 1, N. J. Martin 2, R. Crowford 3, D. A. H. Bennett 4, A. J. Thomson 5, B. Wakefield 6, J. G. Pusey 7, R. N. Pittman 8, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 9, J. H. R. Freeborn 10. Rung for service.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beth Horton (first quarter) 1, J. Froome 2, G. Clark 3, C. Ward 4, J. Harland (cond.) 5, A. Burt 6.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Clifford's Pleasure Bob): M. Chiplin 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, Ruth Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, R. G. Havard 5, M. K. Jones 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**PLYMPTON, DEVON.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Brooker (first quarter) 1, K. G. R. Farnham 2, D. F. Farnham 3, S. Hodge 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, R. Roberts (first quarter) 6. In memory of Preb. E. V. Cox.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On June 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Rowe 1, P. Sadler 2, R. Tomlin 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for the Chelmsford Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On April 13th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. Constam 2, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 3, M. Angela Carter 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, M. Larkin 6. First by all the band. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt as a thankoffering for the life and friendship of Margaret Smith ('Smut'), a member of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, who was killed in a recent road accident.

**RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and St. Swithin's): A. Holling 1, R. D. Flowers 2, M. Brown 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the royal wedding.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams (first of Major) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Betty Sagers 3, K. Game 4, D. Mundy 5, F. E. Roberts 6, G. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. West 1, F. E. Roberts 2, D. Mundy 3, Freda Hankey 4, K. Game 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, G. West 7, H. Comber 8. For Confirmation service.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wilce 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Malsom, a sidesman at this church and Mr. G. Onions, a native of this parish.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Foster (first of Minor) 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, J. D. Chamberlain (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Mrs. M. King (first of Minor) 4, K. J. Darvill 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**SELLING, KENT.**—On June 10th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: B. F. L. Groves 1, R. Bird 2, A. M. Macve 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, C. T. Hillis 5, I. H. Oram (cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First in method for 3 and 4.

**SOMERTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. E. Turner 1, K. E. Pinney 2, G. Salmon 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, V. G. Roberts 5, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 6.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss A. O'Flaherty 2, Miss M. Webb 3, A. Peake (cond.) 5, S. J. Withey 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Whit Sunday children's service.

**STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob): J. E. Pullon 1, P. Cattermole 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, F. G. Handley 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows 6, R. Schaefer 7, P. J. Brown 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except the conductor.

**SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Coales 1, J. Coulson 2, J. Groom 3, P. Fleckney 4, V. A. Headland (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Attrill 1, Doreen Gibbons 2, P. Brand 3, D. Brock 4, E. Pizzev (first as cond.) 5, D. Boniface 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for the royal wedding.

**WALLINGFORD, BERKS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corderoy (first quarter) 1, S. Franklin (first on treble) 2, G. Tinson (first 'inside') 3, R. Howes 4, C. Adams (first on tower bells) 5, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 6, J. Howes 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung to commemorate Wallingford Grammar School Founder's Day: all ringers were members of the school. First quarter for the school.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. L. Ratcliffe 1, Christine Froggatt 2, J. Woolley 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, J. B. Perkins 5, D. Howard (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Rosemary Whitehouse and Robert Mills, ringers at this church, on their engagement.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Yeates (first quarter) 1, C. Simpson 2, R. F. Overington 3, I. Hughes 4, M. P. Moreton 5, C. D. Emery 6. Conducted by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. Also, at 121, Lillingston Street, on June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): 1. Hughes (first as cond.) 1-2, M. P. Moreton 3-4, C. D. Emery (first on handbells and 'inside') 5-6. First of Doubles by the St. Stephen's Society.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Higgins (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Carson 3, M. H. Sinden 4, A. S. Bishop 5, S. C. Walters (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and to mark the gaining of a scholarship to Manchester University by the treble ringer.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, E. J. Hill 2, B. J. Coggins 3, B. Hall 4, D. J. Smith 5, M. C. F. Collet 6, D. Kay. Adkins (cond.) 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For Ascension Evensong.

**WROXHAM, NORFOLK.**—On April 23rd, 1,400 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. E. Mason 1, A. R. Harvey 2, F. Boyce 3, D. Cubitt 4, H. Lubbock 5, G. Larter (cond.) 6.



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'It is a tragedy that in so-called Christian England it is not always possible to toll the bell every Sunday, to show that prayers are being said in the parish church.'—Bishop of Dunwich, at the annual meeting of the Order of Readers in the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The time taken for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Grantham on June 3rd was 3 hours and 28 minutes and not as published.

We regret to learn of the death on June 9th of Mr. Fred Adams, a past leader at St. Werburgh's, Bristol. A memorial quarter was rung on June 14th.

The dedication of the Parish Church of Stanton Harcourt is 'St. Michael and All Angels,' and not as published in the issue of June 4th.

The peal of Siedman Caters at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on May 20th (see 'R.W.' page 358), was the 50th together of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner.

St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, ringers, when visiting Scarborough (see page 393), rang at St. Mary's, the only church in the town with a ring of bells.

We are informed that the peal rung at Benson, reported in the issue of June 9th, was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not the Oxford University Society.

Messrs. John Nicoll, the church bell rope makers, write assuring us that their business is not closing down. New premises are to be acquired about the end of August, owing to expiry of lease.

The bells of Totnes, Devon, will be heard on the Home Service on July 2nd at 9.45 a.m., previous to the broadcast of the morning service. Mr. James Browne is captain of the ringers.

Tuesday, June 27th, is a national ringing day, to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury. Ringers are asked to let the public know the reason why they are ringing their bells.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Conducted by their Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated the 200th anniversary of the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, by a visit to the tower and ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Pilgrims to Glastonbury tomorrow should note that there will be ringing at Street from 1.45 p.m.

The Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnell, with a royal wedding peal at Lincoln Cathedral on June 8th, completed Siedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The first peal has been rung on High Ham bells, one of the heaviest ringable fives in Somerset (tenor 20 cwt.). Afterwards the Rector, the Rev. E. Downing, most hospitably entertained the band to an evening meal, which was much appreciated.

Mr. W. J. Randall, who rang a peal at Hemel Hempstead for the royal wedding on June 8th, had not rung a peal for 16 years.

Miss Jennie Armstrong writes that the peal at Morpeth on May 25th was no compliment to the 81-year-old Mayor. He would rather have heard 'the curfew.'

Andrew T. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, Essex, has at last scored a peal on his own bells, a peal of London, three days after his 21st birthday. The band were very sorry that Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earls Colne, was unable to stand in the peal, but wish to congratulate him on attaining a very hale and hearty 80 years on June 6th.

The band who rang the memorial peal at Bray, Co. Wicklow, wish to convey a sixteenth birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, David Eames, of Gresley, Derbyshire, who, with some other ringers, had travelled to Ireland for this peal. The party also visited Christ Church and St. George's, Dublin, St. Mary's and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, Doneraile and Kilkenny for ringing. In the three days they travelled 465 miles and also climbed Ireland's highest mountain, 3,414 feet.

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## ELEVEN TEAMS IN DERBYSHIRE RINGING CONTEST

None of the organisers, Messrs. Halls, Marshall and Carlisle, expected such a response from the Derby District to their striking competition, because on May 13th no fewer than 11 teams turned up at their appointed time nervously to perform on the excellent six bells of Horsley Woodhouse Church.

Perhaps it was the sunshine or perhaps it was the large number of pretty girls in summer frocks that created the cheerful atmosphere. No one except the judges (Roger Baldwin and David Friend, of the Nottingham University Society) seemed to notice how poor the striking was!

It would have been a bookmaker's holiday. A fancied team from Sandiacre crashed through a 240 of what they claimed was Kent. Then St. Peter's, the favourites, clipped through what was recognisably Little Bob. St. Andrew's 'B' team were present. The Cathedral experts were so pleased with their London Surprise that they celebrated with shots after every three leads. The Sawley conductor craftily switched from Stedman to call changes and, by this underhand trick, managed to come second in the contest. St. Andrew's 'A' and Duffield obviously set out for peals and had to be stopped after ringing about 500 of their 240 changes. Belper, Ockbrook and Etwell acquitted themselves well.

The shock crept on us slowly. Some team or other was ringing call changes nicely. Ears cocked as the rhythm settled and speeded up. This was good—even very good. What band was ringing? The truth slowly emerged that Alvaston, heart of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, had had the audacity not only to enter our contest but to win it! We couldn't even claim that the judges were bribed as they had so obviously won.

We were consoled by tea. Eighty people were well catered for by the industry and hospitality of the Horsley people, led by our friend, Gwen Harrison. The Vicar welcomed us and the churchwarden, Mr. Else, told us a funny story and promised to buy us a silver challenge cup.

Our grateful thanks to the Vicar, the Horsley ringers, and Miss Gwen Harrison in particular, and churchwarden, Mr. Else. Our admiration for the judges, Roger Baldwin and David Friend. D. R. C.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty ringers, drawn from 12 towers, attended the Mansfield District cup contest at Selston on May 27th. Unfortunately there were only two entries and the judges (Messrs. W. L. Exton and J. H. Pailing) had no difficulty in declaring Warsop the winners as Mansfield, the other competitors, rang out after 11 minutes.

A short Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. N. Pearce. This was followed by an excellent tea, kindly provided by the local ladies.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. G. N. Pearce, who welcomed everyone to Selston. He expressed his regret that this was probably the last time that he would preside at a Mansfield District meeting as he was moving to Wilford in the autumn. He assured everyone that he would press for their bells to be augmented to six and encourage the local ringers to join the Guild.

It was confirmed that the next meeting—a joint one with several other local Associations—would be centred on Warsop on July 8th. Towers open would include Creswell and Cuckney in the afternoon and Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse in the evening.

The collection for the Bell Fund realised £1 7s. 10d.

After the customary votes of thanks, ringing was continued until shortly after 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to York Surprise.

D. H. R.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 25



MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY,  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Those ringers who visit Bournemouth for their holidays—and they are many—usually find their way to St. Peter's belfry on a Sunday or practice night. On most of these occasions they will be greeted by the cheery smile of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (née Marcia White), who has the distinction of being one of the three lady ringers who have rung more than 600 peals.

Marcia was born in Bournemouth in September, 1909, educated locally, and was taught to handle a bell by Harry Bennett, the late captain of St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth West, joining the local band there on Palm Sunday, 1929. Her first quarter peal was Stedman Triples on Sunday, December 1st, 1929, at St. Andrew's, Well Street, London, W.I. (now completely rebuilt at Kingsbury), and conducted by that well known Stedman expert, the late Chellis F. Winney. Her first peal was Bob Minor at Corfe Mullen, Dorset, on July 12th, 1930, conducted by Edward G. L. Coward. On September 28th, 1930, she made her debut as a conductor, calling a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, and her first peal as conductor was in August, 1931, when she called a peal of Kent T.B. Minor from the 2nd at Corfe Mullen. Thanks to the help and encouragement she received

from the late William A. Cave and Joseph T. Dyke, she was able to ring her first peals of Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative in 1932.

Marcia has always taken a great interest in handbell ringing, having been taught by the late Frederick W. Townend, of St. James', Poole. Of her 616 peals, of which she has conducted 75, no fewer than 402 (conducted 65) have been rung 'in hand.' These have included two record handbell peals, 13,139 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 34 minutes and 15,840 Bob Royal in 8 hours and 2 minutes, both rung in 1953 and both conducted by that handbell expert, Daniel T. Matkin. He also called several peals of Spliced Plain Major, in which Marcia took part. Many of her peals on handbells as conductor have been Grandsire Triples, in which she has usually rung 3-4, and she is very proud of 3 peals of Stedman Triples, rung 'in hand,' conducted by the late Alfred H. Pulling and the late Clement Glenn.

On tower bells, Marcia has rung a wide variety of methods, including peals of Spliced Surprise Major from 2-8 methods, and these have been accomplished by the combined efforts of William E. Cheater and Frank L. Harris, the result of regular once-a-month Surprise practices at Ringwood, at which tower Bill Cheater is captain. She has rung Stedman from Double to Cinques, and Plain Bob and Kent from Minor to Maximus. She was also the first lady to ring 100 peals in a year, a feat she accomplished in 1949. Marcia has been a representative of the Christchurch Branch on the Central Committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for over 10 years.

In 1939 she married Mr. F. J. Marshallsay, who has an important position in the motor industry, and is not a practical ringer. In fact she is one of the few active married lady ringers whose husband is not also a ringer! She is employed in the tobacco and fancy goods wholesale business, and her car has always been at the disposal of any visiting ringers who want lifts for peals or meetings.

When the ban was placed on ringing during the war in 1940, she took up golf as a hobby, but this had to take second place once ringing was restored! Apart from the odd golf spoon, nothing more can be shown from this sport!

Marcia Marshallsay is an extremely neat bell handler, an excellent striker, and is possessed of a very jolly personality. Although married to a non-ringer, she has shown that it is possible to be as enthusiastic as the best and yet maintain a happy married life. Her many friends will wish Marcia and her husband long life and continued happiness. Apace.

## FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

It was a beautiful day and a beautiful setting for the Farnham District's 'Striking Competition' at Bentley Parish Church on June 3rd.

Eight teams of six ringers entered and the judges were Mr. W. Parker, of Sandhurst, who is Ringing Master of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, Ringing Master of the Farnham District. Each team was permitted two minutes' practice ringing and then had to ring for five minutes. The whole competition was recorded on tape by Mr. G. S. Joyce, of Farnborough.

Following tea, which was arranged by Mrs. A. Raggett, the judges reported on the faults of each team and announced the results, which were: 1 Farnborough (17 faults), 2 Bentley (19), 3 Farnham (22).

This was the first competition of its kind in the Guildford Diocese. The competition gave much enjoyment and was of great benefit to the teams taking part.

## WITNEY HOLD A STRIKING COMPETITION

There was a chapter of accidents at the striking competition held by the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Combe on May 27th. Three of the ropes were found to be frayed and a stay cracked. The ropes were put right and a warning issued about the stay. This, however, was soon knocked off and ringing stopped while a carpenter provided a new one.

While waiting for the stay the service was conducted by the Vicar. Again more delays; the new stay was too long and was fouling the track. Eventually the competition started and was completed. After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of Combe, Mr. Diserens, who, with his son, judged the ringing, gave the scores and his comments. Results: 1 Eynsham 65 faults, 2 Woodstock 134, 3 Northmoor 135; 4 Bampton 1564, 5 Clanfield 178, 6 Northleigh 272.

The shield and certificates will be presented at the autumn meeting at Woodstock on September 30th.



## **SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD** **Increase in Guild Subscriptions**

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Calne on May 13th. The annual general meeting was held in the Town Hall, the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox, presiding, supported by the honorary secretary, Mr. W. C. West, Mr. F. S. Slatford (assistant honorary secretary) and Mr. L. A. Wilson, vice-president.

The chairman introduced the Mayor of Calne, Councillor L. M. Angel, and the Vicar of Calne, Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon, complimenting the latter on his appointment as a Hon. Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Mayor in his welcome said it was a joy to see such a large gathering and commented on there being so many young people, which showed that campanology was holding its own in the Guild area and augured well for the future.

Apologies were read from the following: The Archdeacon of Wilts, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rev. Roger Keeley, Rev. W. Uphill, Rev. G. C. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Brinkworth, Miss Eloie, Mr. R. H. Duke, Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mr. G. S. Morris.

### **1,052 RINGING MEMBERS**

In his report the honorary secretary stated a slight increase of membership, ringing members being 1,052, honorary members 9, associates 13, and 25 life members were elected.

Restorations had been made at Stourton, Warminster and Askerwell. The broadcast of Lyme Regis bells was commented upon, the honorary secretary congratulating those who took part.

The sub-committees responsible for the re-introduction of Belfry Prayer cards and the revision of the Guild office (used for the first time at this festival service), were congratulated and thanked for the work.

The honorary secretary and treasurer gave a résumé of the statement of accounts, stating the balance in the current actually had been reduced to £50 16s. 3d., owing to the extra expenses involved during the year. He thanked the West Dorset, North Dorset and Calne Branches for extra donation.

### **LOSSES BY DEATH**

The following names of members who had passed away since the last annual meeting were read, the meeting standing in silence: Messrs. G. Norton, Frank Taylor, Harry Proat, Edward Marlow, C. Dickson, Charles Doel, Lord Shaftesbury (president), Martin Stewart (Past Master), M. Bailey and Alfred Peck, L.R.M. The adoption of the report and accounts were proposed by Rev. J. S. Arthur, seconded by Mr. E. J. Hitchens.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Canon C. Carew Cox (carried with acclamation); Master of the Guild, Rev. Richard Longridge; the honorary secretary and treasurer, assistant honorary secretary, auditors, Guild Committee and librarian were all unanimously re-elected.

The Guild and committee having carefully considered subscriptions, it was put to the meeting, proposed by Mr. C. Powell, seconded by Mr. E. J. Hitchens and carried—that ringing members' subscriptions be increased to 3s. 6d., with younger members, up to the age of 17 years, 2s. 6d., to take effect from January, 1962.

Grants were made from the Edwards Memorial Fund as follows: Yatesbury £3 3s., Abbotbury £5 5s. and Pewsey £5 5s.

The chairman reminded those present that 1962 would be the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Guild and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Salisbury on May 12th, 1962. It was also agreed that special ringing and, if possible, services be held on the Sunday nearest September 14th.

The Guild office was held in the Parish

## **UNUSUAL TOWER VISITED BY K.C.A.**



S. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BROOKLAND

### **Ashford District**

Some sixty ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Ashford District at St. Augustine's, Brookland, on May 27th. The church, with its leaning pillars, horse-box pews, twelfth century lead font, decorated with signs of the Zodiac and occupations of the months, and its ancient weights and measures in the Tithe Pen, is one of the most attractive and interesting in Romney Marsh.

The famous old belfry itself, with its conical roof of three separate portions, is rather like an extinguisher in shape, and stands quite apart from the church. It is built entirely of timber, said to have been collected from wreckage on the coast in the fifteenth century. One bell is of pre-Reformation date, and they have been a ring of five since 1685. The meeting was the first to be held here by the Association.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Jacobs. Mr. V. Preller, organist at St. Paul's, Brixton, and Brixton Prison, was at the harmonium. Afterwards tea was enjoyed at the Church Hall.

There was no formal business meeting, but six new members joined the Association, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist for their kindness, and to Mr. G. Velvick, captain of the Brookland ringers, for making all the arrangements.

Many of the visitors took the opportunity of making the short journey to ring on the three little bells at Fairfield in the small isolated church lying secluded in its marshy waste.  
C. T. H.

### **QUENIBOROUGH RINGERS'** **OUTING**

Queniborough ringers selected Warwickshire for their annual outing, which was held on May 23rd. Ringing started on the beautiful eight at Monks Kirby, which was followed by two sixes—Church Lawford and Newbold-on-Avon. After tea there was ringing at Southam (8) and at a newly augmented six bell tower on the Leicestershire border. Thanks are due to Mr. E. W. Parker, for making all the arrangements.

Church, conducted by the Vicar, there being five other robed clergy present. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis ringers and appreciated by the large congregation.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, 105 sitting down, including the Mayor and Mayoress, who had joined in all the Guild's activities during the afternoon.

Canon Cox expressed hearty thanks to all concerned in helping to make such a successful and enjoyable festival.

The members then returned their various ways to ring in the 10 towers made available for their use.

### **CHILVERS COTON RINGERS'** **SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 14th, was Ringers' Sunday at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire. All ten bells were rung prior to the Corporate Communion service at 8 a.m., when fifteen ringers attended.

Evenson was especially devoted to ringers when special prayers were read and special hymns sung. Tunes on twenty-four handbells were rung by two members of the local band, assisted by ringers from Allesley. The preacher was Mr. T. Belton, a licensed lay reader from the Leicester Diocese and a member of an illustrious family of ringers from Barwell. His sermon sketched a history of ringing through the centuries, with particular mention of Fabian Stedman and Benjamin Annable.

Mr. Belton reminded ringers not to allow the fascination of ringing to outweigh the purpose for which they rang—to call people to worship and to remind those who did not attend that a service was being held.

The lesson readers were two fourteen-year-old girls, Christine Mason and Margaret Corcoran, recently promoted from probationers to full ringing members of the band. William Day and Peter Tallis, also aged fourteen, gave out the books and four senior members took the collection. Ringing on the tower bells followed the service. Mr. Belton joining the visitors from Coventry and the local ringers.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 130 MINOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir.—May I offer my congratulations to the team who rang 130 Minor methods. It is a remarkable achievement by all the band, but that of the conductor, Mr. W. F. Moreton, must rank as one of the greatest feats of memory by any conductor on any number of bells.

One or two observations. The 'new' Little methods first appeared in 'Campanalogia' (1702), not in 'Clavis' as stated. The second paragraph should read, I think, 'unless methods with four places made at once are included,' i.e., methods with 'single' changes as an integral part of the method. If these, and irregular methods, were included the total would rise to between 140 and 150 in 7, 720s. I am in agreement with the 'objection on principle' by the band.

Both 720s, No. 2 and No. 7, can, by rearrangement, be made to contain 26 methods, although if either or both of these were included the overall number of methods in the peal would be reduced.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Yorks.

### HANDBELL RINGING IN RHODESIA

Dear Sir.—In a recent television programme (in Rhodesia), 'Watch the World,' I was delighted to see and hear a group of schoolboys from Sittingbourne ringing tunes on handbells. Can you tell me who was the teacher who appeared with them?

I have been considering approaching R.T.V. about a short (live) programme on change and tune ringing to enlighten Rhodesian viewers, and any practical hints would be most welcome.

Mr. V. Field, a ringer now in Rhodesia, gave a short talk last year on R.B.C.'s 'Young Rhodesia' programme, assisted by some Amandas (S.R.) school children, whom he had taught to ring on the handbells, belonging to Salisbury Cathedral.

As Amandas is 36 miles from Salisbury it became too costly on petrol to continue to borrow the bells each week, and the little group had to give up. But I hear rumours that a set of handbells is to be given to the school in the fairly near future, so I hope they will get going again soon.

I have a small group of girls and adults progressing slowly on my own set of eight bells, here at Umvukwes.—Yours sincerely,

V. GROSSMITH (Mrs.).

P.O. Box 3.

Umvukwes, Southern Rhodesia.

### TO TOM LANE

Dear Sir.—The verses you published recently were not original. I thought I had read them somewhere before and sure enough a brief search brought to light a page from your issue of August 23rd, 1935. The page was headed:

#### RINGING'S WORST POET

The verses of Mr. JOHN BINQUES

(By Our Own Representative)

The verses were there, but each ended with 'The Bellringer!' and not 'Tom Lane.'

Binques claimed to be 'Ringing's Worst Poet' in your issue of August 16th, 1935, with his poem which started:

'A party of ringers, of real ding-dong dingers, who wanted a peal of Cinques. Travelled one day, with spirits quite gay, to the village of Surfleet in Linques.'

If it is necessary to dedicate verses to the memory of some respected ringer such verses should, at least, be original!—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

### GUILD AND ASSOCIATION FINANCES

Dear Sir.—Within the last month I have attended the annual meetings of two well known Associations. At each of these meetings considerable time was taken up in deciding on ways and means of increasing the annual income. Amongst suggestions were the hardy annuals of peal fees and levying a cost for the yearly report. The obvious solution to these financial problems is to increase the amount of the annual subscription. An increase of two shillings, making five shillings per annum, would place the two Associations, whose meetings I attended, not only in a position to meet the costs of their annual reports with ease, but leave them with sufficient surplus to make grants to restoration appeals when called upon.

It is high time that ringers in general realised that subscriptions of a half-crown may have been quite adequate twenty-five years ago, but this amount is completely insufficient to meet the cost of running an Association in 1961. In any case what is five shillings—little more than the cost of twenty cigarettes and no one will convince me that in these days of high wages there is any ringer who cannot afford to pay that sum for all he or she gets out of their ringing.—Yours very truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Claverley, Wolverhampton.

### ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—Regarding Mr. Amos' query about St. Dunstan's Doubles, neither of the methods he submits is correct.

The correct method, as given in Stedman's Campanalogia of 1677, by Annable in 1730 and in Campanalogia Improved of 1753 is as follows:

Plain Lead is a Grandsire Bob.

Bob Lead is a Grandsire Extreme.

Single Lead is a Grandsire Single.

This method is very well known, and has been rung several times to peals, since it has 32 different callings, and with the ten callings of Grandsire, makes up a nice peal of 42 different extents.

Might I ask which is the correct St. George's Doubles? Some years ago one variation was published in 'The Ringing World,' it being All Saints' Doubles, rung with Grandsire Extremes. Now we have another variation, which is an extent of Spliced Winchenden, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith.

Doubles Variations cause enough trouble as it is, without using the same name for two different variations. Perhaps the ringers of the later variation will give it a more suitable name (might I suggest Spliced Winchenden, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith). Further, the later variation has 28 different callings. How many different extents were rung in the peal at Wootton on April 22nd?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

### TO THE LADIES

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed to congratulate, publicly, the band of ladies who rang the peal of Cambridge Royal at St. John's, Leicester, last month? I was able to listen to the last five courses or so, and can say that the standard of the ringing was very high throughout that time.

Whilst I hesitate to single out any one member of the band, I think it's fair to say that no man could have made a better job of placing the tenor with such precision than did the lady concerned. Altogether it is a performance of which the Ladies' Guild may be justly proud.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

## SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD'S RINGING SHIELD RETURNS TO THE DIOCESE

Cefn Coed was the venue of the 1961 annual ringing competition, where six bands assembled outside St. John the Baptist Church on May 27th. A friendly and happy atmosphere prevailed, which may have been partly due to the weather being kind for once.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., the Newton Nottage band being late arriving. The order of ringing was as follows: Cadoxton, Newton Nottage, St. David's, Llanfaes, Sketty, Talgarth and St. Mary's, Brecon.

Tea which followed was provided by the ladies of the parish, and thanks were expressed in a manner justifiable for the occasion.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. Morgan, who gave a warm welcome to Cefn Coed, remarked, with laughter, that the local band was not competing because they wanted the others to have a fair chance. But all jokes aside, he continued, in the near future he hoped the Cefn Coed band would be able to enter for the competition.

The adjudicator, Mr. A. J. Pitman, gave his summing up of the proceedings. The order was: Sketty 16 faults, Newton Nottage 38, St. Mary's, Brecon, 46. The Vicar then presented the shield to the captain of the Sketty band, Miss Hazel Way. Mr. Michael Lardner presented certificates to the Newton Nottage band, who came second, and to Mr. Michael Thomas, captain of St. Mary's, Brecon, band, who came third. J. A. H.

### A NEW RING FOR ESSEX

On May 17th a new six was dedicated at Hatfield Heath, Essex. The tenor is approximately 4 cwt., and the bells are a delightful little toy ring and are a great acquisition to the Exercise.

There was previously a chime of 3 bells in the tower, the heaviest being about 8 cwt. The church authorities, showing great foresight, decided to scrap these and have a decent ring of bells. Their progressive attitude has been well justified and the general opinion has been more than favourable.

The work was carried out in fine style by Ernie Rowe for Mears and Stainbank, and he brought a band from Stamford Hill to try the bells out. The striking was immaculate and ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Minor. It is hoped that the local band will be able to emulate their ringing.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 12th, 1931.—

'Ringers' Chapel dedicated at Loughborough. Memorial to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor.

Stedman Fund reaches £335.

Old peal book of the Society of Eastern Scholars recovered.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 23rd, 1911.—

Many and strange are the places where birds build their nests. Recently a small hole in the window pane of the ringing room at the Oaks Church, near Whitwick, attracted the notice a peal of starlings. They built their nest just inside the window ledge, and notwithstanding the presence of the ringers several times each week, they have hatched out their young, and the fledglings have been fluttering about the ringing chamber.

The late Mr. William Collins, of Bagshot, Surrey, bequeathed £500 to St. John's Church, Herne Bay, for providing a ring of bells, conditional upon a tower being added to the church within five years.

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## GREAT SALKELD RINGERS WERE DECEIVED

We are pleased to publish this week the following letters concerning the taking of photographs in the belfry of Great Salkeld, Penrith. From the correspondence it seems apparent that these ringers have been exploited by irresponsible journalism. The letter below has been sent to the convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to criticism by you and others, of some photographs of Great Salkeld bellringers that appeared in a Sunday newspaper. Might I be allowed to correct some of the facts that have been grossly distorted.

We were approached by a London Press Agency, who asked if photographs could be taken of our 6 teenage girl ringers, the suggested theme was [these girls being instructed in ringing by our leader, Mr. Tom Lambert, now 80 years of age. Many photographs were taken of these girls being taught ringing in the proper manner, although at this time they were all competent ringers.

Towards the end of our practice, and during a discussion on ringing, the photographer asked if he could take a picture of a girl being lifted off her feet, as would be the case if a stay broke, and the ringer failed to leave loose of the rope. I pointed out that this was bad ringing practice and had never happened to my knowledge in our belfry; but he prevailed upon me to attempt to obtain a picture of what he described as an 'action shot'.

I, therefore, asked two of the girls to ring down their bells, and when nearly down, to retain hold of the 'sally,' in which case they would be lifted a little way off the ground. Unfortunately, one girl retained her hold much earlier than was ever intended, resulting in the picture that was shown in the paper.

While regretting very much having made possible this type of picture, it did not occur to me at the time that this would be published as actual bell ringing practice, when it was nothing more than a photographer's 'stunt.' After all, many other good photographs of correct bell ringing were obtained and these were the ones we had thought would be published, if any, and not the rubbish that appeared in this Sunday 'rag.'

I can assure you that the general conduct in our belfry is above reproach, and that we try to teach ringing to the best of our ability. It seems very unfair that after 50 years' ringing in the case of Mr. Lambert, and 20 years in my own case, our efforts to help bellringers should be portrayed in this ridiculous manner.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but we were given no indication that these silly pictures would be published as bellringing.

The unfavourable publicity has caused great distress to all our ringers, but I trust that these few facts have gone some little way to answer the criticisms levelled at us by you as an official of a responsible body of bellringers.

—Yours faithfully,  
Great Salkeld, (Churchwarden).  
J. L. CARRICK

Penrith, Cumberland.

### MR. EDGAR SHEPHERD'S REPLY

Dear Mr. Carrick.—Your letter has reached me this morning, and I thank you for writing at such length. As convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, I held it to be my duty to write a letter of protest to the editor of 'Sunday Pictorial,' and if that letter has been correctly represented to you it will have been clear that my reproof was directed to the journal and not to the band at Salkeld.

Your band has, I fear, suffered the fate that has befallen other bands in the past, in that it has been unwillingly exploited by irresponsible journalism. Unless I am greatly mistaken this was the general feeling among members of the Central Council, when the matter was mentioned at the meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent.

It may be that you would welcome the publication of your letter, and if that is so, I will send it together with a copy of this letter, for publication in 'The Ringing World.' Will you kindly let me know whether or not this meets with your approval?

Assuring you of my personal sympathy with you at this time of such undesirable publicity.

—Yours sincerely,  
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.  
Solihull, Warwickshire.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AT PORTMADOC

For the annual meeting of the North Wales Association on June 3rd at Portmadoc, a coach load of members and friends left the Wrexham area early. Others made the 60 miles journey by car and the bells were ringing merrily by 2 p.m. The Rev. Neville Thomas, curate, conducted the service and this was followed by an excellent tea provided by local ringers for a company of 60.

The Rev. Neville Thomas presided at the business meeting and Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward deputised for the secretary, Mr. W. Cathall, who was away on holiday. Arising from the minutes, Mr. J. Evans (Rhyl) reported that Mr. J. Powell was recovering from his long illness. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. J. Knighton Jones; vice-presidents, Rev. J. Humphrey Jones, Mr. J. E. Antiss, Mr. G. F. Hewitt, Rev. L. Hughes, Rev. D. R. Griffiths, Rev. Gilbert Wright; Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathall; District secretaries, Mrs. L. S. Griffiths (Bangor and Rhyl) and Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward (Wrexham); District instructors, Mr. L. S. Griffiths (Bangor and Rhyl) and Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham); C.C. representative, Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward.

Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward gave an account of the important items discussed at the Central Council meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent, and of the honour and welcome bestowed on the Council by the Lord Mayor and Corporation. He particularly stressed the need to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and to support it in other ways.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Mill-

ward for his lucid report, Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, added his support to the plea for 'The Ringing World.' He said he had taken it since the first issue.

The next half yearly meeting will be held at Bodewyddan, on the first Saturday in September. For the annual meeting of 1962, a very cordial invitation was extended by the Llangollen ringers. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation and to hold the meeting on the second Saturday after Whitsun. Twenty-seven new members were proposed and accepted.

The acting secretary informed the meeting of the open day to be held at Hope, Flintshire, on Saturday, June 24th, and that the Hope ringers extended a cordial welcome to everyone.

The ladies of Portmadoc, who had so graciously waited at tea, were asked to come into the room and received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Towers represented: Llandudno, Bangor, Rhyl, Llangollen, Hope, Wrexham, Machynlleth, Buckley, Mold, Gresford, Chester, Dodleston, Portmadoc.

D. H. B. M.

**HAGLEY, WORCS.**—On May 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Roden 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy (first of Minor 'inside') 3, J. E. Lawley 4, M. D. Fellows 5, M. J. Fellows (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2 and 4. A compliment to the 3rd ringer's mother on her recovery from a serious illness.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At 80, Park View, on June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Price 1-2, E. F. P. Bryant (first 'in hand' as cond.) 3-4, A. Jackson 5-6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association held at Liverpool on April 29th, ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., when the following towers were available: Liverpool Cathedral (12), Our Lady and St. Nicholas' (12), St. Francis Xavier (R.C.) (8), St. Mary's, Walton (8), Emmanuel, Everton (8). The annual service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. Canon F. H. Perkins.

Tea was enjoyed in the Refectory and the A.G.M. followed immediately afterwards. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, presided, supported by Mr. S. L. Parry, who was called upon to act as secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mr. F. Dunkerley, who was abroad on business. The president remarked that it was a pleasure to see such a record attendance.

The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith was re-elected president for a further term of two years. Mr. S. L. Parry was again re-elected ringing secretary. The president expressed the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. Parry, who had been indisposed for the past six months, but was now happily recovering. Mr. John F. Wood was elected treasurer, and Mr. Peter Crook was thanked for his past services to the Association.

The reports of the committee and ringing secretary were taken as read and the balance sheet and auditor's report were approved.

The president told the meeting that the Association must, in the very near future, consider its finances, as the time had come when the annual subscriptions would not cover the cost of publishing the annual report. (The Association membership now stands at 1,058 members resident in the county, being a decrease of 56, whilst non-resident members total 97, an increase of 6.)

Mr. William Smalley, of Bolton, was transferred to life membership.

The president, on behalf of the Association, gave thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day.

### THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report gave the strength of the Association as follows: Honorary life members 67, non-resident members 671, ringing members 1,058 (new 97). Peals rung during the year totalled 133, plus two peals for 1959, which arrived too late for inclusion in the last report. The year 1960 had been a record one for the Association in the diversity of methods rung.

Twenty-one new members rang their first peal, 170 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers, 256 members took part in peals. Conducting was shared by 44 members and there were five firsts as conductors. Leading conductors were Norman Smith 13, Cyril Crossthwaite 12. Leading peal ringers: Michael D. Fishwick 36, John P. Partington 33.

Congratulations were extended to: Arthur Tomlinson on ringing his 670th peal for the Association. Peter Cook senior his 450th. Laurence J. Williams his 325th. Roger Leigh his 275th, Edward Jenkins and Ronald Kenrick their 200th. Cyril Crossthwaite his 175th, Ivan Kay and John H. Gartside their 150th, Derek Ogden his 125th, George E. Braithwaite, Albert Greenhalgh, Nicholas M. Newby and Norman Smith their 100th.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held at Corringham on May 13th, attracted some 30 ringers to this fine old Saxon tower with its ring of six bells. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. J. M. F. Cordes), and was followed by tea in the Village Hall.

The vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) presided at the business meeting, when the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) gave final details of the Branch outing to Derbyshire on June 24th.

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) called attention to the plans for a memorial to the late Mr. J. A. Freeman and his work as Master of the Guild. Members were asked to contribute through their tower captains, who would be circulated by the secretary.

At the Vicar's invitation, a number of members visited the neighbouring tower of Springthorpe, where the fine ring of four bells was much enjoyed.



## SOME OF THE OUTINGS

### GRANTHAM, Lincs

Those assembling at Grantham Market Place at 7.30 a.m. on Whit Monday would have witnessed the usual scramble for back seats as the coach filled to take Grantham ringers and friends on their outing.

Some very good towers were selected, but the first, Dunchurch, a six with a 19 cwt. tenor, caused some difficulty. Lunch preceded the ringing at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon (10), where the ringing was much enjoyed as were those at the next tower, St. Nicholas', Warwick (8, 14 cwt.). Finally, at Coventry, St. Michael's, Stoke, bells (8, 13 cwt.), were rung to various methods.

On the way home a stop was made at Melton Mowbray for the usual liquid refreshment for some and fish and chips for others.

Methods rung ranged from Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Erin and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich to Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Lastly, we would like to thank the incumbents, tower captains and others who helped to make this tour a success.

P. A. S.

### ST. MARY'S, ROUGHAM

Rougham and district ringers had a 16 hours' outing on May 27th, into North-East Bedfordshire. They assembled at the Rectory at 6.45 a.m. and reached home at 11.45 p.m. after a happy day. Despite this, they were at their posts on the Sunday morning.

After breakfasting at St. Neots, Goldington, Bromham and Turvey were visited before lunch at Bedford. In the afternoon came Milton Ernest and Felmersham, and then Sharnbrook Village Hall, where Miss Parsons and her teenage ringers had prepared an excellent tea. An hour's ringing followed and with visits to Odell and Harrold, where three veteran ringers were waiting to join in the ringing. A well deserved vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. H. Ivings to the organiser, Mr. L. Wright.

The company would also like to thank Mr. Piron, general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and also incumbents, Miss Parsons and all who helped to make the day so enjoyable.

L. W.

### CHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL OUTING

'Be outside our house at a quarter-to-eight and no later, then we can get off to a good start.' These were the instructions given by 'Sergt.-Major' Percy Swindley to those of us who were joining the annual outing.

So it was! Thirteen of us with three cars were duly 'on parade' at the stated time and within a few moments, on the lovely morning of May 31st, we were heading south along the A41 to Hinstock, near Newport. Here the light six, by T. Mears, 1808, were soon ringing merrily. Unfortunately after 20 minutes' ringing a broken rope brought a premature ending.

Unlucky 13? well, we hoped this mishap wouldn't set the standard for the day, and so it proved to be, for the rest of the programme really went according to plan.

Soon we were at All Saints', Madeley, where this lovely ring was put to good use: after wards to St. Mary's, Bridgnorth. Lunch, then on to Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock, where we had been asked to be in time to ring for a special service, at which the Bishop was present: 45 minutes of lovely ringing ensued on this fine ring of bells. On to St. Nicholas', Montgomery, and after ringing, tea was taken at the 'Dragon' Hotel, where a 'Major' tea was provided at 'Minor' cost.

A long drive through lovely countryside brought us to Llanfyllin, where we found the six at St. Myllin's to be in poor order. This was compensated for by the cordial welcome given and appreciation of our efforts shown by the local ringers. Our last tower was Welshpool. Here local ringers joined us in Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents for giving us the use of their bells and to those, with their ringers, who met us.

D. H. B. M.

### BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

In order to avoid clashes with holidays, the annual outing of the Bolsover ringers and their wives and friends was brought forward this year to May 13th and this proved to be a very fortunate decision, as the weather was really kind.

A very early start was made to pick up friends from Chesterfield, Creswell and Warsop, and the party was completed by Miss Perkins in Nottingham and Ian Frazer at Leicester.

At the first tower, Higham Ferrers, Mr. Deighton was waiting to meet us and, despite the long draught of rope, the bells were rung quite well to various Major methods for approximately one hour. The ladies were very much impressed by the floral decorations in the very clean and spacious church. It was only a very short run to Rushden, and here the conditions were much more to the liking of the ringers. It was a very pleasant surprise to meet John Mayne, who was passing through Rushden to a ringing meeting.

The admirable arrangements for the outing had been undertaken by Mr. S. Foskett and he was waiting to meet the coach at Bedford, where a very substantial lunch was enjoyed at the Dujon Restaurant. One of the Bolsover ringers had travelled from Chessington to join the party for the afternoon and evening. The non-ringers took advantage of the glorious weather to spend the afternoon in Bedford and the river was a great attraction. The ringers visited Kempston and Bromham and were greatly impressed by the quality of the bells and the very hearty welcome at both towers.

Tea was also taken at the Dujon Restaurant and after the meal Mr. Cooper expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Foskett for his assistance. Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, thanked Mr. Cooper for organising the outing and Mr. Foskett said how pleased he was to help any visitors to Bedford.

The evening ringing took place at St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Bedford, and afterwards Mr. Foskett very kindly arranged light refreshments at the Olney Arms. The coach finally left Bedford at about 9.15 p.m. and the journey home was completed without incident by about 1 a.m.

### PENN, STAFFS

Some 35 ringers and friends from St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, held their annual outing on June 3rd, through Worcestershire and South Wales. Before lunch, at Chepstow, the delightful eight at Upton-on-Severn were enjoyed. A drive through Abergavenny led to Usk, where the ringers were loath to leave this perfect eight for tea at Hereford. At the last tower, Bromyard, the not so well experienced had difficulty in striking this lumpy six. Methods rung included Kent T.B., Grandsire and Stedman.

In addition to incumbents, we thank Miss A. Frost ('Frosty'), our secretary, for the excellent arrangements for coffee, lunch, tea and coach.

C. F. W. E.

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## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY WHITSUN TOUR

THE annual Whit tour of the Society was this year centred on Guildford. A party of 14 stayed at a hotel nearby, and others came for odd days. The hotel was comfortable, and the food good.

The tour began on Friday evening with ringing at St. Mary's, Guildford, where rope-sight is obtained through the clock. Ringing here was unfortunately limited owing to the unexpected presence of the choir in full song.

The first tower of Saturday morning was Albury (6), where some of the party arrived a little late having mistakenly attempted to ring at a monastery on the way. From here we moved to Wonerish (8) and Cranleigh (8), which was generally considered to be the best ring of the tour.

Lunch was succeeded by a fairly strenuous afternoon programme, with ringing at Dunsfold (6), the light five at Hascombe, Godalming (8), Shalford (8) and S. Nicolas', Guildford (10).

Dinner had been arranged at a restaurant in Guildford, and from here the party returned to the hotel. A dance was in progress, which seemed unending when one tried to get some sleep.

On Sunday morning, some of the party rang at St. Mary's, Guildford, while the rest attempted a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. This was lost at about the half way point.

After lunch at East Clandon, eight hardy enthusiasts rang at Bramley (6), while the remainder of the party recovered from Saturday's exertions. A second quarter, this time of Bob Major, was lost at West Clandon in the evening, when a rope that had been shortened for the morning's attempt came untucked. The remainder of the party rang for evening service at Merrow, where during his sermon the Rector told of a bell at Cambridge, which bears the inscription, 'Glory to the Church, and damnation to all enthusiasts.' It was later suggested that this might be adopted as a Society motto!

After the service, an excellent meal was served in the Parish Hall, followed by a film of the summer tour last year, shown by Doug. May.

On Monday another full programme had been arranged, the first tower of the day being Puttenham (6), which was followed by Farnham (8) and Aldershot (8). After lunch, the traditional course of London Scholar's Pleasure was rung at Ash (6). The party then moved on to Worplesdon (8), where ringing was delayed by a wedding, so a leisurely cup of tea was enjoyed on the 'lawn' of a nearby hotel. The last two towers of the tour were Old Woking (8) and Send (6), after which the party split up and joined the Bank Holiday battle to reach home.

Sincere thanks are due to all the incumbents and tower captains and to Doug. May and his family for the preparation of the magnificent meal on Sunday night, and the packed lunches we had each day. To this we must add our thanks to Doug. himself for a very pleasant and efficiently organised weekend, and to Jill Lane, his fiancée, for carrying out all the paper work involved.

C. C. P.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### St. Albans District

In spite of the typically miserable May weather and the fact that the meeting at Towin was held on Whit Saturday, there was a good attendance. During the afternoon standard methods, rounds and Cambridge were rung. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. Braemar-Brown.

Because of the absence of local eating establishments, the ringers picnicked in a nearby field. Some were rather disgruntled at not having their tea time lubrication, due to late opening times of local hostilities!

A short business meeting was conducted in the church, Mr. S. Huckle being the chairman. Sandridge was decided upon for the next meeting, with Single Oxford Minor as special method. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

C. M. R.



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### CANCELLATION

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bredbury cancelled.—C. K. Lewis. 8429

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 24th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: June 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; July 4th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; July 11th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; July 18th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8442

**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.**—June 24th the bells will be rededicated at 3.30 p.m., followed by an interval for tea. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. and bells available during evening. 8319

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at Belper. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8389

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Thrybergh, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, 'The Channings,' Doncaster Road, Thrybergh.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8437

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston (8), June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 8436

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The next meeting will be at Colerne (8) on June 24th. Bells from 3-4 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bells after tea. Teas available. 8447

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Practice, Bagshot (8), Saturday, June 24th, 6-9 p.m. 8393

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford.—C. T. H. 8396

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8381

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington (afternoon) and Brightling (evening) on June 24th. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to F. Beene (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8401

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Fulmer on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompsits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8378

### ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Meeting at Shelley, July 1st (Gala Day). Cups of tea provided. Please make own food arrangements. Look Surprise Minor methods up, please. All welcome.—D. Smith. 8427

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Staple-grove, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 8404

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 8434

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bi-annual rally, at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing arrangements: Chilvers Coton 1.30 to 3 and 6.30 to 8 p.m., Nuneaton 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8. Bedworth, Bulkington and Atherstone 2 to 4. Service at Chilvers Coton 4.30. Tea in the Church Hill 5.15. Social at Bulls Head Hotel, Nuneaton, 8 to 10 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8432

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st. Committee 4 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. 8417

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 8433

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ockley and Capel, Saturday, July 1st. It is hoped to have Ockley bells 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, Capel, 5 sharp, followed by service and ringing at Capel. Numbers for tea by June 29th essential, to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside Cottages, Capel, Dorking. 8398

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to secretary, by Wednesday previous. 8423

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, July 1st. Names to R. Howard, Flint Cottages, Barley, by June 28th. No names no tea. Barkway after tea. 8397

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8403

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Bedford, Saturday, July 1st. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Peter's Hall, Committee Room. Service 4.30, St. Peter's Church. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. Bells available: Kempston (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Bromham (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Biddenham (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Goldington (6) 2.30-3.15, Bedford (St. Peter's) (8) 2.30-4.30, Bedford (St. Paul's) (10) 7-8.30, Elstow (6) 7.45-9 p.m. 8369

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Gisburn on July 1st. Bells (6, 9 cwt.) 2-7.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4 p.m., meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 8428

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—P. Handley, Sec. 8454

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Lemham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton. 8441

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 1st. Audley, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. No name no tea.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8394

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church; 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Brington, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8446

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Ashley (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Weston-by-Welland (5) available after tea. Names to Hon. Sec. by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. Coleman. 8415

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 8388

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8385

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampreston, July 1st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying I. Davis, 'Restormel,' 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, by June 28th. 8443

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Saturday, July 1st, meeting at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by previous Wednesday please, to Miss Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 8387

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing for the Crawford Cup contest after tea. Names for tea by June 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts. 8409

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—West Central District.—Meeting, Badwell Ash (5), July 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great Ashfield (5) in evening. Names for tea must be in by June 28th, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 8395

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by Tuesday, June 27th. Telephone number 438. 8451

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Newport, Isle of Wight, Saturday, July 1st. General meeting in Church Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Saturday, June 24th. Accommodation for tea is limited so notification is essential. Bells available: Ryde 10-11 a.m., Arreton (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Brading (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Godshill (6) and Freshwater (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Newport (8) 12.30-2 and 6.30-7.30, Carisbrook (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Roger Savory, 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 8355

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, July 1st. Change in ringing arrangements at Ryde: Bells now available 10 to 11 a.m., not 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.—R. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8425

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at Crowle, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Upton Snodsbury (6) also available after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 8400

**GNOSALL, STAFFORD, RINGERS' DAY.**—Sunday, July 2nd. Times of ringing: 7.30-8 a.m., 10.15-10.55 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. All welcome.—B. G. Key. 8383

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Sculthorpe, Wednesday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 8455

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), on Saturday, July 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 8430

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Kings (8), July 8th, 3 p.m. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Names for tea by July 4th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8438

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Apsley (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. Definitely no name no tea. 8444

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting, Hinckley District, Saturday, July 8th. Bells available: Broughton Asley (6) 1.30-2.30 p.m., Leire (6) 2-3. Claybrooke (8) 2.30-3.30, Sharnford (6) 3-4, Sapcote (6) 3.30-4.10 and 6.30-8. Stoney Stanton (8) 6.30-8. Choral Evensong, Sapcote, 4.15. Tea, (followed by meeting), Sapcote Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, Leicester, by July 5th. General Committee meeting in St. John's Vestry, June 28th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8426

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting, Brantson (6), July 8th. Service 4.45 p.m. Methods: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Wark, Lincoln. 8452

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Barton (8), July 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8431

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Reepham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Salle (6) in the evening. Service 4.15. Tea, with light refreshments, 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. H. Vardigans, Hill House, Reepham, by Thursday, 6th. please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8406

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS' SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting with SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District). at Warsop, on July 8th. Names for tea (Sherwood Youths members) to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop. 8435

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting, July 8th, with Nottingham and North Notts Districts of Southwell Guild. Chesterfield District of Derbys Association. Sheffield and District Society. East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and Society of Sherwood Youths. Towers open: Creswell 2-4, Edwinstowe 2.45-4, Warsop 2-4.30 and 6.30-9, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse 7-9. Service at Warsop 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Most important. names for tea to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop, Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, July 5th. No guesswork possible as to numbers likely to come. 8380

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Rammore Common, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. 9d.) for the first 30 to book. Business meeting to follow. Bells after. Names for tea to me at 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8424

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Bichington (Quex Park), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. at 2s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutlands Gardens, Bichington, together with cash please, by July 12th.—T. C. P. 8416

**HULL, YORKS.**—At Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4 p.m., in the ringing chamber, a bell naming ceremony, conducted by the Vicar. Open invitation to all. Details later. 8458

**BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On June 5th, 1.440 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, F. Forster 3, H. Kirk (cond) 4, R. Dawson 5, J. Kennett 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonsall.

## OBITUARY

### MR. F. W. BURNETT

The death of Mr. Frederick W. Burnett is announced with deep regret. For many years tower captain at Portsmouth Cathedral, he had until about a year ago maintained his interest in all local ringing. Then, taken ill with chest trouble, he entered hospital for an operation, from which he partly recovered, so that he was able to take his place in the tower again; although he had resigned from the office of leader. A relapse ensued and he recently entered hospital again, where he died on June 16th. Ringing to his memory is being arranged.

### MR. A. E. GREENHALL

The death occurred on June 6th of Mr. Albert Edward Greenhall, who was a regular ringer for 38 years at Halesowen Parish Church until 3 years ago, when his ringing was curtailed by illness. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association and Dudley Society.

The funeral took place at Halesowen Parish Church on June 10th, when tower bells were rung half-muffled, and handbells at the graveside, as a last tribute from his fellow ringers. The Worcestershire and Dudley organisations were represented.

### MISS MARGARET SMITH

As the result of a tragic accident, Abingdon bellringers have lost a friendly and keen member in Margaret Smith. She was a girl of many and varied interests—a member of the Church Youth Club, a Sea Ranger, member of the church choir, interested in music, she could play the piano and viola and took music as one of her advanced level subjects. During her last year at school she was captain of her house, and played in the hockey eleven and tennis six. In the six months before her untimely death she worked at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. A keen bellringer, she was just beginning to cope with the more difficult changes. Her kindness and friendliness were well known to us all. We shall miss her very much.

M. S.

## LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD COMPETITION RINGING IN HINCKLEY DISTRICT

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## QUARTER PEALS

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford T.B.): S. Weir and R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, P. Humphrey 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley and A. Larkin 5, L. Henson and F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. and D. Bradley. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. Hodgkinson and Miss Nancy Burton, married May 25th.

**DUDLEY, WORCS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. L. Bill (13) 1, J. A. Tandy (14) 2, J. E. Lawley (14) 3, M. J. Fellows (13, cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows (16) 5. Rung on the back five. First quarter by Stourbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers.

**GREAT NESS, SHROPS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Pugh (first quarter) 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Bessie Carter 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, F. H. Bennett 5, J. Cook (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): S. Meridith 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. and F. Bradley. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford): S. Meridith 1, R. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, Pauline A. Miller (first quarter) 1, H. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, W. Oxenham 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival, for the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. M. J. Keeling (curate), and to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Franklin).

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, Miss M. Gibbs 3, Miss O. M. Baulden (first on 10) 4, J. Tomsett 5, Miss M. Lewis 6, W. Oatway 7, M. Gathercole 8, A. Fulwell 9, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 10. For Matins.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On May 20th, 1,560 Doubles (being 13 extents—Old Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure): E. King 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. John Collins to Miss Audrey Beaumont.

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Although the position was made quite clear in a television broadcast of June 16th, there still appears to be some misunderstanding amongst my customers.

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## REMEMBRANCE

THE jubilee of 'The Ringing World' was not confined to the issue of a special number. On June 17th there was an act of remembrance when a number of friends of John Sparkes Goldsmith, the founder and first editor of this journal, assembled in the quiet, peaceful churchyard at Pyrford to honour his memory. To Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the convener of the Editorial Committee, in the absence of the president of the Council (Mr. Fredk. Sharpe) who was lecturing in Northamptonshire, fell the responsibility of saying what everyone felt of J. S. G.—'one of the finest figures who had ever graced our Exercise.'

And these are the special points of remembrance that Mr. Smallwood recalled. 'He gave us the means of communication to keep us together by the founding of "The Ringing World." Then there was his life as a journalist—his writings were brilliant; as a ringer, who as a conductor and composer was first-class; as a loving and tender husband, who took such care of his ailing wife with remarkable patience.' Concluding, Mr. Smallwood said: 'Most of all we remember him as a man of sterling character and as one whose example we would all do well to follow. We recall his memory and we thank God for his life.'

The quiet, homely tribute was followed by a prayer offered by the Rev. D. L. H. Head, curate at Pyrford, and the laying on the grave of a wreath on behalf of all ringers by Mrs. Hairs. The brief ceremony concluded with the solemn ringing of handbells by Mrs. Hairs 1-2, F. I. Hairs 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, E. A. Barnett 7-8. Slowly, three times rang out, and then came a course of Stedman Triples.

Many had travelled far to join the members of the Editorial Committee, the hon. secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and Mrs. Barnett, and the hon. treasurer of 'The Ringing World' (Mr. A. A. Hughes) in this act of remembrance. There were Mrs. Richardson and her daughter, Mrs. Wayman, from Lincolnshire, who took part in 'The Great Adventure' with Mr. Goldsmith; Mr. Jack Bray, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; Mr. Frank Perrens, librarian of the Central Council, from Coventry; Mr. Leonard Stilwell, from Sussex; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie (Tonbridge), Mr. A. E. Coles (Middle-

sex Association) and Mr. Douglas Hughes. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, which Mr. Goldsmith helped to found and was the first secretary of, was represented by Messrs. C. W. Denyer (Master), W. Viggers, Harold A. Pitstow, Roy Collins, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Elisabeth Loveland (secretary of Chertsey District). It was also the great privilege of many old friends to meet Mrs. Renshaw, the daughter of Mr. Goldsmith, and her husband.

From Pyrford it is some eight miles to Guildford's new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The invitation to ringers to join in Evensong was widely accepted, and there were about 140 ringers in the large congregation. These included Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who did so much at the critical time when the Central Council acquired the journal and directed its affairs during the early years. The Acting Sub-Dean (Ven. Windsor Roberts) and the Precentor (Rev. E. O. Ware) conducted the service, which included a special prayer for ringers and choristers. The beauty of the building made a deep impression on the visitors. At the entrance to the Cathedral a number of the company shook hands with the new Bishop of Guildford (Dr. George E. Reindorp), who as Provost of Southwark has in recent years been a popular figure at College Youth dinners.

A supper followed at Ayers' Restaurant, Guildford, attended by a company of about 60. It fell to the lot of the Editor to welcome the assembly on behalf of the Editorial Committee and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Through the foresight of Mr. C. W. Denyer, with the co-operation of Mr. W. Viggers, there were souvenirs of the occasion in the form of leather book-marks, embossed "'The Ringing World," 1911-1961,' and also an illustrated menu card with a drawing of Guildford Cathedral.

An entertainment had been provided: the Farnham Girls' Choir sang; Mr. G. S. Joyce and Dr. W. Wright gave a novel handbell act, and Messrs. Colin Chinnery and D. George played musical numbers. Major E. J. Bragg gave one of his popular ringing monologues. The whole of the programme was arranged by Mr. C. W. Denyer, who was heartily thanked for his services. A very large number of ringers took advantage of the many towers open, and among those participating were visitors from Ireland, Liverpool, the West Country and Birmingham.

Among those who sent apologies were Mr. R. S. Anderson, a member of the Editorial Committee, who was detained at Stoke on account of a business appointment, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden who, to the regret of the company, had had to enter St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford.



**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

**A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MAURICE G. TURNER .. Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 8
GORDON HARRISON .. 3	†JOHN K. SMITH .. 9
*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 10
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5	†DAVID W. FRIEND .. 11
†E. MARION KEY .. 6	*CHARLES W. EYRE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.  
 \* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 100th peal for the Society. Maurice G. Turner has now 'circled the tower' twice and James S. Eastwood once.

A compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6 on their 21st wedding anniversary.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5000 GRANDSIRE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*HILARY N. KIPPIN .. Treble	DAVID E. HOUSE .. 6
ANN M. COX .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. 3	JOHN HARTLESS .. 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 9
*HUGH EVANS .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.  
 \* First 10-bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Royal in the county and by the Guild. First and last peal of Grandsire Royal by all the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ELMESTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

ERNEST MORRIS .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 8
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT .. Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
REDVERS E. ELKINGTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 7
GOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 3	JOHN E. COOK .. 8
MERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.  
 Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

FRANCES SECKER (Girton) Treble	DERMOT ROAF (Trinity) .. 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 2	PETER LANGTON (Trinity) 7
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 3	*ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. 8
*NOEL WAITE (St. Cath's.) 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath's.) 9
*HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5	P. B. HODSON (Emmanuel) Tenor

Composed by EDGAR SHEPHERD. Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.  
 \* First peal on ten bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Treble	J. DAVID CLARKE .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. 2	JAMES W. RAITHBY .. 7
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. 3	*COLIN W. REED .. 8
†PETER R. HORNE .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS .. 9
†PHILIP E. HORNE .. 5	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN. Conducted by BRIAN M. BUSWELL.  
 \* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

Rung on the official birthday of H.M. the Queen, and as a wedding compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 5
PETER ADCOCK .. 2	*LEONARD TOOKE .. 6
*PERCY SQUIRES .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. 7
*GILBERT LARTER .. 4	ALAN HAINES .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.  
 \* First peal of Triples. First in method as conductor.

Rung in honour of 50 years' service as organist at the above church by Mr. G. Wright. Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lb.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1961, in 3 Hours 2 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

*JOHN RYDER .. Treble	*FRED JACKSON .. 5
*CECIL RADDON .. 2	*DENIS MADDOCK .. 6
*HAROLD WORRALL .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 7
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.  
 \* First peal in the method. Tenor 16½ cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe.

**A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ERNEST G. JONES .. Treble	D. KAY ADKINS .. 5
EDGAR J. SMITH .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	CHRISTOPHER E. CLARKE .. 7
DAWN V. ELSON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley. Also as a welcome to Jonathan Martin Peter, second son of Daphne and Malcolm Cloke, born May 13th, 1961.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt in G.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
HENRY TAYSON .. Treble	ANTHONY W. GIBBS .. 5
*BRIAN K. LEWIS .. 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 3	LESLIE BARRY .. 7
JOHN M. STALLARD .. 4	ERIC COOKSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.  
 \* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

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**BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN .. .. 6
HAROLD F. WOOD .. .. 3	CECIL H. WOOD .. .. 7
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Arranged and rung as golden wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of 3, 7 and 8.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*IAN MCLEAN .. .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
WALTER J. LEMON .. .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 4	*KEITH MAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Lord Fisher of Lambeth, President of this Association, on his retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**DORE, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Sheffield and District Society.)  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5216 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

EILEEN A. OSBORNE .. Treble	MARION ARCHER .. .. 5
*KENNETH R. GODDALL .. 2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 6
†RICHARD FARNSWORTH .. 3	*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 7
LEONARD GOODALL .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First of Treble Bob. First of Kent T.B. Major as conductor.

**GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in the method by all except 6th and 7th.

**LEICESTER.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID EAMES (16) .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
GARRY W. MASON (15) .. 2	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 6
BARRY BROWN .. .. 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 7
G. HARRY BRAY .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung on the official birthday of H.M. the Queen and the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

**LONDON, E.C.**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

*PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. Treble	‡DIANA M. LAWLESS .. 5
†MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 6
*E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 3	*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 7
‡MICHAEL R. ROSE .. .. 4	†DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Spliced. ‡ 25th peal together. † First peal of Four-Spliced. Rung as a compliment to Michael Frank Layton and Elizabeth Mary Wayre who were married earlier this day.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK PRICE .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 5
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. 7
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

**PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

W. Cave's variation.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Treble	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
*GEOFF. GREEN .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

**SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

VICTOR DRAPER .. Treble	NORMAN HEAPS .. .. 5
*MRS. FRANCES LOW .. 2	CYRIL LOW .. .. 6
MISS PATRICIA BUSS .. 3	†FRED PEARSON .. .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. David Heaps, son and daughter-in-law of Norman Heaps. Also a 16th birthday compliment to Fred Pearson.

Tenor 12 cwt.

**WORCESTER.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in C sharp.

SUSAN JACKSON .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS .. 2	JOHN G. SLATER .. .. 6
JOHN J. STANIER .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

Rung to mark the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

The first peal on the C sharp octave. 25th peal in the tower.

**NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sun., June 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

JOHN RYDER .. Treble	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
*ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 7
BRIAN TOMLINSON .. 4	†SIDNEY LEATHERBARKOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in method as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mason, both members of the local band.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**  
**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Mon., June 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON Treble	*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 5
EDWARD J. BRAGG .. 2	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 6
*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 3	ROY COLLINS .. .. 7
DENIS G. BLOWS .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal of D.N.C.B. Rung on the 56th anniversary of the only other peal of D.N.C.B. on the bells, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith, as a tribute to his memory.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., June 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPRINGVALE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

**SPRINGVALE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

—38—4—12—38—34—5.16—16.5. Tipler's M1/3.

8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bobs.



HORSMONDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.  
ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble .. † MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5  
\*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2 .. BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6  
REGINALD L. SILLS .. 3 .. TREVOR A. CROSS .. 7  
\*THOMAS E. SONE .. 4 .. ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor  
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.  
\* 150th peal together. † First peal in the method.

Rung for the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone. Also a compliment to their 2nd granddaughter (Judith Anne), born to Audrey and Ken on June 10th last.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 ST. WOLSTAN'S DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.  
DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble .. JOHN B. BENNETT .. 5  
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2 .. MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6  
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 3 .. GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 7  
GRAHAM T. BALL .. 4 .. \*ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor  
Composed by T. E. HARROLD. Conducted by GEOFFREY H. BREWIN.  
\* 300th peal

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

### A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composition: 29 course block reduced. Tenor 15½ cwt.  
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. Treble .. ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5  
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2 .. \*F. JOHN NELSON .. 6  
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 3 .. \*NEIL BENNETT .. 7  
\*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 4 .. DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor  
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.  
\* First peal in the method, for the Association and on the bells.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5120 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkston Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.  
LEONARD GOODALL .. Treble .. GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 5  
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 2 .. MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 6  
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 3 .. IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7  
MARION ARCHER .. 4 .. JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor  
Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

### A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.  
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble .. VERNON GREEN .. 5  
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2 .. G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6  
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3 .. COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7  
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4 .. JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor  
Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.  
BRIAN HARRIS .. Treble .. EDWARD JENKINS .. 5  
PETER LAFLIN .. 2 .. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6  
EILEEN FEARN .. 3 .. BASIL JONES .. 7  
CAROL FEARNLEY .. 4 .. JOHN WORTH .. Tenor  
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5232 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.  
KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. Treble .. CLIFF RICHARDS .. 5  
PETER BRIDLE .. 2 .. DONALD E. COBB .. 6  
PETER E. PARRY .. 3 .. DON C. EXELL .. 7  
\*PAUL J. DYE .. 4 .. D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor  
Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.  
\* First peal of Grandsire. First of Grandsire Major by all.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., May 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, and St. Martin's, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.  
CHARLES H. BLAKE .. Treble .. FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3  
\*LESLIE F. BAILEY .. 2 .. PETER ADCOCK .. 4  
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor  
Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.  
\* First peal of Doubles.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.  
(The Yorkshire Association.)  
On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Oxford and three of Kent. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.  
THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble .. PETER CARBUTT .. 4  
JAMES W. BUXTON .. 2 .. KENNETH PARK .. 5  
TREVOR TARBATT .. 3 .. GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. Tenor  
Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.  
The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

KIRBY HILL, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.  
DAVID SHEPPARD .. Treble .. MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 4  
IRIS LEMARE .. 2 .. JOHN POTTS .. 5  
ALAN SHEPPARD .. 3 .. KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor  
Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.  
ARTHUR A. JOPP .. Treble .. CHARLES HAYTINGS .. 4  
\*JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE .. 2 .. JOHN CLEMENTS .. 5  
FRANK LAWRENCE .. 3 .. MARTYN HAWKES .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS  
\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'  
Rung to commemorate the completion of restoration work to the church and tower. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Haytings.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., June 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.  
ANDREW R. HARVEY .. Treble .. JOCELYN B. GARDINER .. 4  
DAVID CUBITT .. 2 .. PETER ADCOCK .. 5  
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3 .. GILBERT E. LARTER .. Tenor  
Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.  
First peal in four methods as conductor.  
Rung in honour of the centenary of Happisburgh School. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Ambrose E. Mason.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD  
On Thurs., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob (four callings), and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.  
ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. Treble .. RICHARD J. STANNARD .. 3  
MRS. H. IVINGS .. 2 .. CHARLES STANNARD .. 4  
HENRY IVINGS .. Tenor  
Conducted by ARTHUR F. BALLAM.  
Rung for the marriage of the Duke of Kent. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Stannard.  
First peal on the bells for 48 years.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.  
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. Treble .. REGINALD G. POWELL .. 4  
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 2 .. JOHN C. EISEL .. 5  
THOMAS W. WOOD .. 3 .. FRANK REED .. Tenor  
Conducted by FRANK REED.  
For the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.



DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

MICHAEL CHAMBERS .. Treble	SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 4
ROY D. MARRIOTT .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. 5
*BRENDA COLLINS .. 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding on this day of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4) London Scholars T.B., (5) Sandal T.B., (6) Chapel T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	HENRY KIRK .. 4
ALAN G. KIRK .. 2	JOHN R. KENNET .. 5
ERIC ELLISON .. 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEX RICHARDSON.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ellison.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

A. SPENCER BROTHERS .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON .. 2	STANLEY W. GALL .. 5
DAVID CUBITT .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a compliment to Lord Fisher of Lambeth on his retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.

JAMES G. ETHERINGTON .. Treble	ALAN C. A. HUNTER .. 4
MARGARET NURSEY .. 2	HERBERT G. ARTHUR .. 5
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER .. 3	ARTHUR E. HUNTER .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE C. W. HUNTER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. Harrison, the local captain, and his wife, on their wedding anniversary.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

*DAVID J. BARNETT .. Treble	*J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. 4
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 5
CLIFF. J. RICHARDS .. 3	ALAN F. LEE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in two methods of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Diana Chapman.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents of All Saints (four callings) and 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).

*PETER FRIEND .. Treble	JOHN J. WALLETT .. 3
CHARLES E. HILL .. 2	WILLIAM T. HILL .. 4
RAYMOND G. JONES .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM T. HILL.

\* First peal. For the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley..

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent

Treble Bob., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*FELICITY I. LOCHNER (15) Treble	*T. ROY HUMPHREYS .. 4
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER .. 2	JOHN MCCULLOCH .. 5
VIVIAN T. O. BOASE .. 3	EDWIN JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JONES.

\* First peal and first attempt.

Rung by the Sunday service band in honour of the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B., three of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.

SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. Treble	GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. 4
*PAMELA C. DOBSON .. 2	C. W. HALL .. 5
FRANK CHAMBERS .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B., and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble	HARRY B. FULLER .. 4
LEONARD J. MINNS .. 2	ERNEST WHITING .. 5
*NORMAN WATSON .. 3	†ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single Court, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Norwich Surprise.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*LOUIS WILLIERS .. 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 5
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 100th peal together.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents of Grandsire (Pitman's and Morris' 240's included). 13 of Plain Bob (4 callings), 6 of St. Simon's, 4 each of St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, and 1 of St. Martin's.

*DONALD A. BEDFORD .. Treble	†SYLVIA A. HAYWARD .. 3
*PHILIP BEDFORD .. 2	†JOHN L. FENNELL .. 4
†ROY R. TIFFIN .. Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP BEDFORD.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*BRIAN GADD .. Treble	DESMOND F. FERGUSON .. 4
*PHILLIP KEENE .. 2	RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. Tenor

\* First peal. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

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On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In six methods, being 2 extents of Winchendon Place Bob, 4 of Grand-sire, 6 of Stedman, 10 each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

\*GLORIA M. NEWTON .. Treble | ALAN F. LEE .. .. 3

\*DAVID, J. BARNETT .. .. 2 | \*TERENCE J. MILSON .. .. 4

CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in six methods. Most methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Gloria Newton.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 NUTFIELD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

\*JULIAN D. DUGGAN .. .. Treble | †KEN NEWMAN .. .. 4

SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. .. 2 | \*ANTHONY S. BISHOP .. .. 5

ELIZABETH A. NEGUS .. .. 3 | CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Tenor

Composed by A. S. BISHOP. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

First peal in the method. 34—16—12—16—34—36 (Treble lie), 2nds place method. L.E. 65324.

Rung as a farewell to George Goodman and Michael Sinden, ringing masters of Kingston and Wimbledon respectively, who are leaving the district.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR YARROW .. .. Treble | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. .. 4

DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 2 | MANSFIELD GINN .. .. 5

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 3 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

The ringer of the 4th has 'circled the tower'

Rung after the wedding of Lieut. John N. G. Brittan, R.N., and Miss Rosemary Humphreys, elder daughter of the Rev. M. Humphreys, Vicar of Sutton, and Mrs. Humphreys.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BARROW-UPON SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND  
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4

\*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Bob Doubles.

Also

On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4

\*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Canterbury Pleasure.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE UNIVERSITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 1—2 | F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 5—6

\*MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 3—4 | W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 7—8

Composed and Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung as a compliment to Miss Josie Hutchings and Keith Williamson on their engagement.

Rung also as a wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy Crook and John Owens, of Leyland, Lancs.

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## HALF PEALS

**LITTLE MILTON, OXON.**—On June 10th, 2,520 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Heritage (first half peal) 1, N. D. Deam 2, Elizabeth A. Miller (first half peal) 3, A. Gammon 4, J. S. Walker (cond.) 5, R. H. Jones 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Malcolm Journeaux and Jean Reed, who were married this day.

**SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.**—On June 16th, 2,520 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): E. R. Fairbrother 1, D. Murcott 2, Robert J. Warrilow 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, B. J. Wyke 5. Longest length for 1 and 2.

## LONG LENGTH

**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**—On June 8th, 2,208 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain and Little Bob), with tenor covering: Pauline Adcock 1, L. J. Minns 2, C. Calton 3, E. Whiting (cond.) 4, R. J. Plummer 5, L. E. Etheridge 6, A. Roope tenor. Rung for the wedding of Miss K. Worsley and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On June 18th, at the Church of St. Nicolas, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): R. W. Ellaway (first quarter) 1, W. A. Smith (cond.) 2, M. Angela Carter 3, Philippa J. P. Dixon 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, Rosemary C. Andrews (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods for 4 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

**ANSTEE, LEICS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Elkington 1, C. Disney 2, D. Wilford 3, G. Arguile 4, R. Elkington 5, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 6, J. Moore 7, A. Disney 8. First quarter 2 and 3. For the royal wedding.

**ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW, EIRE.**—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, W. H. Wilson 2, B. Lunn 3, H. W. Jones 4, T. McMorran (cond.) 5, R. I. George 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, J. M. Magill 8. Rung by St. Patrick's Cathedral Society as a birthday compliment to V. R. McCormack, a member of our Society, on the occasion of annual outing.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Chapman (first quarter) 1, Rita E. Gould 2, Josephine D. Hardy 3, Margaret M. Jones 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, J. Bashford 6.

**ASTON, DERBYS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. R. Manning 1, M. Fern 2, R. Barker 3, F. Hinds 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, Miss J. Copeland (first quarter first attempt) 6.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Copson 1, Pamela C. Dobson 2, M. W. Brown 3, R. Clarke 4, B. Brant (cond.) 5, M. R. A. Kirk 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BARMING, KENT.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, W. Grice 2, W. Manser (cond.) 3, L. Colvin 4, R. Phippen 5, F. Thwaites 6. For the visit of Dr. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Gwen Reeves 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, B. Edwards 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Henley 7, R. Broadley 8. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of St. Thomas' Church, Holspur, Beaconsfield, by the Lady Burnham, on June 10th.

**BRECON.**—On June 4th, at St. David's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Mantle 1, Miss Susan Roderick 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. T. Johns 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, S. Pinnegar 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

**BRENT KNOLL, SOM.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Bishop 1, S. Lewis 2, J. S. Powell 3, H. S. Banwell 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, G. Steer 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Werburgh's Church, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Clash 1, S. G. Richev (cond.) 2, W. H. Payne 3, L. Pearce 4, A. True 5, R. W. Blower 6. Rung muffled in memoriam Fred Adams, died June 9th.

**BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rev. H. McWilliams (first quarter) 1, Rev. R. Rotter (first quarter) 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Angold 5, R. H. Dove 6, Rev. A. de Guingand 7, Rev. P. Dowling 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Abbot of Pierre-qui-Vire (the Mother House of Buckfast Abbey).

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 1, Mrs. F. Marshall 2, M. Bartlett (first on eight) 3, F. Welch 4, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, J. T. Locke 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, K. E. Pinney 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DYRHAM, GLOS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent): G. W. Taysom 1, B. K. Lewis (first in two methods 'inside') 2, H. Taysom (cond.) 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond., Plain) 5, C. J. Richards 6.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On June 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Clark 1, Margaret Lewis 2, B. Bull 3, Susan Rawlings 4, B. Coatsworth 5, J. P. McDermott 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 7. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Reeves (first of Triples) 1, R. C. Russell 2, L. H. Smith 3, B. M. W. Dobbie 4, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 5, A. Timmins 6, T. R. Russell 7, E. J. F. Rose 8.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Chapman (first quarter) 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, D. C. Wellington 3, E. G. Bennett 4, E. Edmondson 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, S. Huckle 7, L. F. Cull 8.

**HAWKCHURCH, DEVON.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Atyeo (cond.) 1, L. Hayball 2, G. Searle 3, E. C. Atyeo 4, H. Trout 5, G. Farley 6.

**HECKINGTON, Lincs.**—On June 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Asher 1, P. Fenney 2, D. Brown 3, R. Trevitt 4, A. Dixon 5, A. Bird 6, E. Cole 7, R. Pocklington (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of Mrs. G. Hubbard.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**—On June 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, N. F. Whittell 2, W. S. Girling 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, R. E. Lester 5, E. J. Cracknell 6, R. S. Taylor 7, E. Hotne (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**HINDLEY, LANCs.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Rogers (first quarter) 1, J. Sawyer (first 'inside') 2, F. Brownlow 3, H. Cooper 4, J. Cunliffe 5, J. Halsall 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, T. W. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Ainscow, of Cheltenham.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt and R. Mills 1, D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. Rung at Evensong.

**HORSLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Bell 1, J. P. Bowmer 2, Miss G. K. Harrison 3, C. Bull 4, D. W. Parkin (first as cond.) 5, D. N. Harris 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For Confirmation service.

**IVER, BUCKS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Foster 1, E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands (first as cond.) 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, H. Chadwell 6. Rung as a welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Kent, shortly coming to reside in the parish, also a compliment to the Rev. Ian Russell, curate and ringer at this church just before ordination.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On June 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison (first as cond.) 2, M. J. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook (first quarter) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Rung for the birthday of Miss Judith Kirk, Ruskington, Lincs.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Avril Ivin 1, M. Amy Coburn 2, A. Day 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. Gibbs 5, G. Hawkins 6, A. E. Rushton 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. A. King.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, Mary Powell 2, Mrs. M. Powell (first 'inside') 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowark 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Janet Bingham.

**OXFORD.**—On June 11th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss G. Gray 1, S. D. Edwards 2, E. R. Venn 3, J. Venn 4, R. H. Allsworth (first as cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung for Evensong, as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Benstead, and for the royal wedding.

**PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, R. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, A. Rowswell 5, J. Stenner 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Lucas, churchwarden for 45 years.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On June 18th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Joyce M. Cooke (first quarter) 1, Pamela Buckle 2, Marie R. Cross 3, Catherine M. Chapman 4, Daphne J. Pollard (first in three methods as cond.) 5, Angela G. Wakefield 6. First in three methods 'inside' 2 and 4. Rung for the 12th birthday of the treble ringer.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. J. House 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, Miss E. Hatch 3, F. G. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, G. D. J. Sandwell 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's, on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Foster (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, F. J. Sare 4, R. K. Russ 5, J. Manley (cond.) 6, A. Diserens 7, F. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Turner (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Webb 2, D. Orledge (first as cond.) 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall 5, R. Newsum 6.

**SAXILBY, Lincs.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): H. Dove 1, Miss S. Guymner 2, Miss P. Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and the U.M.C.A. 'Missionary Week-end.'

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Wilkinson 1, Ann Culpin 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. P. Harris 4, C. D. Mann 5, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Culpin.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (4 Plain Bob, 6 Grandsire): A. R. Mildred (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Festal Evensong.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On June 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss K. Hawthorne 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, Miss P. Harris (first in method) 4, K. Young 5, D. Pickett 6. For Evensong.

**STEPNEY, LONDON.**—At St. Dunstan's, on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Weedon 1, Miss E. Stevinson (cond.) 2, H. Weedon 3, L. Fox 4, D. Tovell 5, C. Stevinson 6. First quarter 5 and 6. For Evensong.

**STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On June 17th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. Avis 1, E. W. Furbank 2, F. B. Lufkin 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, J. A. Warner 5, W. Arnold 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung after a peal failure.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hawkes (cond.) 1, D. K. Penn (first 'inside' in the method) 2, M. Anne Broxton 3, E. W. Penn 4, A. Halling 5, L. Woolley 6. Rung for the Provincial Lodge Masonic service.

**TWYNING, GLOS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, F. Hawkes 2, D. Beacham 3, M. Hawkes 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Hawkes 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Miss Katharine Worsley.

**UNBRIDGE, MIDDx.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sheehan 1, H. W. Impey 2, F. H. Corke 3, P. Phillips 4, D. G. Rowlands (first of Triples) 5, Miss J. Reeve 6, E. R. Gotham (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to ringers of 6th and 7th.

**WANLIP, LEICS.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Copson (first of Minor) 1, M. W. Brown 2, O. Northwood 3, Pamela C. Dobson 4, B. Brant (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. R. A. Kirk 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Laud 1, L. Laud (cond.) 2, Miss J. Bunyan 3, R. Bell 4, A. Hickson 5, D. Bell 6, R. Smith 7, F. Southwood 8. For Confirmation service.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At the Church of All Saints, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Fisher 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, Frances M. Baraclough 4, C. Williams 5, W. E. F. Pickering 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, W. D. Peart 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayward on their golden wedding day.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. G. Hopkins 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Maria Kirby 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Alison M. Shortz (daughter of the Rector) and F.O. Alan M. Bowman, R.A.F.

**WORCESTER.**—At St. John's, on May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. W. Lewis 1, J. Whittall (first of Major) 2, G. E. Evenden 3, D. Beacham (cond.) 4, R. Woodyatt 5, J. J. Stanier 6, J. C. Slater 7, R. G. Morris 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Lewis, Ringing Master at this church.



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Those who know Billingshurst, Sussex, will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood, sen., on their golden wedding. For 60 years the former has served the church there as a ringer and chorister, and has rung about 40 peals. Taking part in the congratulatory peal on June 10th, conducted by his son Raymond, was Mr. Albert Harman, who rang in his first peal and also at his wedding.

Readers will note the footnote to the peal rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on June 3rd: 'First and last peal of Grandsire Royal by all the band.'

This week we have received peals of Grandsire Royal and Grandsire Major. One footnote their performance 'the first and last.' We leave others to comment on the music.

'I once thought I should be able to write that the girls got ants in their pants, but they moved before the little blighters got that far.'—Observant scribe of outing report.

Two Ingrave, Essex, ringers, Donald and Philip Bedford, have rung their first peal on the bells. Peals on these five are rare, and while there is no local record of such an achievement, it is possible that a visiting band has scored a peal here.

Ringing in the peal at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayward were Messrs. E. A. Parish and A. Mills, who rang in a quarter peal for their wedding at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

Six members of the band who rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Walsall completed the Grandsire family, from Doubles to Cinques. They were Mrs. E. Marion Key, Messrs. R. J. Warrilow, J. S. Eastwood, J. K. Smith, D. W. Friend and C. W. Eyre.

To have Mr. George W. Pipe with them for one of their new Surprise method peals, the famous Hertfordshire band decided to call it Springvale Surprise Major. It is at Springvale, near Melbourne, that George and Di Pipe have their home. A nice Australian compliment.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers has come into being with Mr. Robert W. Ferris, captain of the North Parramatta ringers, as first chairman.

Five members of the local band, including Canon F. A. Sanders, rang in a peal of Triples at Overton, Hants, conducted by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Encouraging news from Cumberland. A peal at Penrith and Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor and a 720 of Plain Bob at Workington on June 18th. Peal attempts are planned for the future and learners are progressing favourably.

What might have been a unique peal came to grief last Saturday, just after the half way mark, when the sixth rope broke. It was St. John the Baptist's Day and a band of eight 'Johns' were ringing John Carter's composition of Bob Major at St. John the Baptist Church, Penshurst, Kent. They hope for better luck next time.

The peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Chobham, Surrey, was arranged as a tribute to the memory of John S. Goldsmith. Those taking part in the first peal of Double Norwich on these bells on Monday, June 12th, 1905, were: George W. Challice 1, Septimus Radford 2, Thomas W. Radford 3, Frank Blondell 4, Charles Hazelden 5, Robert J. Dawe 6, James Hunt 7, John S. Goldsmith (cond.) 8.

Growing concern exists among members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at the number of towers where there is little or no Sunday service ringing. At a recent meeting the Rector in his address said: 'There is no church where a service is held tomorrow where the following words will not be said: "Lift up your hearts," and the response from the congregation will be: "We lift them up unto the Lord." What a pity that all the bells in those churches will not have been lifted up unto the Lord. You ringers are the only ones who can do anything about it.'

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 26



MR. &amp; MRS. B. G. WARWICK, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

During the last few years, the peal columns of the 'R.W.' frequently contain the report of a new Surprise Royal method rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry by the 'Monday' band. The mainspring behind these peals is usually Mr. Brian G. Warwick, of St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leics, who has rung 195 peals on the light ten there, and 'circled the tower' no fewer than 15 times. He is very keen on maintaining the Leicester Guild as the leading Guild for peal ringing, and the support he gets from his peal band has helped very considerably to do just this. Since 1955 he has been the Guild's general secretary.

Brian, who was born on March 20th, 1930, in Leicester, was educated at Alderman Newton's Grammar School in that city, went to the local University and later trained as a schoolmaster at St. Peter's College, Saltley, Birmingham. He learnt to ring at Leicester Cathedral in February, 1948, and rang his first peal on November 6, 1948—Grandsire Doubles—at Rothley, Leics, conducted by Ernest Morris, with whom he has now rung 313 peals. His first peal as conductor was on handbells on August 29th, 1949, being Bob Major with Daniel T. Matkin's band at Bournemouth. Up to May 20th this year he has rung 732 peals, of which he has conducted 463. Of this number 590 have been on tower bells (conducted 374) and 142 to call most methods from any bell, and prefers a light one. He has called Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative from every bell in the circle, and his ambition now is to call Grandsire Triples from the tenor to complete that circle as well! He has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques.

Amongst the many peals of interest in which he has taken part is one of the only two peals of Stedman Sextuples 'in hand' rung on November 29th, 1953, and conducted by the late Harold J. Poole, who did so much by his brilliance as a conductor to put the Leicester Diocesan Guild in the forefront of Societies. He also took part in peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus rung in one day on May 5th, 1951, for the Festival of Britain, and is proud of calling Ernest Morris' 2,000th peal—Morriston Surprise Royal—rung early this year. He remembers, with amusement, his first peal of Double Norwich rung at Wetherby, Yorks, in 1952, and admits he still finds some difficulty with the method! Many of his peals have been rung with the same band of ringers, and this

has enabled him to ring 273 peals with John A. Acres, and 231 peals with John M. Jelley, who is himself a very competent ringer and conductor.

In addition to being Ringing Master at St. Thomas', South Wigston (where the record 17,104 Double Norwich was rung in 1904 and where Brian has rung 61 peals, and 'circled the tower' five times), he is also organist and choirmaster and ringing instructor at Blaby, where the five bells have just been rehung. He is very interested in training new recruits for both churches, and obtains just as much enjoyment from a five-bell peal as from one of Surprise Royal with the 'Monday' band.

His wife, Winifred, whom he married in 1954 and with whom he has rung 210 peals, was born in Leicester on May 7th, 1930, and was taught to handle a bell at the Cathedral by her father, Shirley Burton, a well known ringer and composer, in April, 1949. One year later she rang her first peal, which was Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Harold

## A Space Saver Over Peals

Chester Diocesan Guild have a space saver in regard to peals in their annual report. The peals occupy a line each. The ringers who rang for the Guild in 1960 are listed alphabetically and the number of the peal is recorded against the name. Footnotes are by a key. To print the peals (155) under the old arrangement would have filled 31 pages. This way 10. Other Guilds should study this report.

J. Poole. Greatly encouraged by her father's keenness, she attended meetings over a wide area with him, and made rapid progress. Within three years she had rung Spliced Surprise Maximus, completed 100 peals, conducted two and rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. In 1952, '53, '54, she was invited to join (with Brian) a peal ringing tour, and thoroughly enjoyed the ringing, scenery and friendship. So far she has rung over 300 peals, and is a member of 15 Associations. She took part in a married couples peal of London Major, and two 'all-ladies' peals. Her ringing career of late has been somewhat curtailed, through family responsibilities, as they have two children, Audrey, aged 5 and David, aged 3½ years old, but she is just as enthusiastic, and assists Brian at their practice every Tuesday, and once on Sunday.

Her thanks are extended to her father, who introduced her to ringing, and she remembers, with gratitude, the late Harold J. Poole, for his encouragement and the opportunities he gave her for ringing in a variety of methods on all numbers of bells. She also thanks her husband for his help, especially in his teaching of handbell ringing. Despite family commitments, she has found time to run a Cub Pack for the last 14 years, and is also secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild, and serves on the Glen Hills Memorial Committee. She is also an enthusiastic stamp collector, and is a keen gardener.

As long as Brian is general secretary of his Guild, ably assisted by his wife, and continues his remarkable enthusiasm, there is little doubt that the Leicester Diocesan Guild will be where he wants it to be—at the top.

APACE.

## A FRAGRANT MEMORY



AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.—Ringing a course of Stedman Triples over the grave of the founder and first editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, at Pyrford on June 17th. The ringers, from left to right, are: Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (back view) and Mr. F. I. Hairs. Also in the picture are Mrs. A. Richardson and Mr. W. Viggers. For story see front page.

[Photo by Mrs. A. D. Barker.]



## A NEW SOUTH WALES CENTENARY

DESPITE inclement weather, the Queen's birthday week-end of ringing at All Saints', North Parramatta, was a huge success. The occasion was the 13th annual ring of the New South Wales Association and the centenary celebrations of All Saints' bells.

Three quarter peals were rung on Saturday, June 10th:—

1,260 Doubles (120 Southrepps, 240 Norfolk, 240 Old and 660 Plain Bob): Paul B. Gates 1, Linden R. Langshaw (first in four methods) 2, Keith M. Calvert 3, Graeme A. J. Langshaw 4, Ralph L. Clark (cond.) 5, David Langdon (first quarter) 6.

1,260 Plain Bob Minor: David C. Hughes 1, Graeme A. J. Langshaw (first Minor 'inside') 2, William D. Watson 3, Robert W. Ferris 4, Ralph L. Clark 5 John H. Fryer (cond.) 6.

1,320 Stedman Doubles: John H. Fryer 1, Audrey E. Peters (first of Stedman) 2, Ralph L. Clark 3, William D. Watson 4, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, Ronald E. Miller 6.

The highlight of Saturday's ringing was the exceptionally well struck musical quarter of Stedman.

Saturday night there was a barbecue tea at Lake Parramatta, which was made more enjoyable by the antics of chief cook Warwick Munday.

Sunday's centenary peal was lost and the team had to be content with a good quarter of 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. J. Langshaw 1, W. D. Watson 2, K. A. Macqueen 3, R. W. Ferris 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, R. L. Clark 6.

### A TELEVISION FEATURE

Monday morning was THE RING itself and the start of the competitions was delayed by photographers, television crews and phone calls from the Press. Sydney at least knew what was going on even if it didn't know what it was all about. Patience was rewarded by a mention on the Channel 7 news that night (good shots of the church, tower, ringers ringing and the pioneers' memorial window were screened and the bells heard) and mention of results in both morning papers and on the national radio stations' early morning newscasts.

All Saints', Parramatta, St. Paul's, Burwood, St. James', Turramurra, St. Jude's, Randwick, and St. Mary's Cathedral entered teams for the Association Shield and each rang Plain Bob Doubles. Only one team failed to complete the course.

St. James', St. Mary's and St. Jude's competed for the Duncan Shield for Minor, Triples or Major. St. Mary's rang Kent, the others Plain Bob. A stay was broken and the final team rang with the bell stayless.

Even song followed, during which the Tom Howell Memorial Peal Board was dedicated, members of his family being present. The peal board is rectangular of light brown polished wood, surmounted by a framed photograph of Tom Howell, and contains space for approximately 21 peals to be recorded.

The ladies had prepared a hot dinner in All Saints' Parish Hall, which was attended by the Mayor of Parramatta, Ald. A. R. C. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, the local member of State Parliament, Mr. D. J. Mahoney, Revs. Crawford (Rector), Polain and Johnston (a probationary bellringer) and about 50 ringers and friends.

A feature of the official table was the white iced fruitcake topped with latticework bells and a church with spire, with marzipan bells in a double row down each corner, which the Mayoress later cut. The inscriptions '100th Anniversary' and '10th Dinner' incorporated both themes of the dinner.

The loyal toast was proposed by Robert W. Ferris, captain of the local ringers and chairman of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers. Regret was expressed that Bill Pitcher, of Adelaide, was absent through illness.

### CENTENARY YEAR

'The Mayor of Parramatta' was proposed by the Rev. D. Johnstone and in reply the Mayor commented favourably on bells as a noise. He also extended a hearty welcome to the ringers who had gathered for the centenary celebrations of All Saints' bells, which also coincided with the centenary year of the city of Parramatta.

In a very witty speech Rev. Mr. Polain welcomed Mr. Mahoney.

Mr. Mahoney stated that he did not regard bells as noise, but rather as 'sounds from bells and I can't understand how anyone could object to them.' Each ringer was worshipping God, which they each did in their own fashion and if any church in his electorate applied for bells he himself would render every assistance to see that goal achieved.

The Rev. Mr. Crawford, proposing the toast of 'The Association,' stressed the fact that the Association was the only one he'd encountered which disregarded denominational differences entirely.

Replying on behalf of the Association, Tom Goodyer, secretary and Ringing Master, said that when had been achieved by the N.S.W. Association would continue and be strengthened by the addition of members from other States. The purpose of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers was outlined and the fact that several of the other speakers had referred to bells as noise warranted quoting Dorothy Sayers' preface to 'The Nine Tailors.' The fact that any of the teams competing in the Association Shield would have won it on other occasions indicated the high standard of the ringing.

### THE RESULTS

The Ringing Master then announced the results.

St. Paul's, Burwood, won the Association Shield with 14.5 faults, this being the first annual ring for the tower. Mr. Mahoney presented the shield to Laurie Bruce, captain of St. Paul's tower. The winning team were: G. Kerr, L. Bruce, L. Langshaw, P. Davis, G. Langshaw (conductor) and Bill Powell.

The Duncan Shield was won by St. Jude's, Randwick (25 points lost), for the second successive year. The Mayor made the presentation to vice-captain John Fryer, who stated that the team had not had their own bells since before Christmas and had not rung as a team for six months.

The inclusion of the home tower's 'star' ringer in the winning team aroused much derisive comment. The team stood: D. Hughes, Audrey Peters, Wendy Nichols, W. Watson, R. Clark and J. Fryer (conductor). (Just goes to show—a broken stay can't keep a good team down.)

The captain of St. Mary's (L. R. A. Curran) thanked 'the ladies' for the excellent meal provided and stated that all the effort required had been well worth while. The company stood and paid this tribute, which officially ended another highly successful annual ring.

Winning teams were photographed with their shields and as all the ringing had been tape recorded, a record is to be cut of the two winning touches.

After a final fling with the T.V. cameras all dispersed: the visitors homewards and the All Saints' contingent to the washing up.

Yes, the celebration of the centenary of All Saints' bells was very successfully observed. Long may they ring!

W. A. N.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### 985 Members, Reports Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford. Prior to the meeting the service was held in the Cathedral, and was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon). The lesson was read by the Master and the address was given by the Ven. W. N. Welch, Archdeacon of Southend.

Immediately after the service the annual business meeting was held in the Chapter House.

The report showed that the work of the Association had continued, with quite a degree of success through the year. Committee meetings had been held regularly and it was through the efforts of the committee that the work of the Association had taken effect. Ringing membership was now 985, an increase of 29, and there were 118 towers in union, as against 116 for 1959. There were 217 honorary members.

Peals rung for the Association totalled 123, the third highest in any one year for the Association. From the point of view of achievement the following peals were picked out for special praise: The record length of Bob Major rung at Kirby-le-Soken, the non-conducted peal of London Surprise at Halstead and a peal in 52 Minor methods conducted by J. E. G. Roast.

The Districts all reported a good year's work and endeavour.

The report was adopted and the editor congratulated on his efforts.

### FINANCIAL POSITION TO BE EXAMINED

Financially the Association was still in a sound position, although the past year had seen a rather serious drop in the balance of the general account, chiefly due to the increased cost of printing the report. Suggestions varied from increasing the subscription to a payment for the report, but it was finally decided to leave it to the committee to examine the financial position of the Association. The Bells Restoration Fund continued to receive excellent support and a record amount had been contributed.

Under the agenda heading, 'Business as tabled,' there were two items. A proposition to alter the date and possibly the venue of the annual general meeting was proposed by the Northern District. This has been raised many times at annual meetings of the Essex Association, but once again the traditionalists prevailed and the proposition was defeated.

The other proposition, again from the Northern District, was one deprecating peals of Minimus. As the matter was down for discussion at the Central Council meeting at Stoke, the proposition was withdrawn, but a spot vote and check of those present who were against peals of Minimus showed that there were just as many in favour of them.

All the officers of the Association were re-elected and G. Waterman, of Harwich, was elected a life vice-president. The following were elected life members: J. Carrott (Hornchurch), L. Cordell (North Weald), C. Hughes (Leyton) and A. Madle (Fyfield).

Various items of a domestic nature came up under 'Any other business' and the meeting closed somewhat late.

The members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall to enjoy an excellent lunch, prepared by members and their wives of the South Eastern District.

The usual towers were open and the excellent weather helped to make a very pleasant day.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENTHUSIASM'

Dear Sir.—Apropos the inquiry in the 'R.W.' regarding a bell inscription in Cambridge, Raven's 'Church Bells of Cambridgeshire,' 2nd edition 1881, gives the 7th at Whittlesea, in that county, as being inscribed: 'Prosperity to the Established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm. 1758.'

A poetic gem from the 6th in the same ring runs:

'The five old bells into six was run,

With additional metal near a tun. 1758.'

In parts, this book is enlivened by the author's own somewhat terse comments on people and places, e.g., Carleton—'This tower is a standing miracle of country builder's recklessness. Some day it will be a falling wonder.'—Yours, etc.,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

Dear Sir.—Raven, in his 'Church Bells of Cambridgeshire,' 2nd edition, records no bells in Cambridge proper with an inscription even like this. However, he gives Whittlesea St. Mary's seventh of eight as: 'Prosperity to the Established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm. 1758.'

This bell was cast by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots. He also cast another bell with a similar inscription; this is the seventh of eight at St. Mary the Virgin, Welwyn, Herts, dated 1760.

I am glad to say I am the possessor of a long case (grandfather) clock by Joseph Eayre, which I picked up in an antique shop in Brighton, when I was working there. Though there must be a number of church clocks he made still in use. I have yet to hear of another long case one. Nor has Paul Taylor. Eayre's business ultimately became John Taylor and Co.—Yours sincerely,

RANALD CLOUSTON.

Radlett, Herts.

## A MAIDEN'S FUNERAL GARLAND

Dear Sir.—Some members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, attending a recent West Lindsey Branch meeting at Corringham, were reported as ringing also at the neighbouring four-bell tower of Springthorpe.

It may be of interest to recall that in 1814 this church was the scene of a curious tragedy. A village girl, named Mary Hill, was killed through incautiously pulling a bellrope and being dashed against the belfry floor above.

A maiden's funeral garland of tattered paper rosettes still hangs as her memorial from an archway in the church, together with an account of the occurrence.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SILENT FIVE SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—I feel that congratulations are due to the band which rang five Spliced Surprise Major, silent and non-conducted at Silverdale on Whit Monday. This was no mean feat, even for a band of conductors, so congratulations, gentlemen!—Yours, etc.,

WILFRED W. RING

Ashford, Kent.

## DOUBLES RECORD—A QUERY

Dear Sir.—I would congratulate Mr. Moreton and his band on their fine achievement, but I would like to know why methods with 'places made at once' are inferior to the abortions of the Little Court species.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. SALTMARSH.

Danbury, Essex.

## QUARTER PEALS AND THE LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir.—When one has been associated with ringing for some years and travelled about, one gets to know the state of ringing affairs in many districts, and when the quarter peal columns are perused and reports of a quarter peal of so and so having been rung at such and such a place these reports give one the impression that progress is being made, and the thought occurs that next time one is in a particular area it will be possible to join the locals in a touch of so and so. How misleading and disappointing this can be.

Upon reading the 'R.W.' for June 16th, I read that a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major had been rung at Giggleswick-in-Craven, and with memories of ringing not being too healthy in that area when I was last there I thought here is new life and progress.

But disappointment struck again when I turned over a few more pages and read the report of a tour which contained the sentence, 'Their suggestion for grabbing a tower resulted in a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major ringing out from nearby Giggleswick.'

I appreciate that space in the 'R.W.' is at a premium, but if it is desirable for ringers to publish these grabbed quarter peals in the 'R.W.' is it asking too much to add a footnote to the effect 'Not by a local band,' thereby removing any danger of misunderstanding.

In conclusion I feel that such such footnote could well have replaced the footnote to the effect that this particular quarter peal was rung as a wedding compliment to two people who were married 200 miles away nine days previously, which to me sounds so absurd, when in reality it was a tower grab.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington, Co. Durham.

## WERE ALSO IN 'THE GREAT ADVENTURE'

Dear Sir.—It was a surprise near to dismay to read in G. W. Pipe's report that only one member of the Great Adventure party was now living. The writer happens to know there is one, if not two more members, yet living and to use a 'horsey' term strong in wind and limb at the moment, one being the second oldest member of the Lancashire Association. The other member of the party is Mr. W. Linter, of Fareham, and a member of the Winchester Guild and these two met in the summer of 1953 for a chat about old times.

One recalls a practice night at the R.C. Cathedral, Sydney, previous to the peal attempt for Kent T.B. After a few touches the locals took hold and when they set up their bells the captain was asked what they had been trying to ring, the striking being terrible. The captain said they had been trying to ring Minimus in two sets, the back four of course leading from the last of the front four, a new idea to the party.—Yours sincerely,

C. S.

## 'PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE'

Dear Sir.—I would like, please, to support 'Apacer's' worthy tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. Could I mention in addition the very large number of learners they have taught during their long association with Stoke Poges. They not only taught well, but imbued their pupils with a love of bells and ringing, and showed them by their own faithful example for forty years that Sunday service ringing must be a ringer's first consideration.—Yours, etc.,

'ONE OF THEIR FIRST PUPILS.'

## 32 TOWERS IN A DAY

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. John E. Cook's queries on the 32 towers in a day, his timing is pure fiction, and needs a little correction. At least 20 minutes' ringing took place in each tower, more in some. The band was in two halves though, one following ten minutes behind the other, which meant that an individual ringer spent only 10 minutes at each tower. Many of the towers were so close together that it took less than ten minutes to travel between them on a carefully pre-determined route.

Mr. Cook will now observe that timing even allowed for one or two short breaks, and still kept within the bounds of decent ringing hours.

Now I will answer his questions:

(1) The lighter rings were raised in peal and the heavier ones in odds and evens, which is not offensive to the ear. All bells were lowered in peal.

(2) There's always room for improvement in the standard of ringing on trips of this kind, as everyone knows, but we do not think we disgraced ourselves. The standard remained at a reasonable level all day, being helped by the use of relatively simple methods.

(3) The bells of the last tower were rung down in time for the clock to strike nine.

(4) All the local people meeting the band were offered a ring, though very few of them accepted. We were very careful over this point.

(5) Was it enjoyable? Yes. No participant complained afterwards. I feel the enjoyment was due largely to the sharing of responsibilities, and very careful planning and preparation beforehand. Finally no one got tired from or fed up with pulling bells up because they were rested from it by the bands changing positions, i.e., the leading band becoming the following band.

If Mr. Cook assisted with raising the bells in 17 towers in a row, then I don't wonder he got tired and fed up on his day out, and now prefers a humble 'six in a day.'—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Reading.

P.S.—Unlike Mr. W. T. Cook's unfortunate friend, the late P. J. Forbes-Smythe, my fellow tourists are all alive and ringing.—R. K. R.

## PUBLISHING COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—Over the past few years many compositions of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, etc., have been published in the 'R.W.' and followed a few weeks later by letters from eminent composers pointing out lack of originality, piracy, plagiarism, etc., due to the composers not having access to such collections of compositions as C.C.C., Parts I and II, which have been long out of print.

Would it not be possible for such collections to be 'serialised' in the 'R.W.' in abbreviated form, giving calls, number of parts, with code letters indicating musical qualities and the name of the composer in cases of originality beyond doubt?

A composition such as Pritchard's popular one could be set out:

4 part peals

5.056. W B 3H W B 3H W 2H W 3H: SS (2 and 4): J. R. Pritchard.

In such a way, anyone interested in calling the composition could work out the course-head, etc., for himself, which would be no more trouble than working out coursing orders, which I imagine most conductors do, anyway.

The C.C. Collections would take up no more than a page or so of 'R.W.' and spread over a few weeks would not unduly render 'R.W.' a 'text book.'—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

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## KENT RINGERS' TOUR OF OXFORDSHIRE



ON the evening of May 19th eight young enthusiastic ringers left their homes in Kent for a Whitsuntide tour of Oxfordshire. For transport, a dormobile was used, which was adorned by an artistically painted poster by Miss Margaret Ladd depicting the badge of the Kent Association. Headquarters were at the Elms Hotel, Iffley, where excellent hospitality was enjoyed.

Saturday dawned not very brightly, but a cuckoo in a nearby tree proved to be a reliable alarm clock. The first tower was the old Norman Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley (10 cwt.), a very nice six. We gained our first glimpse of Oxford as we made our way to St. Peter's, Wolvercote (6, 6 cwt.), where the best striking was obtained, with a touch of Double Oxford. On to St. Mary the Virgin, Kidlington (23½ cwt.). Some excellent ringing was no doubt inspired by reading the peal board of 17,024 Double Norwich rung on May 22nd, 1899.

In spite of the belfry being a 'birds' paradise' the six at Weston-on-the-Green (8 cwt.), complete with new ropes, sounded and went well. After lunch at Bicester some good ringing was had on the musical eight at St. Edburg (15 cwt.). Through the countryside now to All Saints', Middleton Stoney (6, 9 cwt.), which is set in private parkland, where we were joined by ringing friends from Northampton.

The eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Woodstock (12½ cwt.), did not go at all well; then came our first heavy six at St. Bartholomew's, Yarnton (23 cwt.), and being anticlockwise they called for all our resources. After tea we travelled to St. Laurence's, Appleton (10, 14 cwt.), where we gazed in awe upon the brilliant craftsmanship of the White family. Some enjoyable ringing followed.

Sunday morning was full of expectation. At our first Oxford tower, the Cathedral Church of Christ (12, 30 cwt.), we were welcomed by Mr. Walter Judge. We later rang on the light eight at St. Martin and All Saints' (7 cwt.) and attended morning service.

After lunch, together with our Northampton friends, three five-bell towers were scheduled, at Stanton St. John (9½ cwt.), Beckley (11 cwt.) and Old Marston (5 cwt.), where we were fortunate in having Messrs. John Walker and Roy Jones as our escorts. Later we joined the University ringers at New College (10, 20 cwt.) and then at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin (27 cwt.), where on this grand six we achieved some good short touches.

Monday morning came only too quickly. Our guide was Mr. Ted Venn, who met us at St. Giles' (8, 13 cwt.). Here our striking was far from our usual standard, and it was with a sense of relief when we made our way to St. Mary Magdalene (6, 8 cwt.), where

we were agreeably surprised at the tone of the bells. The Church of St. Ebbe was to be next and we were eager to tackle this renowned light eight (tenor 4 cwt.). A nice touch of Cambridge was brought round. The morning finished at St. Thomas the Martyr (6, 7½ cwt.). After a hasty lunch our first ring of the afternoon was at St. James', Cowley (5 cwt.), a beautiful 6 that was thoroughly enjoyed. Homeward bound we called at St. Mary the Virgin, Chalgrove (17 cwt.). St. Leonard's, Watlington (24 cwt.), and Henley-on-Thames (21½ cwt.). When Martin had rung the last note of the tour we enjoyed the superb view of the river from the top of the tower, before making our way home. It had been a very successful tour and for this our heartfelt thanks must go to Mr. Brian Jeffrey, for his excellent organisation; to Colin Tester and John Warner, for driving; and to all the incumbents and local ringers.

R. A. L.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

Set amongst some of the most picturesque wooded Kentish countryside are St. Lawrence's, Seal Chart (6, 10 cwt.), and St. Peter's, Seal (6, 12½ cwt.). These were the venue of a by-meeting of the Tonbridge District on June 3rd.

Ringings at both towers preceded the service at Seal, which was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Harryman, Vicar. The collection amounting to £1 13s. 0½d. was given towards the fund for augmenting Seal bells to eight.

An excellent tea was then enjoyed by a gathering of 24, being provided by the local ringers and their ladies. One new member was elected and a collection, which amounted to £1 12s. 6d., was taken for Dr. Fisher's Presentation Fund. Mr. P. A. Corby proposed the vote of thanks.

R. A. L.

### BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Five teams entered for the Barnsley District Shield Contest held at Kirkthorpe on June 10th. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge and the placings were Friezland 56 faults, Warsop 64, Silkstone 77, Cawthorne 89, Shelley 64. Mr. Joseph Burgess, who received the shield on behalf of Friezland, said he helped them to win it in 1939, when it was the same kind of day, raining all the time. Each member of the winning team received a brush, with polish and duster combined. The Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Barber) presented the prizes and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

At the business meeting it was stated that it was hoped to have Sandal, near Wakefield, for the meeting on July 8th.

### COMPREHENSIVE 'DUAL' RINGING COURSE

PROFITING by its experience since its original course at the Somerset Education Authority's Dillington House early in 1959, the College of Campanology, invited to co-operate with the Buckinghamshire Education Authority at Missenden Abbey, in a ringing course of general public appeal, planned a comprehensive one of 'dual' type. The successful issue took place over the week-end, June 2nd-4th. The co-operation of the local ringing Association was invited, and the support given by the local tower band, Little Missenden, is gratefully acknowledged.

The problem was that the course had to be designed to suit not only those who knew nothing of ringing (and beginners), but also instructors—actual and would-be. Advertisement for this wide general appeal was made not only in 'The Ringing World', but also in the national press. The syllabus was designed accordingly, with the four lecturers putting over their subject matter, illustrated with projectors and other interesting aids.

The ground covered included: (a) History and Mechanics of Church Bells; (b) Introduction of Practical Ringing—Action and Rope-handling; (c) Belfry Care and Maintenance; (d) Bell Control in the Elements of Change Ringing; (e) Demonstrations, Handling Practice and Change Ringing, in local tower; (f) Calling as an introduction to Conducting; (g) Method Structure in Change Production (elementary); (h) Handbell Ringing (beginners); (i) Composition (elementary).

Besides the various 'aids' used in the lectures and demonstrations there was a fascinating exhibition, in the gallery, of a very large collection of photographs; also a magnificent display of handbells—part of the second largest collection in the world—all brought by Mr. Frederick Sharpe—and ultimately put to good use in the course. In addition to the usual 'questioning' there was also a ringing Brains Trust period. In this the question master was the deputy warden, Miss D. M. Milnes, M.A., and the members of the team were the four lecturers—all officers of the college—Messrs. A. York-Bramble (principal), Frederick Sharpe (consultant, towers and belfries), Richard Speed (vice-principal) and Geoffrey Dodds (an honorary tutor).

The gathering closed with a 'concert', given jointly by members of the course and those of a simultaneous one on recorder playing. The ringers' contribution featured the use of Mr. Sharpe's handbells, under his direction. Enjoyment was mutual. Mr. Sharpe also took the Sunday morning brief service.

Students expressed their satisfaction, especially those who knew nothing of ringing at all and later were bell-handling; and the college has since received confirmation from Missenden Abbey that the course was a recognised success. But apart from the satisfactory issue there is also the very pleasurable experience, on these occasions, of a delightful week-end in the charming setting of an historic country house in beautiful grounds, with good food and good fellowship.

### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY CUP CONTEST

The June meeting of the Society was held at Wentworth, when the annual striking contest for the Society's Silver Cup took place.

The contest was keenly judged by Messrs H. Chant and J. Thorley and results were as follows: 1 Warsop, 2 Handsworth, 3 Sheffield Cathedral, 4 Wentworth. A pleasing feature was that for the first time Wentworth were able to enter a team.

Thirty-five ringers had tea and the business meeting which followed was presided over by Canon King, Vicar of Wentworth and also leader of the Wentworth ringers. Nine new members were elected.

Next meeting, a joint one with the Southwell Guild at Warsop, Creswell and Mansfield on July 8th.  
E. C.



## CLERGY'S TRIBUTE TO PREB. E. V. COX

As a tribute to the memory of Preb. E. V. Cox, a former vice-president of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, eight members of the Guild travelled a combined distance of 1,660 miles to attempt a memorial peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Drayton, Somerset, on June 20th.

Unfortunately, after some 3,400 changes had been rung in two hours, the seventh rope broke below the sally.

Those taking part were as follows: The Revs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay) 1, J. B. T. Homfray (Leckhampton) 2, S. M. Evans (St. Laurence-in-Thane) 3, P. T. Robbins (Lower Halstan) 4, J. G. M. Scott (Clawton, Devon) 5, C. J. B. Marshall (Crewkerne) 6, R. Keeley (Salisbury) 7, R. O. Fry (Yeovil) (cond.) 8.

It is hoped to make another attempt in the autumn.

## DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION Peak District

Eyam was the tower visited for the June meeting and the 3rd provided a warmer day than the recent cold spell for our visit to this pleasant, light six. Only four of the District towers were represented, but visitors from the Chesterfield District and Cheshire friends brought the attendance up to about 20.

Tea was taken at a local hotel and at the business meeting six new members from Hathersage were enrolled. The bells were kept going in a wider variety of methods than usual, until 9 p.m.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Despite the stormy weather, the quarterly meeting of the Andover District at Sydmonton on May 27th, was exceptionally well attended, ringers coming from a wide area to ring on the pretty six bells in the private church in the grounds of Sydmonton Court.

For one member the meeting was the end of a 15 years' dream. When first he looked on these bells in 1946, they were covered with twigs and rubbish up to the headstock. After a silence of 70 years the bells were first rung three years ago to the day—the writer then proving that the bells were not unsafe for ringing. For amusement there was also ringing on the three bells at Echingswell. (There is room in the bell chamber for six bells.)

Canon Sanders, of Overton, conducted the service, and tea and the meeting followed in the Old Burghclere Hall.

Mr. A. W. Allison was in the chair at the business meeting. The next meeting will be at Amport on September 9th, and the striking competition for the Aird Challenge Cup on Oct. 7th. Ringing followed at Burghclere until 9 p.m.

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## OBITUARY

Dennis Morgan, a young ringer of the Harlington, Middlesex, band, was killed in a motor-cycle accident on June 19th.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Southern District's Annual Meeting

After a rather long lapse of time without a meeting the Southern District's annual May meeting was held at Wakefield and attracted a large crowd, 50 of whom enjoyed tea served by the local ladies in the Social Service Hall and many more who ate elsewhere.

In addition to the fine ring of twelve at the Cathedral, good use was made of the six at Crofton, where youngsters enjoyed their first experience of ringing in the middle of the church and at Felkirk, famous for Dan Smith, and from where some members were able to visit Ringing Master Mr. Harry Chant, happily enjoying a good recovery from his recent illness.

At the meeting a welcome was accorded by Father Beaumont on behalf of the Provost of Wakefield, who was unable to attend at the last minute. The chair was taken by District vice-president, Mr. Norman Chaddock, who, in his opening remarks, mentioned the presence of so many members from neighbouring Western District, also several out-county visitors. Apologies were received from Mr. H. Chant and Mr. J. W. Buxton. Mr. Geoffrey Goodall, of Dronfield, was elected an out-county member of the Association.

Officers elected for the next triennial period were: Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Chant; District Committee, Messrs. F. A. Staveley (General), F. Brunt and G. Townend, Mr. N. F. Moxon was elected to the General Committee to replace Mr. D. Cubitt, who had left the county.

Long discussions took place on a possible tower affiliation scheme and the controversial matter of peals of Minimus. It was proposed that the August meeting be held at Penistone, with two or three six bell towers also available, but it has subsequently been ascertained that Penistone are entertaining two other Societies around that time and an invitation to join the Barnsley and District Society elsewhere might be accepted.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

A quarterly meeting was held at Kingston Magna on June 3rd, when some 25 ringers were present. The Rector (the Rev. H. B. Snelgrove) welcomed the Branch at the service and the new Guild office was used. This included a hymn written for the Guild by Canon C. Carew Cox, formerly Master and now president of the Guild.

Fourteen new members were elected to the Branch. These included a whole band from Horningsham, six from Kingston Magna and one from Stourton.

The honorary secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, was congratulated on his recent election as Master of the Guild. The chairman of the Branch, the Rev. R. C. Chaffey Moore, drew attention to the forthcoming enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury on June 27th. It was felt that ringers would need little encouragement to exercise their art on that day.

After the meeting ringing continued at Buckhorn Weston and later at Marshull.

R. N. L.

## ST. MARK'S DOUBLES

Mr. P. Amos writes that St. Mark's Doubles, of which a peal was rung at Harpole, has been rung before, but not to a full peal. It was rung some 12-15 years ago by Mr. Alan Pink's band at Bodicote, near Banbury, in a multi-methods peal.

St. Mark's is similar to St. George's, with the exception that the three plain leads are St. Martin's plain leads instead of Winchendon Place leads. St. Matthew's is similar, with the three plain leads being St. Simon's—that too has been rung before in a multi-methods peal, but not to a full peal on its own.

St. Silvester also has the same calls—Original half-leads for a bob, and Old Doubles, Singles, with three plain leads of St. Nicholas—nine calls in each 120. Second and fourth only can be observation bells.

## A QUARTER OF ERIN 'SINKS'

The ringers assemble in Redcliffe tower, The time is just five to the hour. Each takes his rope and adjusts his hold. The caller mounts his box and with faces bold The treble calls. The bells sound good, But with this band, after all they should!

The bells ring well for 5 minutes or so, Then the conductor calls into rounds they must go.

Apparently, bells 1 and 4 changed places; I thought I saw some weird grimaces. Again the ringers attempt the quarter, Determined to do each as he oughter.

The bells roll away into Cinques of the Erin kind,

And I can see concentration in every mind. The conductor has just called a single, It's clever how the sounds all mingle. To make this peal sound different from others, You read about on 'Ringing World' covers.

The peal now has been ringing half-hour long; Bellringers sure must be fit and strong. They pull on the sally and stretch at back stroke,

I often wish that I could give them a poke! It's wicked of me for they're trying very hard To get ..... is it a blue little card?

I take a look at the handsome team, Supposed to be (dare I?) Bristol's bellringing cream?

But now they are nearing the end, I can tell, Each ringer really concentrates on his or her bell.

Twenty-four arms going up and then down, And nobody tiring or wearing a frown.

But what is that the conductor did call? Ah, now I know ..... he said, 'That's all.' The quarter's to an end, the bells they stand, There are a few giggles from the band. They stand around and discuss their loss, Eager to find the fault as soon as poss.

They can't decide what really went wrong, But come on ringers we can't stay too long. You know, 'If at first you don't succeed,' Why not take home the method and have a good read.

But thank you ringers. I enjoyed the hour And no doubt once again I'll return to this tower.

For in less than three months I'll be a ringer's wife,

So I had better get used to a ringing life.

MARY J. CLARKE.

## THE LADIES' GUILD Western And South Wales Districts

A combined meeting of the two Districts was held at Penarth on June 10th, with ringing also at St. John's, Cardiff, during the morning.

At Penarth ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and after a variety of methods an all-ladies band rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples. A short service was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was very generously provided by the ladies of the Church Council, for which the members would like to place on record their appreciation.

In the absence of Mrs. J. S. King, who was unable to be present through illness, the arrangements for the meeting were taken over by the vice-president of the South Wales District, Miss Dilys Hubert.

At the short business meeting an expression of sympathy was sent to Mrs. King on behalf of the two Districts, and votes of thanks were passed to Miss Hubert for her help, and to all those who helped in the arrangements regarding opening of towers.

The experiment of holding a joint meeting was an obvious success, and it is hoped that a return visit will be made by the South Wales District for a joint meeting in Bristol in June, 1962.



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### MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENTION!—Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers, Bellringers' hall, Saturday, July 8th, 8 to 11.45 p.m., Kimpton Memorial Hall. Ticket only: 6s. single, 10s. double, including refreshments. Licensed bar. Apply Miss Baxter, 48, High Street, Kimpton, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. Please come. 8419

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—All peal reports, compositions and booking fees must until further notice be sent as soon as possible after a peal has been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association to the general secretary, Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. Annual reports for 1960 available at 2s. 4d. including postage; new certificates of membership at 1s. 6d.—C. Rouse. 8474

WALTHAMSTOW.—No further ringing at St. Mary's until beginning of August. Taylor's are in. 8484

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### MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bi-annual rally, at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing arrangements: Chilvers Coton 1.30 to 3 and 6.30 to 8 p.m., Nuneaton 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8, Bedworth, Bulkington and Atherstone 2 to 4. Service at Chilvers Coton 4.30. Tea in the Church Hill 5.15. Social at Bulls Head Hotel, Nuneaton, 8 to 10 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 8433

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Burnham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 2.30-3 and 3.30 p.m. onwards. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 8364

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ockley and Capel, Saturday, July 1st. Ockley bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, Capel, 5 sharp, followed by service and ringing at Capel. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside Cottages, Capel, Dorking. 8398

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to secretary. 8423

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church; 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 8388

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, July 1st, meeting at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Miss Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 8387

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. Telephone number 438. 8451

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 3rd, 7 p.m. 8460

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Sculthorpe, Wednesday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 8455

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sandal, near Wakefield, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than July 4th Mr. Wm. Womack, 73, Woolgreaves Drive, Sandal, Wakefield. 8468

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marston Bigot, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8469

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wellow, on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. French, Rose Cottage, Middle Hill, Wellow.—Alan Lee, Sec. 8439

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Monk-silver, Saturday, July 8th. Numbers for tea essential by 5th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 8485

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick (6), Saturday, July 8th, from 2.30 p.m. Special methods: Beverley Surprise, Double Oxford. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by July 6th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 8463

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Burgess Hill, Saturday, July 8th. Tea in Parish Hall; names essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pen-drill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Littleington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 8496

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Wilburton, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 8470

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), on Saturday, July 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 8430

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 5th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 8482

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Seale, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. Gardner, Ivy House, The Sands, Seale. 8494

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Coalbrookdale (10), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Caters and Royal.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 8492

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. Definitely no name no tea. 8444

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8491

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. H. Hunter, 9, Parr Lane, Eccleston, Chorley, 162 bus from Preston, 1.53; from Wigan, 2.0; 327 from Chorley, 1.45 and 2.45; also 298 to Lydiate Lane.—L. Walmsley. 8445

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 8486

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Hinckley District, Saturday, July 8th. Bells available: Broughton Asley (6) 1.30-2.30 p.m., Leire (6) 2-3, Claybrooke (8) 2.30-3.30, Sharnford (6) 3-4, Sapcote (6) 3.30-4.10 and 6.30-8, Stoney Stanton (8) 6.30-8. Choral Evensong, Sapcote, 4.15. Tea (followed by meeting), Sapcote Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, Leicester, by July 5th. General Committee meeting in St. John's Vestry, June 28th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8426

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Barton (8), July 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 8431

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Saturday, July 8th, at All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Priory. Ringing 6.30 to 7 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m., followed by ringing until 9 p.m. All Saints', Edmonton, bells also available 2.30 to 4 p.m. 8475

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Reepham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Salle (6) in the evening. Service 4.15. Tea, with light refreshments, 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. H. Vardigans, Hill House, Reepham, by Thursday, 6th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 4th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 8462



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Swallowfield (5) and Mortimer St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Mortimer St. John's (6), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Names for tea by July 5th to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 8th, Thornhaugh (5). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing also at Wansford (5) in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street. 8478

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea not later than Monday previous to Mr. P. Box, Boxmoor, Newnham, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 8479

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warmminster, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8247

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Westbury (6), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to W. E. Hollingworth, 13, Hinwood Road, Westbury, Shrewsbury. 8466

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing by the river. Quarterly meeting, Sat., July 8th, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Mortlake, 2.30 to 4.30 (37 bus from Putney). Tea, St. Mary's Church Hall, Putney, followed by meeting. Bells afterwards.—F. J. Matthews.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting, July 8th, with Nottingham and North Notts Districts of Southwell Guild, Chesterfield District of Derbys Association, Sheffield and District Society, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and Society of Sherwood Youths. Towers open: Creswell 2-4, Edwinstowe 2.45-4, Warsop 2.4-30 and 6.30-9, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse 7-9. Service at Warsop 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Most important names for tea to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop, Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, July 5th. No guesswork possible as to numbers likely to come. 8380

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ranmore Common, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. (2s. 9d.) for the first 30 to book. Business meeting to follow. Bells after. Names for tea to me at 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Selborne and Newton Valence. Bells available: Selborne (5), 2.30 to 3.15, 6 to 6.30 and 7 onwards; Newton Valence, 2.30 and throughout. Service. Newton Valence, 4. Tea 5 p.m., Queen's Hotel. Numbers essential by July 5th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 8493

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 8th. Bells available: Breamore (4) 2 p.m. and Fordingbridge (8) 6 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Hulse Hall, Breamore. Names for tea not later than Thursday, July 6th, to Mr. J. Mussell, The Shallows, Breamore, near Fordingbridge, Hants.—W. T. Godfrey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8487

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, on July 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Crown Inn at 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 8497

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Wraxall (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by July 13th.—D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 8195

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Summer festival meeting at Maulden, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 13th, to Mr. M. Lockey, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden. This will probably be the last meeting at Maulden for approximately two years. 8476

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8421

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington (Quex Park), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m., at 2s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutlands Gardens, Birchington, together with cash please, by July 12th.—T. C. P. 8416

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. Harman, 56, Cooling Road, Frindsbury, Rochester. 8489

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Owston Ferry, on Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8480

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Newcome, Brownlow Arms, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8477

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Grosmont and Skenfrith, Saturday, July 15th. Grosmont bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea available in Grosmont Vestry—Bring own food. Business in vestry. Skenfrith (6) after business. Numbers attending by July 12th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 8483

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Wateringbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 8490

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 12th, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8453

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 15th, Winterslow. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 11th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8473

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, July 11th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8481

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Howden Minster (8). Bells available 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, by July 13th to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8459

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The District cup contest and meeting of the North Notts District took place at Rampton on June 10th. It was disappointing as only Ordsall and East Relford entered. Ordsall were the winners and in September meet the winners of the other three Districts. Mr. J. L. Millhouse, of Lincoln, was the judge. Mr. D. Beecroft provided a good tea at the Royal Oak, after which followed a short meeting. Altogether about 30 ringers turned up and ringing again took place until 8.30 p.m., in methods up to Surprise.

## LATE NOTICE

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, July 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names by July 5th, to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood. 8498

## OUTINGS

### CHILVERS COTON

In the early afternoon of June 3rd a party of 29 ringers and friends set off from Coton for a tour of Oxfordshire and Berkshire. The first stop was at Hook Norton, where good use was made of a very fine octave (tenor 20 cwt.). Tea was partaken of at the Sun Inn and the Rector called in to give us a welcome.

A few miles of travel through beautiful hilly country along narrow winding lanes brought us to Great Tew, reputed to be the most beautiful village in Oxfordshire, where there is at least one example of every tree which grows in the British Isles. The church is approached through a park and has a most lovely, peaceful setting. The Vicar welcomed us here and urged us to sign the visitors book. The lovely toned bells here were not too easily managed by the younger members, but the more experienced ringers derived great pleasure.

On through 35 miles of southern Oxfordshire to Appleton in Berkshire, to try our skill on the famous bells which have been used in several long lengths. We rang for an hour and then went to the Oriol Hotel, Abingdon, for a splendid dinner, followed by handbell ringing and a social hour before setting off in the coach for a two hour journey home which was reached at 12.15 a.m.

D. E. B.

### HILLINGDON

For many years St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild have been talking round the possibility of a visit to the Loughborough Foundry. Now the M.1 motorway has made this feasible and starting from home at 7.15 a.m. on May 27th we were ringing at St. John the Divine, Leicester, only three hours later, after a half-hour halt for coffee. Later we rang at the two Loughborough tens, and were entertained by an extremely interesting tour of the bell foundry. A call was made at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on the way home. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Major and Cambridge Royal. Thanks are due to the incumbents and steeplekeepers, and particularly to Peter Staniforth and Paul Taylor for their help at the Leicestershire end. J. H.

### HURST, BERKSHIRE

Hurst, Berkshire, ringers covered 250 miles during their outing on June 3rd, starting at 7.30 a.m. and arriving home in the early hours of Sunday morning. The 12 bell tower of Painswick was first visited and the band had to be content with Stedman and Grandsire Caters and rounds in 12.

After lunch at Gloucester, the usual Triples methods were rung at Lydney. A pleasant drive brought us to Chepstow and some very creditable Caters and Bob Royal were accomplished on these fine ten. We were loath to leave this well-kept ringing chamber.

Tea followed and then, en route for Monmouth, a visit was paid to Tintern Abbey. At St. Mary's, Monmouth, our last tower, some good ringing of Triples and Major took place.

B. C. L.

### TOTTENHOE, BEDS

St. Giles', Tottenhoe, ringers had reached their first objective of their 11th annual outing, on May 27th, shortly after 9 a.m. and were ringing the fine eight bells of the picturesque village of Finchfield. Another well kept church was Sible Hedingham. After lunch, at Colchester, Helmingham, of Tolle-mache fame, was visited. St. Mary's, Framden, created a great impression on the younger ringers, by a peal board dedicated 'in remembrance of the perfect ringer.'

An excellent ringers' tea at Debenham was followed by ringing on the fine octave. The evening concluded by accepting the invitation to join in the practice at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds. Apart from incumbents and District secretaries, special thanks are due to Jack Scott for the well organised day.



## QUARTER PEALS

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. I. Chapman 1, G. Bonsor 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, M. R. Bennett 8. First in the method by all except treble. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley. Also to welcome from Aden the ringer of the 5th.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): Mrs. E. E. Pearson 1, J. Minicar 2, E. E. Pearson 3, Miss J. Phillips (first quarter) 4, A. W. Iving 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6, W. Iving 7, B. J. Sykes 8. Rung for afternoon service.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Towler 1, R. Shipp 2, E. Greenacre 3, Freda P. Greaves 4, L. W. Houghton 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6, C. H. Whitton (cover) 7. For the royal wedding. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Freda P. Greaves 1, R. Shipp 2, W. Curston 3, J. Wilson (cond.) 4, L. W. Houghton 5, C. H. Whitton 6, N. V. Harding (cover) 7. For the King's Lynn Trades Exhibition special service.

**MADELEY, SHROPS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosaline Farlow 1, T. Pritchard 2, T. S. Wilkes 3, A. S. Bayley 4, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. F. W. Jones and Miss D. B. Lewis, ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Mr. Revel (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, W. R. Parker 3, P. Coddington 4, C. V. Cade 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Katharine Worsley.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. J. Gooding 1, J. H. Glanville 2, A. G. Betts 3, W. F. Bye 4, P. E. Jupp 5, J. M. Carter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. First of Triples for 4 and 5. Half-muffled as a tribute to Presb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers).

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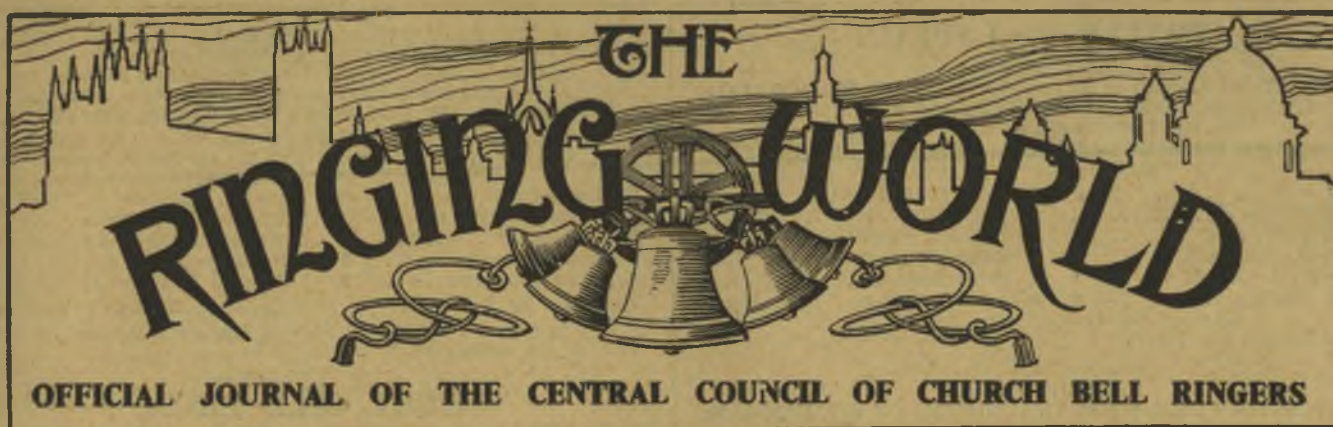
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## THE SHIELD GOES SOUTH

THE visitor approaching Barnstaple from the west, seeing the Yelland Power Station, the Army camp, the creeping fungus growth of bungalows, and finally the least attractive department of Barnstaple itself to the west of the bridge, might well think that in this gentle piece of land between the Torridge and the Taw more natural beauty has been overlaid with more artificial ugliness than anywhere else in Devon. But to the north-east, the Lynton road winds immediately out into a country of steep, wooded combs and quietness, and it is on this road that one sees the signpost pointing to Shirwell Town.

Now Shirwell has given its name to the Deanery and the Hundred in which it stands, and one might expect to find the church beyond the gasworks and across the market square from the Civic Hall. But a town in Devon is often a village and frequently no more than a farm, and Shirwell consists only of St. Peter's Church, a score or so of houses, a parish hall and a shop—and a yew tree.

It stands, this tree, outside the church door, its limbs polished smooth by generations of children who have joyfully accepted its invitation to be climbed. Such a close basketwork of branches are they that it would be impossible to fall out, and visitors to the church with children in tow might well think that such a tree should be standard equipment in any churchyard; a pity they take a thousand years to grow.

Outside, the church is singular in having its tower at the east end of the south aisle—a good little tower, though, bearing four portentously-crocketed pinnacles. Inside, there is a nice arcade of Devon pillars in fine white stone, and opposite it a single pillar of the same design—but made of oak. There is a Norman font, some good mediæval roofs, and an effigy of a lovely mediæval lady in a recess in the chancel, lying under a massive stone lintel so low that one fears for her nose should she wake suddenly.

This is very much North Devon, and when the Devon Association's six-bell competition was rung here on June 10th the bands from East Portlemouth and West Alvington came from the furthest south of the county, all of 70

miles, to reach this northern stronghold. The bells are a tunable six, but they tested the adaptability of the ringers more than this competition has tested it for a little while, for they are on plain bearings and the third and fifth are not 'square,' which is our way of saying they're odd-struck. The man who can ring a perfect peal on perfect-going bells is not always able to correct an odd-struck one right from the start of the rise, and this may be one reason for a certain upsetting of form this year.

It is ten years since the shield left North Devon, and lately it has been virtually a private war between the northern towers, with the South Devon bands to fill up the programme. However, West Alvington have always been in the running, and the news that they'd won at Broadhempston with only 17½ faults made many North Devon ringers take them very seriously indeed. They had the luck to draw last place in order of ringing, which may have helped them to learn from other people's mistakes the way these bells should be handled. Down St. Mary and West Down went in together, about halfway through, which was exciting; West Down rang first, and were clearly doing well; Down St. Mary went well until the end of their changes, and then had a bad upset which unsettled them for their lower.

West Alvington couldn't ring a peal like the Broadhempston one on these bells, but they did their best, and their best was better than anyone else's—40½ faults was very creditable indeed. The North took the next four places, West Down with 46½, and Bow, Colebrook and Down St. Mary all in the 50's: if this had been North v. South on aggregate, the North would have won it easily, for West Alvington 'B' had a very unhappy peal.

But that is not by any means to belittle West Alvington's achievement. Their village is not a very big one, just beside Kingsbridge; and Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke both maintain excellent bands of ringers themselves, so Alvington can't draw on them. Yet here is a place which for over 12 years has been running two separate bands of ringers, manning the tower twice a Sunday, and repeatedly getting not one but *both* teams into the top five in the whole of South Devon. And when, after the Archdeacon of Barnstaple (who is Rector of Shirwell) had conducted the service in a packed church, his wife, Mrs. Sanderson, presented the shield to the West Alvington 'A' captain, I am sure that no ringer from North Devon grudged him, his men and the parish they represent, the just reward of a fine tradition.

J. G. M. S.



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Thurs., June 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. .. .	Treble	*ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. .	7
MURIEL REAY .. .. .	2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. .	8
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. .	9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. .	4	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. .	10
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. .	5	PETER BORDER .. .. .	11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	6	JOHN McDONALD .. .. .	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. .	Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. .	7
JOHN McDONALD .. .. .	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. .	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. .	3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. .	9
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NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. .	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. .	11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	6	PETER BORDER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Cheltenham, Cambridge, Harleston, Lyddington, Pudsey, Primrose, Superlative, Woodstock and Yorkshire; with 107 changes of method. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. .	Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. .	7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. .	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. .	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. .	3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. .	9
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TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. .	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. .	11
ALAN J. FROST .. .. .	6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. FEARN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in nine methods.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

No. 3 version.		C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. .	6
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. .. .	Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. .	7
†S. BARRY SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. .	8
JOHN WORTH .. .. .	3	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. .	9
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. .	4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	Tenor
†B. GILLIAN SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	5		

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal of Royal. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 HEMINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. .	Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. .	6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. .	2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .	7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. .	3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. .	8
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. .	9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. .	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. .	Tenor

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In four methods, comprising 2,400 London No. 3, 1,400 Clifton, 600 Cambridge, 600 Yorkshire; with 100 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

S. BARRY SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. .	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOLFIELD .. .. .	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. .	7
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. .	3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. .	8
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. .	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. .	9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. .	5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods by all the band, and for the Association.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

Johnson's variation.		ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	5
IRIS THOMSON .. .. .	Treble	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. .	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. .. .	2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	7
JOHN A. BROWN .. .. .	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. .	Tenor
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. .	4		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

First peal of Major on the bells since their restoration.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. .. .	Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. .	5
PATRICIA A. MORRIS .. .. .	2	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. .. .	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. .	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. .	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. .	4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .	Tenor

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*On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

VIVIAN BARNES .. .. .	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. .. .	5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. .	2	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. .	6
*RICHARD NEWMAN .. .. .	3	RALPH HARRIS .. .. .	7
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. .. .	4	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E

ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. .	Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. .	5
CLAUDIA E. CRITCHLEY .. .. .	2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. .	6
JACK S. DEAR .. .. .	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. .. .	7
*GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. .	4	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 200th peal.

ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

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## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

## KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*VERONICA M. MILES .. Treble	*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 5
ALMA M. GREAVES .. .. 2	ROGER J. GAY .. .. 6
*J. MARY FUNNELL .. .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
†LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. 4	PAUL W. WEBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 14).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

## BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE R. DAWSON .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. E. Allen, and the birth of daughters to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tyrrell, of Spalding.

## OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLOWWICK.

## A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 64 lb. in A.

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

## MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 2	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 7
RONALD A. WRIGHT .. .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

## MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	
ROSEMARY HARMSWORTH .. Treble	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 2	JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 6
JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 3	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 7
THOMAS F. METCALFE .. .. 4	PETER HANDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Treble	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 5
*CHRISTINE HASSELL .. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 6
*PAUL G. HOLMES .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 7
†CANON F. A. SANDERS .. .. 4	†RAYMOND HASSELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

## SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

K. PETER JONES .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. .. 2	*†J. DAVID ATKINSON .. 6
*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Major, and of Surprise 'inside.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.		Tenor 25 cwt.
PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. .. 5	
ALAN HARTLEY .. .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 6	
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 7	
JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lt.-Col. Sir Robert Martin, for 36 years chairman of Leics County Council, a vice-lieutenant of Leics and a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, who died on June 13th, aged 86.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

BASIL JONES .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.

## SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 28 cwt. in D.
WENDY BIRD .. Treble	LESLIE A. PAGE .. .. 5	
*RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 2	*EDWARD C. READ .. .. 6	
YVONNE L. ELOIE .. .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. 7	
LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the centenary of Salisbury Theological College and the visit of Archbishop Lord Fisher, of Lambeth, for the centenary festival.

## LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER CLARKSON .. Treble	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 5
*ROGER FRY .. .. 2	†ALLAN PATON .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	†BOB DOWDESWELL .. .. 7
IVOR GOULTER .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First of Major.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Fry.

## PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*RAYMOND H. DAW .. Treble	PAUL W. WEBB .. .. 5
*†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	*ROGER J. GAY .. .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside,' aged 13.



SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ALAN R. PINK .. .. Treble	*JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 5
*EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 2	*BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 6
†DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 7
*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. .. 4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 2	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. .. 6
DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 3	*JAMES RUMBLE .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.  
\* First peal of Major.

Rung for the 80th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Guild.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

NORAH M. RANGLES .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	*JAMES W. RAITHBY .. .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

A compliment to Rev. Canon R. T. Keal on completion of 21 years as Vicar of this parish.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In four methods, being 2,624 London, 1,184 Bristol, 768 Superlative and 704 Cambridge; with 110 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of London, Bristol and Superlative.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London; with 104 changes of method.  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).  
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist as a compliment to the new Vicar of Erith, Rev. Peter Absolon.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.  
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM G. WILSON .. .. 5
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 2	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 6
GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 7
GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

CHATHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
CYRIL J. GOULD .. .. 2	*RONALD E. NORRIS .. .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 4	DEREK NORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* 40th peal (37 with the conductor).

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BUCKLAND, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.
*DAVID HERSCHELL .. .. Treble	*DAVID J. MUNDY .. .. 4
*SYLVIA MARSH .. .. 2	*WILLIAM PARROTT .. .. 5
*ADRIENNE GIBSON .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.
PETER J. CHILTON .. .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 5
R. BARRY BROWN .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Fri., June 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.
WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Treble	ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 4
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
*ERIC HOTINE .. .. 3	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.  
\* First peal.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., June 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two 2,160's and one 720.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*ROGER FRY .. .. Treble	*ALLAN PATON .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	*LEN EDWARDS .. .. 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.  
\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In five methods, being two extents each of College Exercise T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Norbury T.B. and Kent T.B.	Tenor 7 cwt.
*ROGER FRY .. .. Treble	*BOB DOWDESWELL .. .. 4
*ALLAN PATON .. .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.  
\* First peal in five methods. First on the bells since rehanging.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(West Lindsey Branch.)  
On Sat., June 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MELVILLE ROSE .. .. Treble	JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 2	†JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ROBIN A. HEPPENSTALL .. 3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LESLIE A. LUNN.  
\* First peal. † First 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal.

Rung at the request of Canon Ravins for the youth pilgrimage to St. Oswald's Well.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently.	Tenor 11 cwt.
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 4
PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. 5
LESLIE F. BAILEY .. .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Leslie F. Bailey.



**BEENHAM-VALENCE, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz., one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Oxford T.B., one of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, and one of Plain Bob and Double Bob.

JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. .	4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. .. .	2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. .	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. .	3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

**CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Single Oxford, Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK ROSS .. .. .	Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. .	4
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. .	2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. .	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

*BARBARA FISHER .. .. .	Treble	*PHILIP BEDFORD .. .. .	4
HARRY TURNER .. .. .	2	RAYMOND G. JONES .. .. .	5
*RONALD J. BROWN .. .. .	3	HERMON J. OLIVER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal in four methods.

**KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.**
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Kent T.B.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. .	Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. .	4
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. .	2	*GORDON RUMNEY .. .. .	5
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. .	3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in five methods.

**STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. .	Treble	DON EXELL .. .. .	4
*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. .. .	2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. .	5
ALLAN PATON .. .. .	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

**WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.**
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. .	Treble	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. .. .	4
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. .	2	FREDERICK DERRY .. .. .	5
ROLAND H. COOK .. .. .	3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ecob, Melton Mowbray, on their silver wedding anniversary.

**STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.**
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**
*On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being 720 each of Stamford and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

CECIL W. MATTHEWS .. .. .	Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. .	4
CECIL WADE .. .. .	2	S./LDR. GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. .	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. .	3	JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Rung in honour of the visit this day to Stamford of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the quinqucentenary celebrations.

**SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**
**THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
*On Mon., June 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 20 six-scores Plain Bob and 20 six-scores and one 240 Grandsire.

KEITH SWINGWOOD .. .. .	Treble	G. A. MOORE .. .. .	4
*PAT ROBINSON .. .. .	2	K. PETER JONES .. .. .	5
ALLEN D. STEELE .. .. .	3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by G. A. MOORE.

\* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the wedding of Sylvia Mary Lawford Philips to John Edward Heath.

**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.**
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
*On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. .. .	Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. .	4
*STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. .	2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. .	5
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. .	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

**SALTASH, CORNWALL.**
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**
*On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. .	Treble	D. ROY BOULD .. .. .	4
REV. P. DOWLING .. .. .	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. .. .	5
ALLAN J. COLLINGS .. .. .	3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells.

**THORNHILL, YORKSHIRE.**
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**
*On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

TOM CROSSLEY .. .. .	Treble	DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. .	4
TREVOR TARBATT .. .. .	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. .	5
PETER CARBUTT .. .. .	3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal on the bells.

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KIRBY WISKE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

*ELSDON METCALFE .. .. Treble	*ARTHUR BASHFORTH.. .. 4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 2	HOWARD SANDHAM .. .. 5
RONALD R. WARFORD .. .. 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of April Day and St. Simon's, four of Grand-sire and 36 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. Treble	JOHN PLADDYS .. .. 3
*†WENDY PHILLIPS .. .. 2	WILLIAM G. HEADLEY .. 4

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PLADDYS.

\* Most methods to a peal. † First 'inside.' First of Doubles by all except the conductor. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells, and first since rehanging in May, 1960.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., May 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 5—6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3—4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. .. 7—8
JOHN E. ANDERSON.. .. 9—10	

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

The conductor's 200th peal, 100th on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.*

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

R. JAMES COOK.. .. 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted JOHN M. JELLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., June 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.*

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5—6
*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3—4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

\* 200th handbell peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*On Fri., June 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes.*

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (eight callings).

Tenor size 15 in G.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4
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†RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE

\* 25th peal. † First of Canterbury.

Also

*On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, six each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and three each of Southrepps and Kennington. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4
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\*RUPERT A. CLARKE.. .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal in six methods. 25th peal for the Society.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

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## HALF PEALS

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On June 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Tinson 1, Gillian Wiggins 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. Longest length by all except conductor. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**KIRBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 2,700 Plain Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, M. J. Kirk 3, B. T. Cook 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Longest length by all the band. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On June 24th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Simmonds (first quarter) 1, B. R. Care (cond.) 2, Anne M. Rowson 3, J. W. Berry 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, A. G. Rowson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a thanksgiving for the work of Dr. G. F. Fisher, as Archbishop of Canterbury. Also on June 27th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Elaine Dixon 1, B. R. Care 2, M. Angela Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. A. Constant 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6. To mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On June 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Buck 1, E. Willis (first in method) 2, J. I. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6, P. Flack 7, C. Harwood 8.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's pleasure, St. Columb, Grandsire): J. C. Lowe 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. R. Perkins 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, G. B. Lawe 5, M. Lovett (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss E. Pryke 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. Rung for the sacrament of Confirmation administered by the Bishop of Colchester.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, R. Cooper 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Martha Ann Rose (97). Held in great esteem in the parish. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, R. Cooper 2, E. Bailey 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. A wedding compliment to Judith Bailey and Edward G. Beer.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Harris 1, Mary R. Jaycock 2, Sylvia Woods 3, Diana Harris 4, N. Belsom 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, G. W. Limmer 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss K. M. Worsley.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Ambrose's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, F. J. Sampson 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, R. G. Hooper 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6, M. J. Hoskins 7. Rung for Ascension-tide. Also on June 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Hoskins (first of Major) 1, G. M. Hussey 2, F. J. Sampson 3, A. C. Baker 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. G. Hooper 6, P. T. Hurcombe 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Rooke 1, R. Grubb 2, L. Walters 3, Miss B. M. Boyle 4, G. W. Limmer 5, K. Walters 6, D. Jewel 7, C. Rooke 8. For Evensong, and in grateful memory for the life of Preb. E. V. Cox; also to the memory of Mrs. J. H. B. Andrews, wife of the chairman of the North Devon Branch.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Worrall 1, H. Spencer 2, J. S. B. Powell 3, A. J. Peters 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, M. V. White 6. Rung by members of the Axbridge Branch as a compliment to their Master on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hooper.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Tinson (first quarter) 1, Gillian Wiggins (first 'inside') 2, H. Thomas 3, Mrs. L. M. Wiggins 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, F. Hughes 6. For Evensong.

**DRAYTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, J. E. Looker 2, H. J. Gaylard 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Hartland (first of Major) 6, J. W. Drew 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens.

**EALING, MIDDXX.**—On June 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Sprackling 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, S. Croft 4, M. Sprackling 5, F. D. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung for morning service.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. R. Spencer 1, H. Lewin 2, A. Minkley 3, P. Nix (cond.) 4, J. W. Tyler 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. Rung on the eve of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Worsley.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty M. Mansfield 1, Mrs. A. Brangwyn 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Rigby 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Booth.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDXX.**—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, Wendy Smith 2, Juliet Wooders 3, A. Corran 4, Jennifer Hitchcock 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before morning service in memory of Dennis C. Morgan, a well-loved ringer at this church, who was laid to rest the previous day.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Waters 1, B. C. Burrough 2, Mrs. C. E. Slade 3, J. Small 4, C. E. Slade 5, B. E. Matthews 6, F. P. Wright (cond.) 7, C. W. Simpson 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Earl 1, Miss L. M. Beeny 2, A. Pannett 3, F. H. Beeny 4, G. Beeny (cond.) 5, Miss J. Funnell 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Gibbs 1, J. Froome 2, R. K. Rivers 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, J. A. Harland 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, J. Prince 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the treble and second bells and the first peal. Grandsire Triples, rung the same day, June 17th, 1911. Mr. J. Prince, now of Wokingham, rang the tenor to that peal.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Newman 1, D. Newcombe 2, R. Kendrick (first quarter) 3, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray (first as cond.) 4, A. Pendlebury 5, H. Harrison 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Newman 1, Margery Wratten 2, C. Wratten 3, Shirley Parsons 4, R. Fry 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, W. Farmer 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8. Also on May 31st, 1,280 Tollshunt D'Arcy Bob Major: Margery Wratten 1, Shirley Parsons 2, C. Wratten 3, R. Fry 4, I. Goulter 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, P. Hurcombe 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8. First in method for all. Also on June 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Newman 1, Shirley Parsons 2, C. Wratten (cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, A. Pendlebury 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, T. Borcham 7, G. R. Drew 8.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Smith 1, Anne Stenning 2, A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett (cond.) 4, A. Terry 5, W. Luff 6.

**LONDON.**—On June 11th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. M. Lane 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss D. M. Lawless 3, Miss M. Erik 4, Miss P. M. Jervis 5, D. A. R. May 6, D. E. Sibson 7, P. Cattermole 8, R. J. Trebilcock (first of Caters as cond.) 9, D. J. R. Martin 10. For Evensong.

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Holland 1, Miss G. Smith 2, G. W. Holland (cond.) 3, C. Stopp 4, H. Stopp 5, Miss M. Coleman 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the Rev. W. K. Clay, a former Rector.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On June 9th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Lurcock (first quarter) 1, A. Gilbert 2, D. G. Smith 3, D. A. Halton (first 'inside') 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5. For the royal wedding, the previous day.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vlerie Colegrove 1, J. R. Haycock 2, Joan Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung for Evensong, for the Patronal Festival (St. Botolph) and Newbold Wakes Sunday.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**—On May 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss I. Thomson (first on 10) 1, Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth 2, J. E. Anderson 3, W. Robson 4, A. R. Patterson 5, G. S. Deas (cond.) 6, F. Ross 7, J. Hedley 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, E. N. Harrison 10. Rung for Commonwealth Day.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. H. Jones (cond.) 1, N. D. Deam 2, Helen Williams 3, Elizabeth A. Miller (first 'inside') 4, A. Gammon 5. The conductor has called a quarter from each bell. For Ringers' Sunday.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On June 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary J. Marks 1, H. W. Milford 2, F. Wheeler 3, F. E. Day 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, W. G. Lavers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren (Birmingham, U.S.) 8, F. Reed (Hereford Cathedral) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey, 100th Archbishop of Canterbury.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On June 9th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,268 Stedman Triples: A. York-Bramble 1, L. D. Duguid 3, D. J. White 4, T. R. Taylor 5, J. N. Haile 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. F. Burbidge 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. F. S. Temple, M.A., as Vicar of Portsea.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Drew (first quarter) 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, W. J. Alexander 3, M. A. New 4, D. Bounds (cond.) 5, F. Broughton 6.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Chettle 1, Christine Wood 2, J. M. Clifton 3, S. Hodgkins 4, B. Whitworth 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, A. Gibbs 7, J. M. Clarke 8. For Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: Yvonne Pathayjohns (first quarter) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. D. Ward 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of Dr. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On June 11th, at the Church of St. Stephen, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Christine M. Rimmer 1, Angela Brunskill 2, P. J. Fells (cond.) 3, P. Atkinson (first in 4 methods) 4, D. Fellows (first of Doubles and in 4 methods) 5, R. Last 6.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, T. Hawkins 2, P. Watts 3, W. Smith 4, R. Penny (first as cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to Barbara Somerfield, a chorister and Sunday school teacher, on her marriage to Terence Pearncombe.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.**—On Whit Sunday, 900 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): D. Walters 1, L. Dowdswell 2, L. Joyces 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, G. Gardener (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. Castle 7, L. Scarrott 8. Longest length for 1, 5 and 8.

**SWITHLAND, LEICS.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Clarke 1, M. W. Brown (first as cond.) 2, R. N. Clarke 3, R. E. Lloyd 4, M. J. Copson (first 'inside') 5, J. A. Clarke 6. First quarter 1 and 6, First quarter by the newly formed local band.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Rev. A. Graham 3, H. Shire 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**TORQUAY, DEVON.**—On June 22nd, at the Church of St. Saviour, Tor Mohun, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Furdson 1, D. J. Roberts 2, A. C. Goss 3, A. J. Garbett 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, N. G. Forester 6. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Nicholson, after his institution and induction.

**THURMASTON, LEICS.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): M. Copson 1, M. W. Brown 2, Judy A. M. Cox 3, B. Brant 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, L. A. Smith 2, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge 4, G. E. Green 5, C. E. Truman 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

**WILTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Maggs 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, R. Avery 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. Brewer 5, W. H. Tarr 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, E. H. Langley 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Ramsey.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. John, on May 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, A. Bird 2, J. Brooks 3, G. Jenkins 4, A. J. Glass 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Oxford and Grandsire Triples: P. Gilman 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Monica Blagrove 3, A. J. Glass 4, G. Jenkins 5, A. Wenban 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

**WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.**—At St. George's Chapel, on June 8th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Mary Buckingham 2, Monica Blagrove 3, A. Wenban 4, J. Brooks 5, K. Buckingham 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Worsley and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.



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With the ringing of a peal of Zetland Surprise Major at Surfleet on June 19th, the seven 'inside' ringers completed their alphabet in Surprise Major methods, all having been conducted by Mr. R. C. Noon. It is thought that this is the first time that this has been completed by a complete band (with the exception of the treble ringer). The band feel indebted to Mr. C. J. Sedgley for his assistance with both methods and compositions.

Mr. Bryan Pattison left for Geneva this week, where he will be working for two months.

Mr. A. W. Coles, of North Mymms, was present at Pyrford on June 17th and not Mr. A. E. Coles.

The memorial to Mr. Frank Skidmore will be an oak credence table for use at the high altar in St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, where Frank served for so many years.

Another fine achievement is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in nine methods. This was rung at Cheltenham on June 24th, conducted by Mr. Wilfred Williams. The composition is by Mr. George E. Feirn.

The magnitude of ringers' teas is noteworthy. New feature introduced at a Cheshire tea. Not content with full plates, paper bags were provided to take away the left overs!

In appreciation for his help and loyal service at King's Norton, the peal of Cambridge Major there on June 13th was rung for Roger Gray. The band wish him success in his teaching appointment in Devon, which he takes up in September.

Mr. Michael F. Amos, who is to be commissioned as a Church Army Captain on July 25th, wishes to thank the ringers of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, for 'the wonderful way' he had been received into 'the family' there during his two years at Church Army Training College. After being commissioned he is to work in a parish in Lancaster. He asks all who 'man the bells' for their prayers.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Tyneside peal band were delighted that, at Blaydon-on-Tyne on June 21st, they were able to help Stephen Thompson, of Whickham, realise one of his ambitions, to ring a peal of Surprise Minor. Stephen, now well over 70 years old, has always encouraged youngsters to progress in the Exercise and is at present training yet another young band at his home tower.

The Rev. G. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton and secretary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, is the new president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The peal at Chatham on June 24th was in honour of two weddings—Miss M. R. Bishop, daughter of the honorary verger and Mrs. Bishop, to the Rev. G. E. Jussup, and Miss Ann Dennis, daughter of Mr. T. Dennis, of Rainham, to Mr. Norman Humphries.

Five members of the Pipe family took part in a successful peal of London Surprise Major at Grundisburgh, Cecil and Sylvia had with them their sons, George and Roderick (who called the peal), and daughter-in-law, Diana.

Last Saturday a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods was rung at Stanmore, Middlesex, in honour of the engagement of Mr. John R. Mayne (Master of the Middlesex County Association) and Miss Rosemary Fleming.

Mr A. D. Barker, who for 25 years has been honorary treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was elected a vice-president at the 80th annual meeting and festival. Two bishops and two archdeacons attended the function and there were 171 at the luncheon held in the hall of Christ Church.

The response to the special request of the Central Council that the bells of the country should be rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury has been most encouraging. Our part in this historic event was well publicised, and many towers secured prominent announcements in their local press.

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# VETERANS' DAY IN LONDON

**M**IDSUMMER day, June 24th, temperatures over 80 and England collapse at Lords! How did the veterans get on? Very nicely and no complaints, a day of happy variety, mingled with hearty reunions, an inspiring service, a splendid tea, and a unique social.

Seven of the company were at St. Clement Danes' to ring for midday service. At St. John's, Waterloo, ringing started well with welcome assistance from young students; a broken rope, however, restricted ringing to seven bells. Double Norwich just came round at St. George's Church, Borough. Here again the seven for Stedman were good for Len Stilwell's 'sixes'.

The short service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was conducted by Mr. W. Grainger, a well known ringer from St. John's, Waterloo, who mentioned the good work the old ringers had done and his appreciation of their services.

After the usual photographic operation, a splendid tea was enjoyed and once again Mrs. E. E. Davis and her willing band of helpers knew how to cater for those whose ages ranged from 60 to 89! Expressions of our thanks were heartily given in the usual manner, mention being also made of Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Tomsett, and Mrs. Davis suitably replied.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

The list of those who had passed on was considerable and tributes were paid by secretary John Euston to Messrs. F. Digby, G. Gilbert, J. Parker, J. Sharman, J. Freeman, F. Brinklow, F. Sinkins, C. Bird, F. Shepherd, A. Peck, J. Kentish and Preb. Cox.

A welcome for return to health was accorded to Messrs. W. Shepherd, H. Rumens, J. Chapman, E. Fenn and W. Hewett.

Apologies for absence were received from many friends and the news of Dicky Deal's illness was received with regret; sincere hopes for his recovery were expressed.

## THE COMPANY

Those who were present, and their age, were: A. D. Barker 70, F. A. Barker 76, E. Barnett 76, H. W. Clark 68, T. Collins 73, J. W. Chapman 79, T. R. Dennis 77, H. J. Eldred 79, G. R. Goodship 73, E. G. Fenn 80, J. S. Hawkins 82, H. J. Hazell 61, W. H. Hewett 75, C. A. Hughes 74, A. Hunter 75, W. Insley 65, J. Marks 67, F. C. Maynard 74, C. W. Outley 67, W. J. Rawlings 66, H. Rumens 73, R. Sanders 87, C. J. Sedgley 74, W. Shepherd 78, E. D. Smith 76, H. Stalham 89, L. Stilwell 71, G. E. Symonds 85, N. A. Tomlinson 75, A. Turner 73, W. C. Wainwright 63, F. W. Wicks 73.

At the foot of the list there are names of three ladies, all well known throughout the Exercise. Mrs. Gladys E. Barker 60, Miss Evelyn Steel 82, and Mrs. Ethel M. Mitchell 71. The writer was pleased to meet Miss Steel again, the previous meeting being at Cubitt Town in 1912, after concluding the first ladies peal! Mrs. Mitchell was well known in the Reading district as Miss Goodship, prior to her marriage. The average age was rapidly worked out by Mr. A. D. Barker as 72½ years.

Laughter time came when some of the company responded to the request for amusing experiences, all fit to pass any censor. It was a real happy meeting and we desire to convey to everyone, clergy, ladies, church officials, laymen, in fact, everybody who, in any way, helped us to say 'This was our lovely day.'

WILLIAM SHEPHERD,  
J. W. EUSTON.

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# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 27



MR. WILLIAM B. KYNASTON,  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association

The Exercise has always had quite a number of good ringers who, having started off their ringing career with one Guild, and doing an amount of good work, have then moved away to another Association, and continued their activities there. Such a ringer is Mr. William Bertram Kynaston, of Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wiltshire. Born in Oswestry, Shropshire, on August 23rd, 1903, and attending a Roman Catholic school (though not embracing that faith), he entered the service of the old Cambrian Railways Co. there. On the amalgamation of the railways in 1922, he was transferred to the Locomotive Department of the G.W.R. at Shrewsbury, and later went to Swindon in 1928. He now holds the position of regional running and maintenance auditor on the Western Region of British Railways.

Bert, as he is known in his family circle, learnt to ring at St. Oswald's, Oswestry, in 1920, and rang his first peal in February, 1922—Grandsire Triples—at Shifnal. In February, 1924, he scored his first peal as conductor, with Grandsire Doubles at Oswestry. He took part in the first peals rung by resident members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild, of seven Minor methods. Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and also the first peal of Minor in the county of Shropshire, in which Cambridge was rung, conducted by William Short. His present peal total is 222, of which he has conducted 84, and these have included Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Kent and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. On handbells he has rung peals from Doubles to Maximus, except Cinques. In his early days, Bert owed much to the encouragement of the late Mr. Bob Evans, of Oswestry, and over the years assimilated much sound advice from the late Charlie Gardiner, of Swindon. He rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton in 1924, conducted by the late Herbert Knight, and his first peal of Maximus (Kent) at Shrewsbury, also in 1924, conducted by the late Charles R. Lilley, who always managed to live up any area in which he resided.

Amongst the peals in which he was very pleased to have taken part was a peal of Grandsire Triples, which he called at Oswestry, and in which his sister and two brothers took part. Also, more recently, a peal of Stedman Triples at Westbury, Wilts, in which Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts, now of Adelaide, Australia, rang the 35 cwt. tenor in masterly fashion. He has been a Freemason since

1931, being a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, but has not held any office, and was delighted to have conducted the first Masonic peal in Wales—Stedman Caters at Cardiff, in 1954. Many of his peals have been rung in the more humble methods, helping others, and he has called 61 ringers' first peals, and 146 'first in the method' or 'first of Major.' However, he has also rung 27 twelve bell peals, in 14 towers, and including the first peal of Maximus in Wiltshire, rung at Trowbridge. His job takes him to all the Motive Power Depots of the Western Region of B.R., and he is very grateful to ringers all over the area for the welcome he usually receives. He has rung in over 1,000 towers, in all the counties of England and Wales, except Cambridge, Huntingdon, Anglesey and Radnor, and these have included 48 twelve bell towers, and 39 Cathedrals. They have mainly been visited 'just as they come,' and he makes no pretension to being a 'tower-grabber'!

From 1932 to 1959, Bert was secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with a regular monthly meeting, and only resigned because his job took him away from home such a lot. He was honoured by being elected Master of his Association from 1948-50, and has been a Central Council representative since 1936, attending every meeting. He is now a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and also Master of the Railwaymen's Guild. He was a member of the band at Christ Church, Swindon, from 1928-1945, and since then has been a member of the Rodbourne Cheney band, where he also sings in the choir. He called his wife's one and only peal, but admits failure to turn her into a first class ringer! She just does her duty by assisting when required. He has very little time for any other hobbies, except railways and gardening—the latter compulsory in order to keep the place tidy!

In his quiet and genial manner, Bertram Kynaston has had a considerable influence in improving the standard of ringing in his part of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and his wise words of advice are usually heeded. Outside the Bristol area, few ringers of his generation in the last 30 years have helped their fellow members of this Association as he has done. For this he is much respected, but would probably, being very modest, not admit to it.

APACE.

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, I give notice that it is the intention of a band to attempt to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 15th, commencing at 6.30 a.m. The composition is given below.

### 40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By C. Kenneth Lewis.

23456	W	M	H
46325	S	*	—
36524	—	—	—
56423	3	—	—
63425	3	—	2
42365	S	—	—

Eleven times repeated, inserting 3 bobs at 5ths in every course.

Bob for 1st single wrong in 1st, 4th, 7th and 10 parts.

\* S in 1st and 7th parts.

Gives part ends:

1. 43265	7. 43256
2. 24365	8. 24356
3. 32465	9. 32456
4. 42365	10. 42356
5. 34265	11. 34256
6. 23465	12. 23456

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough,



## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THE 82nd annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held in Exeter on June 17th, with an attendance of about 120. The recent death of the Guild's president, Preb. E. V. Cox, was very much in members' minds when they met for service in St. Mark's Church, and the Dean of Exeter, the Very Rev. Marcus Knight, referred to this in his sermon, which was based on a text from Psalm 145: 'One generation shall praise Thy works unto another, and declare Thy power.'

He said: 'The sound of bells praises God and declares His power and reminds people that the Church is alive. When we think of Preb. Cox and all that he did for Church and people, and all that he did for ringing, we have a connection with a past generation and this brings to mind the many generations who have rung before us.'

### SOMETHING LARGE IN HISTORY

Bells, continued the Dean, were first used in the Church about the 6th century and in England about the 8th century, so they were carrying on a tradition which was 1,100 years old. He referred to the melodious jangle of Continental ringing and to the beautiful carillon which he had heard at the Riverside Church, New York; also to bells being a sign of joy, hope or sorrow, and to when they rang out again for the El Alamein victory in 1942 after the war-time silence. Hence, bells and ringers were part of something large in history.

There were three things they should cherish:

1 Ours is a sign of community life in which we all do something for each other, and a symbol of Christian life in which each one's skill becomes a part of the whole, and so ringing and fraternity are part of one another. Something of what we learn in the tower should be spread outside.

2 We are making a real contribution to beauty. Ringing can be regarded as part of the beauty of God, like a musical symphony.

3 Calling people to worship so that people are reminded of the glory of God and the reality of the permanence of God in a changing world. God was, and is, and is to come.

When we think of these things we are reminded that we are privileged to be part of a great community.

### 'PROFOUND LOSS'

The Dean took tea with the members and at the subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Poulton, who is chairman of the Exeter Branch of the Guild, the first business was to pass the following resolution, which was proposed by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, and seconded by Mr. George Betts:

'This annual meeting wishes to place on record its sense of profound loss by the death of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild since 1933, and its appreciation of his unflinching interest in every member and Branch, and his great service to the cause of ringing throughout the country.'

The members stood in silence, and after the general secretary had read a letter received from Canon C. Carew Cox, Preb. Cox's cousin, expressing gratitude for the affection shown by the large gathering at his funeral, he announced that he had heard from the executors of his will that he had left his handbells to the Guild, to be sold for the benefit of the Guild Instruction Fund.

### OVER 600 MEMBERS

The general secretary reported that membership, at 647, had apparently exceeded 600 for the first time in the Guild's history and

that the following had been confirmed as honorary life members: Mrs. A. Allin, Mr. C. G. Glass and M. G. H. Williams. It was agreed to hold the annual festival in Exeter again next year.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton, and chairman of the North Devon Branch, was elected president, and the Dean of Exeter, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. G. Glass and Mr. W. G. Lavers were added to the list of vice-presidents, who, together with the other officers, were re-elected. Mr. Norman Mallett was elected to fill the vacancy on the Central Council, caused by the death of Mr. J. L. S. Glanville.

It was announced that Miss Lomas' legacy had been received and was being held for instruction and that a sub-committee had been formed for the same purpose.

### POINTS FROM REPORTS

The report states that of the 111 new members elected, a large proportion were of school age, thus giving very good prospects for the future. Fifty proficiency certificates were awarded and more than 80 quarter peals were rung, affording an opportunity for about 20 ringers to ring their first quarter. Branch meetings had been well attended, the standard of ringing had been high and there had been some increase in Sunday service ringing.

Thirty peals were rung, allowing twenty members to ring their first peal, and four their first as conductor. Notable peals were: (1) a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Luppitt in which five rang their first peal, and C. Churchill his first as conductor, it being the first by a Luppitt band; (2) a peal at Belstone when five boys from Shebbear College rang their first peal, this being the first peal on the bells; (3) a peal at Buckfast Abbey in which three monks took part and three members rang their first peal. Two peals of Bob Royal were also rung in each of which all the band with the exception of two were resident members.

### SOUTH SOMERSET GO WEST

Two carloads of South Somerset ringers had an enjoyable week-end, starting on Friday, May 12th, when they arrived at Plymouth at 10 p.m. to be greeted by their hosts, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Marks.

Awakened at 5.45 a.m. on Saturday they caught the first ferry from St. Budeaux and at St. Stephen's, Saltash, were joined by three more ringers from Plymouth and one from Herts. There was ringing at Liskeard and Lostwithiel before lunch at Charlestown, the china clay port.

St. Austell's bells went well to Stedman Triples and those of the stately tower at Probus to Kent T.B. Major. After a good tea at Truro, the bells of Kenwyn were rung to Triple methods. Bodmin was reached at 8 p.m. and it was here that two Cornish ringers joined in the ringing. Only two of the cars reached Saltash in time for the last ferry, the other having to go to Tor Point.

Sunday morning's ringing was on the fine bells of Emmanuel, Plymouth: in the afternoon the ground floor ring at Shaugh Point was found to go well. Back to Plymouth for tea and then an attempt to ring a quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, kindly arranged between Mr. W. Marks and Mr. T. Myers. Unfortunately this was lost after about 20 minutes.

We wish to extend our grateful thanks to Mr., Mrs. and Joyce Marks for arranging the outing and being our hosts and also to all incumbents and towers captains.

R. D.

## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

The Northern Branch held a well attended meeting at Oldswinford on June 17th, approximately seventy members and visitors turning up. A fine day blessed the proceedings and the bells, recently rehung by Taylors, were enjoyed by all.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. A. V. Hurley, Archdeacon of Dudley, who also presided over the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea. He extended a hearty welcome to the members and in expressing his great appreciation of the Association's work, referred to his own enthusiastic young band, almost all of whom belonged to the Stourbridge King Edward VI Grammar School Guild of Ringers. The school had held its Charter Day celebration service that morning at Oldswinford, and the Guild had manned the bells before and after that service. These young ringers, under their leader, Mr. A. Roden, had been entirely responsible for all the arrangements made for that meeting, including raking him out to take the chair. So long as we had young people of this calibre coming along there was little need to fear for modern youth.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Shuck, replied, and in moving a very hearty vote of thanks said he knew he was speaking for everyone there when he expressed his great appreciation of everything these energetic young people had done in connection with that gathering—a fine example of what enthusiasm and team work could achieve. He was extremely pleased that the arrangements for the Branch quarterly peal were to be left in their hands.

Fourteen new members were elected, including five from the recently re-formed band at Rowley Regis.

The secretary informed the meeting that an invitation had been received from the Vicar of Bromsgrove to go there for the annual meeting of the Branch, and this was gratefully accepted, the date to be September 16th.

## SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD'S TOUR

The rapid departure from Sheffield on June 10th of a 'self-drive' car, with the Husky roaring in rapid pursuit was the start of the Guild's annual ringing week-end, held this year in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. The six bell towers at Warsop and Orston were first on the programme, followed by a visit to Bottesford. Ringing on the fine octave here in the standard methods included a not so standard touch of Bob Major, which came round at handstroke.

At Barrowby (6) the party received a warm welcome, and the ringing was noted with interest, as it is hoped to re-form a local band here shortly. After tea, a short stop at Welby enabled most members to ring at their first four bell tower, and at Silk Willoughby the tuneful six made a good finish to the day's ringing. Saturday evening was spent in traditional manner at the party's resting place in Sleaford.

On Sunday morning there was service ringing on the octaves at both Heckington and Sleaford. Spliced Plain and Little Bob went well at the former tower, and after mastering the long draught at Sleaford a good course of Stedman was rung.

After lunch, Leadenham (6) and Brant Broughton (6, 23½ cwt.) were visited, and Spliced multi-Minor went well at these towers. Ringing for Evensong was at Newark, where, with the help of the local band, Grandsire Caters was found to be most suitable for these bells.

Our grateful thanks are extended to all incumbents and local ringers who welcomed us at their towers.

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## LETTERS

LINCOLNSHIRE MAXIMUS AT  
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus rung in Birmingham on June 22nd brings back interesting memories of the very first peal of Maximus in this method, which was rung by St. Martin's Guild twelve and a half years ago.

On December 11th, 1948, Mr. Albert Walker entertained to dinner a select circle of friends to celebrate his golden wedding; and during the meal copies of Lincolnshire Maximus were circulated with instructions to twelve men to prepare it for peal attempt at Walsall on the following Saturday. The enterprise was pursued, and on December 18th, 1948, the peal was rung on St. Matthew's bells at the first attempt, no one having previously struck a blow in the method. It was a creditable performance in every way.

I well recollect, after the peal, how two elated but thirsty ringers, seeking alleviation and celebration at a small hostelry in the precipitous street below the church (for not all ringers, be it known, are total abstainers), walked into the dimly-lit passage of the house, loudly discussing the merits of bitter as compared with mild. And I recall very vividly their astonishment when, from a suddenly opened door, a solemn and monitory voice was heard to say, 'This is the District Coroner's Office.' This *memento mori* introduced a sobering note and a realisation that something or somebody must be in the wrong place. The matter was satisfactorily adjusted by moving next door.

It is very pleasant to recall this occasion and to join John Pinfold and George Fearn (two of the 1948 band) in another peal in this interesting method.—Yours, etc.,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

## INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER

Dear Sir,—It was splendid news to me when I read that the Devon Association is now affiliated to the Central Council, but the Rev. John Scott is very wide of the mark in some of his statements regarding the history of ringing in Devon, during last century.

Half pull ringers and call change ringers were not, in the main, antagonistic to one another, and I have memories of happy hours ringing in company with those who prefer the older style of ringing. It is news to me that Rev. Maitland Kelly told the round ringers of Devon that their way was backward, sinful and out of fashion. Mr. Kelly was a practical ringer and a great pioneer, who could teach ringers to ring rounds correctly, whether a member of the Devonshire Guild or not, and there is no concrete evidence of this, or that the pioneers sought to do away with round ringing and replace it with method ringing.

'Church Bells' and 'Bell News' cannot be relied upon as a correct guide where Victorian ringing in Devon is concerned, and having associated with ringers of both styles in the county of my birth for a great number of years I still say that most of the writing regarding the conduct of ringers is grossly exaggerated. The difference of ringing mode did not alter or mar friendship and very few squabbles ever brought forth hostility.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Aldlestone.

## ANOTHER OCTAVE IN SUFFOLK

## ALDEBURGH DEDICATION

THOUGH Aldeburgh-on-Sea is one of the country's ancient boroughs it was not until this June that the residents heard Major from the tower of their Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

Sixteenth century returns show four 'Great bells' and a sanctus, and in the fore part of the 19th century there were five; then in 1884-5 some recasting and rehanging was done by Warner, of London, and Days, of Eye, respectively and a sixth bell was added.

By the 1950's these six were, in general, of uninteresting tone and the wooden frame and its supports, though massive, were very old and decayed in many parts, so a general overhaul was decided upon.

The 1961 bell overhaul presented no financial problems. There is a periodical church fête at Aldeburgh, and each time the proceeds go to the most pressing need. Because of the requirements of overhaul of the heating system, new kneelers, etc., the bells had to wait until 1959, but then the fête provided over £600 for the work.

## OVER SUBSCRIBED

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were engaged and the bells went away in 1960. At first it was decided to put in new support beams and a frame for eight bells, but containing the overhauled six for the time being. Then two anonymous donors provided £188 for a new treble. The Vicar then asked for subscriptions for a new second, costing £196, and this was over subscribed for in a fortnight.

Today the eight bells, all new except the old second (1622) bell which is now the fifth, hang in an Iroko (Nigerian hard wood) frame, about 4 feet lower in the tower. The tenor is now G sharp and weighs 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Messrs. Taylors' hanger, Johnnie Walker, finished his work the day before the dedication service, which took place on Sunday, June 18th, at Matins. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Martin E. Ellingsen, and it was fitting that the dedication ceremony

## PEAL AT BERRY POMEROY

Dear Sir.—The Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox informs me that he and his cousin (Preb. E. V. Cox) rang in a peal of Bob Major at Berry Pomeroy on January 27th, 1938, conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

The claim for the peal rung there on June 10th is therefore invalid, and I would be most grateful of you could, through 'The Ringing World,' correct this error and to thank Canon Cox for so kindly pointing it out to me so promptly.—Yours truly,

Plymouth.

T. G. MYERS.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL  
BELLS

The bells of Chichester Cathedral were rededicated at a short service in the belfry on June 24th. The Dean took the service, which was attended by Canons of the Diocese, visiting clergy and some fifty ringers from various parts of the country.

After the service the resident band rang a short touch of Siedman Triples and visiting ringers rang a touch of Plain Bob Major. An interval for tea was followed by Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the bells were rung to various methods from rounds to Surprise Major, until 8.30 p.m.

The local band were very pleased that the bells were ready in time for them to ring the first quarter on the bells for the enthronement of the new Archbishop, on the following Tuesday.

(during which rounds were rung) should be performed by Canon R. C. R. Godfrey, of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, as he had been Vicar of Aldeburgh for 13 years, leaving only two years ago. He also preached the sermon, taking his text from the new English Bible—Corinthians I. xiii. 1—'I may speak in tongues of men or of angels but, if I am without love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.'

The large congregation at the church included the Mayor (Mr. Dudley Knowles) and members of the Borough Council, but not many ringers. However, John Blythe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, was amongst those present. As Holy Communion followed the service, the tower was not open to ringers until the afternoon when a number arrived from various parts of Suffolk and from Norfolk.

It was immediately noticeable to those familiar with the sound of the old six bells that the new ones were in a higher key. Ringers remarked on how well they handle now and how well the job looked in the tower. Various methods were rung and there was a particularly nice touch of Bristol. Peter Bedford recorded this in the churchyard and played it back to the ringers as they came out of the tower.

One or two young ringers are coming along and, with eight bells (seven of them new and all new fittings except some of the old wheels which were found to be fit for further service), others should soon be attracted. One can always be certain of a good congregation at Aldeburgh church and it is hoped that the ringing chamber, now calling for two more ringers than previously, will match the nave. Congratulations and best wishes go out to Jack Pilgrim and his band.

## THE BELLS

The weights and inscriptions of the new bells are as follows:

Treble: 3 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs. Inscription: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1961. In memory of N.A.E. and A.L.E.

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Fourth: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1764.

Fifth (old 2nd bell): 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. W. I. B. Anno Domini 1622.

Sixth: 6 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. Henry Thompson, Vicar. John Harvey, John Ing, Churchwardens, 1884.

Seventh: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1764. Jno. Wynter and Saml. Aldrick, Ch:wardens. These five bells were recast by the Barron Bell Trust, 1960. Emma Barron, founder. H. W. Eldred, K. C. Walrond, E. R. Pennell, trustees.

Tenor (note G sharp): 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1960. Canon R. C. R. Godfrey, M.A., Vicar, 1946-59. M. E. Ellingsen, Vicar. Captain K. R. Basham, Captain H. L. Bucknall, Churchwardens. W. B. Agate, Donor, 1960. Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1810.

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## KNUSTON HALL WEEK-END COURSE

THE Peterborough Diocese was the scene of a most successful week-end course held in June 16th, 17th and 18th, at Knuston Hall, Irchester, Northamptonshire. The course was arranged by the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council in conjunction with the Northants Education Committee.

A distinguished team of lecturers included: Messrs. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, C. K. Lewis, Wilfrid Moreton and Norman Chaddock. Every effort was made by the organisers to ensure that the course catered for every level of proficiency as far as possible, one of the greatest difficulties being that it was impossible to know the standard of the prospective students before the details of the course had to be settled and published. However, all the technical lecturers were able to adjust themselves to the capacity of the students quite well, and there is no doubt that everyone was satisfied.

The proceedings began on Friday evening with supper, the ample proportions and excellence of which was a feature of all the meals provided. After a welcome by the warden, Miss E. Smith, and from Canon Turner, the Peterborough Guild president, the first lecture, on the History of Bells, was given by Mr. Sharpe, who illustrated his subject with his own wonderful collection of slides, bells, founders' marks, and turning forks.

### QUALITIES OF A CONDUCTOR

The programme for Saturday morning included a practical demonstration in Irchester tower of 'How to Teach Bell Control,' by Mr. Norman Chaddock. He was somewhat handicapped by not having a raw learner on whom to demonstrate; but despite this, even those of the students who have had experience of teaching were able to gain several useful tips which have proved themselves in practice. Back at the hall, coffee was followed by Mr. Kenneth Lewis's first talk on conducting. Mr. Lewis started by talking about the qualities required in a conductor, emphasising that it was not necessary to be particularly brilliant, but one must have the ability to take pains. Lead heads, lead ends, course heads, course ends and calling positions were explained in detail and the effect of calls expounded and illustrated.

The lecture before lunch was given by Mr. Chaddock and dealt with the teaching of elementary change ringing. The value of single handed handbell ringing was demonstrated very clearly, and the warden was taught how to hunt one bell in a very few minutes by the use of rhythmic counting.

Mr. Lewis, in his second lecture, continued the theme of conducting and went on to deal with the knowledge of course bells and coursing orders, explaining the transposition of the coursing orders through simple touches of Bob Minor and Major.

History of Bells. Part II, dealt with the development of bell-frames and gear, and again was profusely illustrated by Mr. Sharpe. Attention was given to the design of frames and the roping of the bells with its consequent effect on the construction of the tower.

Tea was followed by simultaneous practical sessions in the towers of Irchester on conducting and teaching elementary change ringing at Rushden. At Irchester, Mr. Lewis supervised the application of his previous lectures by giving each student the opportunity of conducting a simple touch and correcting deliberate (and non-deliberate) mistakes, whilst at Rushden Mr. Chaddock applied his systems and showed how the use of visual aid techniques can simplify the teaching of change ringing. Except for dinner at 7.15 p.m. this concluded the formal activities for Saturday, but handbell ringing, more slides, etc., kept most students up until a late hour.

Sunday started with early Communion, breakfast and a short service at the hall preceded a full morning of four lectures. For these, the students divided into two groups for each session. The first session included

'Conducting—More Advanced,' by Mr. Lewis, and 'Elementary Method Construction,' by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton. Mr. Lewis amplified his previous talks on the subject of coursing orders, etc., and demonstrated its applications to more complex methods, even up to Spliced Surprise Major. Mr. Moreton, in his discourse on method construction, showed how a knowledge of this was essential to progressive ringing and conducting.

A break for coffee preceded the next two lectures, which were again by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Moreton. Mr. Lewis gave a very full 75 minutes on 'More Advanced Composition' and explained the proof of Stedman Triples before going on to the proof of Treble Bob, both by the old method and by the half-lead method. Mr. Moreton dealt with 'Elementary Composition' and succeeded in helping the larger of the two groups to understand how touches are designed and pieced together.

In the final session, after lunch, the students were given the opportunity of questioning the panel of lecturers, and discussing the course with them. One suggestion for any future course which received strong support was that some instruction in the technique of handbell ringing would be appreciated.

Mr. Moreton expressed thanks to the warden, Miss Smith, for all her help in preparing the course and to all who had assisted in the running of it. The Master of the Peterborough Guild voiced the appreciation of the students to the lecturers and the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council, and expressed the hope that it might be possible to arrange another course in 1962. Altogether a most helpful and enjoyable week-end in comfortable and beautiful surroundings.

P. I. C.

## OBITUARY

### MR. C. S. ARCHER

Captain of the ringers at Chisleton, Wilts. for some 45 years. Mr. Seward C. Archer has died, aged 83. When the original five bells were rehung in 1914 by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, he was placed in charge and the bells have been heard with great regularity twice each Sunday.

First Bob Minimus and then various Doubles methods were mastered and quarter peals were rung regularly under his guidance and conducting. With the addition of a sixth bell, peals have been more numerous, but Mr. Archer only rang in one peal, a few years ago, which he managed without difficulty. For some years he was secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild when it was very much larger.

Born in the village, he was a man of intellect and talent and a most sincere Christian. He sang in the church choir, was a Sunday school teacher, parish clerk, churchwarden on many occasions and clerk to the Parish Council for nearly 40 years. He was in business as a boot repairer. The village will mourn his passing as much as his family.

W. A. F.

### MR. T. H. HUDDLESTON, G.M.

For many years a ringer at Driffild, Yorks. Mr. Tom Hartley Huddleston collapsed and died in his garden on June 24th, aged 57.

In June, 1959, he was awarded the George Medal for the arrest of a gunman while serving as a police sergeant. The incident took place at Skerne, near Driffild in September, 1958. After a running battle the gunman was cornered in a stackyard. Mr. Huddleston calmly went up to him and said, 'Give me that gun, lad.' The man handed over the gun.

After the war Mr. Huddleston did much to get the bells ringing again at Driffild and his enthusiasm was such that he also trained a band of handbell tune ringers, which collected a considerable amount of money for church funds. He was not a great peal ringer, only having rung three peals.

Two months after his retirement in November, 1958, he was stricken with thrombosis and for eight weeks was in hospital. He is survived by a widow and daughter,

### MR. TOM MARSHALL

The Wigan Branch and the Lancashire Association have lost one of their most popular members by the death of Mr. Tom Marshall, of Boars Den Farm, Wroughton, who collapsed during the first touch after tea while ringing at the Yorkshire Association meeting at Skipton on June 17th. A doctor was summoned, but Mr. Marshall was found to be dead. All further ringing was then cancelled.

His ringing life started at Douglas-in-Parbold, about the time of the first world war. A keen pupil, he made it his business to delve deeper into the mysteries of change ringing, and he soon mastered the more complicated Surprise methods. His main role, however, was teaching others and scores of ringers have benefited from his help and wisdom. He will be sadly missed. The sympathy of a wide circle of ringers goes out to his widow and daughter.

The funeral on June 22nd was attended by many ringers and some of these acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled for the service and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung as a farewell to a dear friend and brother.

R. K.

### MR. D. C. MORGAN

The tragic death in a road accident on June 19th of Mr. Dennis Cleasey Morgan, aged 18, came as a great shock to the Harlington, Middlesex, ringers and his many friends in the Middlesex County Association.

Dennis was taught to ring at Harlington, where he had in a short time rung and conducted a number of quarter peals, ranging from Doubles to Triples. He had been assured of a place at Nottingham University to read chemistry. In summing up his life we can only repeat the words of our Rector, that he had achieved a great deal in a comparatively short time. His pleasing and friendly personality will be missed by his ringing friends, particularly two of the band, Juliet Wooders and Colin Stephenson, who had also been his school friends.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ronald Bartlett (Rector). The Middlesex County Association was represented by Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. R. Gotham and D. Fowles and the London County Association by Mr. H. W. Rogers (honorary secretary). Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled before the service and on Sunday morning a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled to his memory.

L. G.

### MR. PERCY C. SAYER

For more than 60 years tower captain at Great Totham, near Maldon, Essex. Mr. Percy C. Sayer died at his home on June 29th, aged 85 years. Until he was taken ill with chest trouble, a month ago, he rang regularly for Sunday services. He will be sadly missed by all the local band. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

G. W. B.

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## SOME OF THE OUTINGS

### LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Pistyll Rhaiaer and Wrexham Steeple. Snowdon's mountain without its people, Overton Yew trees, St. Winifred Wells, Llangollen Bridge and Gresford Bells.

These are the so-called 'Seven Wonders of Wales' and it was among these that the Leeds Parish Church ringers and supporters went on June 3rd.

Faulty navigation resulted in the promised hour's ringing at Gresford being halved, although in defence of the navigator it must be admitted that cross roads signposted only to villages not even on the map and cross roads without a sign post at all did not help matters.

After lunch came the second of the 'wonders,' 'Wrexham Steeple,' a massive, and in the opinion of some an over-decorated tower, containing the only ring of ten in North Wales, which might equally as well qualify as a 'wonder.'

A pressing invitation from the tower master at Ruabon resulted in a short but none the less pleasant call being, literally, squeezed in at this six bell tower on the way to Llangollen, the home of the world famous International Eisteddfod.

Llangollen bells commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria and the church is reached by crossing the river by another of the 'wonders'—a thirteenth century bridge. Passing yet another 'wonder'—the yew trees of Overton churchyard, we made for our last tower, Christ Church, Crewe, where Frank Stenson, George Packer and friends welcomed us. Here was enjoyed the best ringing of the day and we left these bells with real regret.

The 'expected time of arrival at Leeds, 10.30 p.m.,' stated on the programme, proved a little too optimistic, but no last buses home were missed and so the 13th annual 'L.P.C.' outing ranks among the most successful.

R. H. D.

### PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

Such is the popularity of Portishead and Wraxall annual outing that the largest coach obtainable was barely big enough to take all who wished to make the trip this year. As it was, a party of forty set off for a tour of the Cotswold country, with ringing arranged at four towers, in three different counties. On this June morning, it was cold up at Marshfield, first place of call, but conditions were ideal for a ring on the good handling and pleasant sounding eight bells.

On to Wootton Bassett, and a greeting by the 'grand old man of Wiltshire ringing,' Mr. L. A. Wilson. The ringing here was not of a standard that Mr. Wilson would be likely to approve of, but then about a third of the visiting band were his juniors by over 70 years!

Lunch at Lechlade, then across some lovely upland country to Chipping Norton, for a taste of ringing in Oxfordshire—which was found to be very palatable. The Warwickshire border was crossed before returning again to Gloucestershire and Chipping Campden. 'Queen of the Cotswolds,' who supplied a tea worthy of her royal status. O'er top of Cotswolds to the delightful village of Bibury, where the ducks and the fish engage in an exciting race for the visitors' titbits. At Malmesbury, the visitors were greeted by Mr. H. E. Blacker, an ex-Somerset ringer, now a naturalised moonraker, who gave full marks for the 'raise,' but, quite honestly, there would appear to be no excuse for bad ringing on these bells. It was a fitting end to the day's ringing that the party should receive such a warm send off from Malmesbury and to be assured of a good welcome there on any future visit. Altogether, a most enjoyable day out.

A. J. G.

### BARKBY, LEICS.

Barkby ringers selected four Derbyshire towers for their outing on June 10th. At Darley Dale the visit was opportune as it followed immediately after a wedding, and on the rehung bells of Bakewell after tea they rang for a choral festival. The other towers were Baslow and Great Longstone. There was a stop for refreshments at Derby and home was reached at 11.45 p.m.

### DUNHOLME AND SAXILBY IN NORTH NOTTS

When Joe Cheetham first rang at North Collingham they had only four bells and Victoria was Queen of England. Joe visited the church again on June 3rd, when the Dunholme and Saxilby bands had their annual outing. He was able to tell the Vicar (Rev. R. J. Stevens) that, though there had been many changes in the church since the days of the Gracious Lady, the vestry was still the same. The Vicar replied that they hoped to install some new curtains this year. There is much of interest in this lovely old church, quite apart from the six good bells in the Norman tower.

There is another grand old church, with some beautiful stained glass, at South Collingham. The fact that there are only five bells might prompt some parties to give it a miss, but the church is well worth a visit. Winthorpe's is comparatively modern, a brick church built about 1880. Its six bells handle well. Here we had a picnic lunch in the churchyard.

The day was now getting really warm, and we found the 12th century church at North Muskham refreshingly cool. It contains a remarkable 15th century oak screen and six good bells. The non-ringing members of the party sauntered across a paddock to bask in the sunshine on the banks of the Trent.

The dust on the floor of the spacious ringing chamber at Laxton did not appear to have been disturbed for some time before the advent of our shuffling feet. The six bells were the heaviest of the day, but they went well once we had eased the stiffness from the grease and even Double Oxford was well rung.

We found a good ring of eight at Tuxford. Many churches have at least one unusual feature—at Tuxford it is an altar in a side chapel, which faces east. At Gamston it is an entrance to the ringing chamber which is high up in the wall, so that you climb up stairs to the door and down stairs to the floor. Mr. Denman, the secretary of the North Notts District, met us here and joined us in a touch of Cambridge.

The day ended with dinner at the Markham Moor Inn. Thanks are due to the incumbents and those who met us at the towers, to those who provided transport and to Stan Smith, who, with assistance from Peter Burton, organised the outing.

H. W. C.

### KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK

Thirty ringers and friends from St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, set out at 8 a.m. on Whit Monday on their first outing. In perfect weather, they travelled through the very lovely Suffolk countryside. Ringing, before lunch at Sudbury, was at the Memorial Tower, Elvedon (8), Lavenham (8) and Long Melford (8).

We were, very surprisingly, ahead of our schedule at Bures St. Mary's (8), and from there we went to see East Bergholt's unique 400 year old bells in their cage. Tea was at Ipswich, and ringing took place immediately after at St. Mary's Church (8), where we were joined in the day's best ringing by Mr. Charles Sedgley. From there we went to the beautifully rich toned eight at Stowmarket, which are very pleasing to the ear. Ixworth's heavy ring of six, and our only six bell tower of the day, brought our outing 'round.'

During the course of the day a good variety of methods, including Hull and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire and the inevitable Plain Bob Minor, Triples and Major were rung.

On the return journey at the 'Foldgate,' Stradsett, we were able to give our sincere thanks to Les. Houghton, our tower secretary, for all his hard work and excellent planning to make our first outing such an all round success. We also express our warm appreciation to all the many local ringers who welcomed us.

F. P. G.

### ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

The sun shone brightly on to the dusty Kent lane, and an old lady was just about to cross the road when ... zoom ... zoom ... two cars flashed past; she caught her breath, watched 'these mad young things' disappear into a cloud of smoke, and ... zoom ... the third car in our party nearly frightened her into eternity.

We rang at nine towers all told, on May 13th, and enjoyed the hospitable welcome we received, and the wide variety of bells. The ring at Edenbridge (8, 14 cwt.), with its central opening in the floor, was voted the best of the day, but more interesting were the eight at Chiddingstone (19 cwt.), the tiny ringing chamber and low ceiling at Seal Chart (6, 10 cwt.), and the long draught at Seal (6, 12½ cwt.).

Penshurst, Leigh, Shipbourne, Sundridge and Brasted (an anti-clockwise ring) were also enjoyed, and we must thank Brian and Frances Threlfell, who entertained us all to a splendid supper, making a perfect finish to a perfect day.

M. P. M.

### HECKINGTON AND SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE

Ringers from Heckington, Sleaford, Billingborough, Great Hale, Helpingham, Ruskington and Silk Willoughby spent a most enjoyable day in Norfolk on May 13th.

Our first stop was at Tilney All Saints', where we admired the hammer-beam roof and rang rounds and Plain Bob on the six bells. We were most interested to see the flint-covered circular tower at Great Ryburgh: Grandsire Doubles seemed to go very well on this light six.

At the eight-bell towers of Fakenham and Well-next-the-Sea we were welcomed by local ringers. The ringing included a course of Stedman Triples and touches of Kent T.B. Major and Grandsire Triples. Tea was taken at Hunstanton before going on to Dersingham, a village belonging partly to the Royal Estate of Sandringham.

At the end of the day, everyone agreed that the outing had been a great success. We thank, in particular, the Ringing Masters of Heckington and Sleaford, who arranged everything for us.

D. A. K.

### WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

The recently re-formed Guild of St. Mary the Virgin, Willingdon, held their first outing since before the war on June 17th. As most of the ringers are young ringing was restricted to three six bell towers and one of eight bells.

It was an experience to ring on the six at West Tarring, where the sway made ringing difficult. Triples were rung at Heene (Worthing), with the help of the local captain. The new ring of six at Findon, in the heart of the Downs, has an excellent 'go' and the young ringers gave a good account of themselves. Washington, the last call, is without a band of ringers and on the excellent ring of six visiting bands are always welcome. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

A. P.

### HIGHCLERE, HANTS

Towers in the Vale of the White Horse were visited by Highclere ringers for their outing on June 10th. Colleshill, listed in the Oxford Guild report as unringable, was found to have a perfect 'go,' although the tenor was cracked and could not be rung.

The heavy five at Uffington proved to be a big attraction, but a disappointment followed at Longcot, where the bells are unringable, due to frame trouble. At Bishopstone a broken seventh rope reduced ringing to seven bells, and at Wanborough it was only the tact of the organiser that enabled the visitors to have a quick ring on a six of real beauty. There was a grand finish in the local at Aldbourne.

G. D.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On June 4th, at St. Peter's, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, A. E. Leggett (first in method) 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong.



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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Burgess Hill, Saturday, July 8th. Tea in Parish Hall; names essential.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pen-drill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Litlington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 8496

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Wilburton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 8470

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth (8), on Saturday, July 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 8430

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Seale, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Gardner, Ivy House, The Sands, Seale. 8494

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, July 8th, 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8521

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8491

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Walsden, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Sub-committee to follow. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 8511

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Branston (6), July 8th. Service 4.45 p.m. Methods: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8452

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Saturday, July 8th, at All Hallows', Tottenham. Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Priory. Ringing 6.30 to 7 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m., followed by ringing until 9 p.m. All Saints', Edmonton, bells also available 2.30 to 4 p.m. 8475

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 8462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Swallowfield (5) and Mortimer St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; Mortimer St. John's (6), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. John's. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing by the river. Quarterly meeting, Sat., July 8th, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Mortlake, 2.30 to 4.30 (37 bus from Putney). Tea, St. Mary's Church Hall, Putney, followed by meeting. Bells afterwards.—F. J. Matthews.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Stevedham (6), 3 until 5 p.m. Midhurst (6), 6.15 to 8.15 p.m. No service has been arranged. 8520

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, on July 8th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Crown Inn at 5 p.m.—P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 8497

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Enmore (6), Saturday, July 15th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—K. Prime, Branch Sec. 8508

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Meare, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea before Tuesday, July 11th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 8502

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival meeting at Maulden, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 13th, to Mr. M. Lockey, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden. This will probably be the last meeting at Maulden for approximately two years. 8476

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8421

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 15th. Eve of rushbearing festival—decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 13th, please, to Mr. A. E. Richards, Rock Cottage, Holt, Wrexham, Denbighshire.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 8526

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bromborough (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8527

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn if fine after service, followed by business meeting, to which all towers are asked to send at least one representative. Important matter to discuss.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 8504

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Please bring your own food, cups of tea will be provided at the Vicarage).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8528

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John's, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8519

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, The Leigh (6), Saturday, July 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 13th to W. H. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, near Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 8501

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Hardwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by July 12th to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 8507

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—North Myms, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Special method: Double Oxford Bob Major.—M. A. Coburn. 8523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington (Quex Park), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m., at 2s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutlands Gardens, Birchington, together with cash please, by July 12th.—T. C. P. 8416

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. Harman, 56, Cooling Road, Frindsbury, Rochester. 8489



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Stretford St. Matthew's, 3 to 5 p.m.; Flixton St. Michael's, 6 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea at Stretford 5 p.m. Buses: 3, 5 or 12, Stretford to Flixton.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 8525

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Hawkshead, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 8524

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting, Countesthorpe, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 12th, to G. Dudley, 7, Westfield Avenue, Countesthorpe. Peatling Magna bells available 3 to 4 p.m. District outing details available.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 8512

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing at Wanlip (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m., Birstall (8) 6 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Birstall Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please, to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall. 8509

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Owston Ferry, on Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8480

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Newcome, Brownlow Arms, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8477

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting at Gedney Hill, Saturday, July 15th, at 6 p.m. 8499

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Grosmont and Skenfrith, Saturday, July 15th. Grosmont bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea available in Grosmont Vestry—Bring own food. Business in vestry. Skenfrith (6) after business. Numbers attending by July 12th, please.—Mrs. J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow. 8483

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Wateringbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 8490

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Practice, Saturday, July 15th. Ringing, Sunbury, 3.30 p.m., followed by belfry service and tea. Ringing at Hampton, 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury-on-Thames. No names no tea.—F. T. B. 8506

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 12th, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8453

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 15th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Kent T.B. Major.—B. C. Castle. 8516

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea, please, to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 8517

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Winterslow. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 11th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8473

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Askerswell, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerards Green, Beaminster. 8513

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, July 11th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8481

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Practice meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 13th to Miss Kempel, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8488

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the New Inn. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. H. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 8505

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Howden Minster (8). Bells available 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, by July 13th to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8459

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Practice meeting, Wrington, Thursday, July 20th, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Widecombe, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, Hsington bells 7.15 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 8514

## SUSSEX RINGERS' WEEK-END IN THE WEST

ON Friday, June 9th, a party of us Sussex yokels put on our best smocks and shaking the straw from our hats, started a raid into the heart of the heavy-bell country. Gaffer Frank Hicks rang the first changes of the trip on the gears of the hired minibus—a faulty gear linkage caused much bother—and with bearded John (Atlas) Howard as map and Dove-reader turned the radiator towards Westbury, Wiltshire, our first call.

Here the band, accustomed in the main to the lighter bells of Sussex, soon settled to the steadier beat demanded by the 35 cwt. tenor and some excellent Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. George Francis led us down in peal and after the inevitable fish 'n' chips at Shepton Mallet we headed into Wells. Gwilym Salmon, secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, who had done much of the spade work in arranging the ringing part of the tour, was waiting for us. Late as we were, and we were glad to make his acquaintance before seeking our beds.

Much later that night young Peter Howard roared in from Mitcham on his motor-bike, having cut short a maths exam, and travelled (apparently) at an average speed of 85 m.p.h. to catch us.

The following morning we began our ringing at Chewton Mendip (24½ cwt.), where possibly the best touch of the week-end, Double Norwich, was enjoyed. Then off we went, Alan Baldock already busy writing in his records book, to Evercreech of radio and television fame. We found this ten (21 cwt.) much to our liking, and Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were brought round. We were just in time to see the bride leave home for the wedding, which followed our ringing, before proceeding to nearby Ditchat where the octave, with its 24 cwt. tenor, was soon resounding through the delightful village.

### QUEEN CAMEL AND SHERBORNE

Back to Evercreech for lunch, then on to Queen Camel's heaviest six. Alan and John relieved the heavy brigade for a spell on the 36½ cwt. 'big 'un,' and we managed a reasonable lower after a course of London.

Across the border to Dorset, where we found June and Denis Mitchell again waiting for us. (How did they manage to leave every tower after us, in their own car, and yet be waiting at the next stop, grinning, when we arrived?) Sherborne Abbey, another 'heaviest,' gave us some of our best touches, but with a 46½ cwt. tenor, Frank George and Leslie Waller, our tame back-enders, were kept busy.

To Somerset again for tea before meeting Mr. Thomas J. Setter at Yeovil. We had the pleasure of ringing with him in Stedman Caters when the bells and their 40½ cwt. tenor were heard to their best advantage, although the Sussex men were tiring after their day 'among the metal.' The fish shop at Shepton Mallet let us down rather badly, but a local cafe owner took pity on our pinched faces and gave us tea and sandwiches before we sought once more our bed and breakfast at Wells.

Awakened on Sunday morning by circus wagons rumbling down the main street we were all on time for service ringing at the Cathedral. Although the 2nd was out of action, we were able to ring the back eight, and

Leslie excelled on the 56½ cwt. tenor to Bob Major. Eddie Rapley also climbed on to a box at this tower (for the first time in his life!), but having tested the strength of the rope, he climbed down again to the cheers of his companions. This peal completed our trio of 'heaviest.'

We then joined the local band at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on their eight (27½ cwt.) and Harold Reynolds alarmed everyone by expertly slipping the wheel on the treble before three leads of Kent.

Saying goodbye to our friends at Wells, we started the long journey home. Handbells were much in evidence, and with one 720 of Bob Minor the band remembered the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood, of Billingshurst, Sussex. Each tower in sight of the road was traced on the map and in Dove, and many future outings were planned, many bells installed in empty towers, and the names of Bilbie, Rudhall and more modern founders were heard.

### PUZZLED AT STONEHENGE

A quick look at Stonehenge (Evelyn Hicks, a staunch choir member, wondered on which side of the sacrificial altar sat Decani Druids and which side Cantoris) and we were at Winchester for Evensong ringing at 3 p.m. We inspected the 35½ cwt. tenor and its eleven companions, shed a metaphorical tear over the fate of St. Maurice's opposite, already surrounded by girders and spidermen, and sped on our way.

Arriving at Billingshurst (Sussex), we had a quick cuppa at Leslie's place and met the local ringers to join with them in service ringing. A really good course of Cambridge Major was scored on this pleasant eight (12½ cwt.), a fitting end to a trip which was, to ringers from a county somewhat starved of heavy bells, a welcome departure.

Thank you, Somerset and the West Country! Thank you, Gwilym Salmon, for all your hard work; thank you, local secretaries and captains, for your smiling welcomes and courtesies. But, above all, our gratitude goes to the indefatigable Frank Hicks who had the idea, arranged the trip, drove the car, struggled with the gearbox, organised the ringing and kept us all in order (more or less), and to Evelyn Hicks, who kept Frank in order (more or less). H. R.

### MR. RICHARD WARD

Many visitors who have rung at All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight, will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Richard Ward, probably the oldest member of the old Winchester Guild, of which he was a life member, and for many years leader of the Ryde band. In his 89th year, he only gave up ringing some three years ago, being unable to climb the stairs to Ryde's ringing room.

He was laid to rest on June 30th, having died the previous Tuesday.

### LATE NOTICE

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Rededication by the Bishop of Stafford after rehanging of the six bells at Leigh, near Uttoxeter, Staffs, on Sunday, July 16th, at morning service, 11 a.m. All welcome.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8531



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**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. Obbard 2, A. Ivings 3, W. Ivings 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, B. J. Sykes 6. For the royal wedding.

**DEEPISTON, LINCOLN.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Bartram 1, Joan Cross (first quarter) 2, W. Duffy 3, C. Perkins 4, F. Brightman 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the royal wedding.

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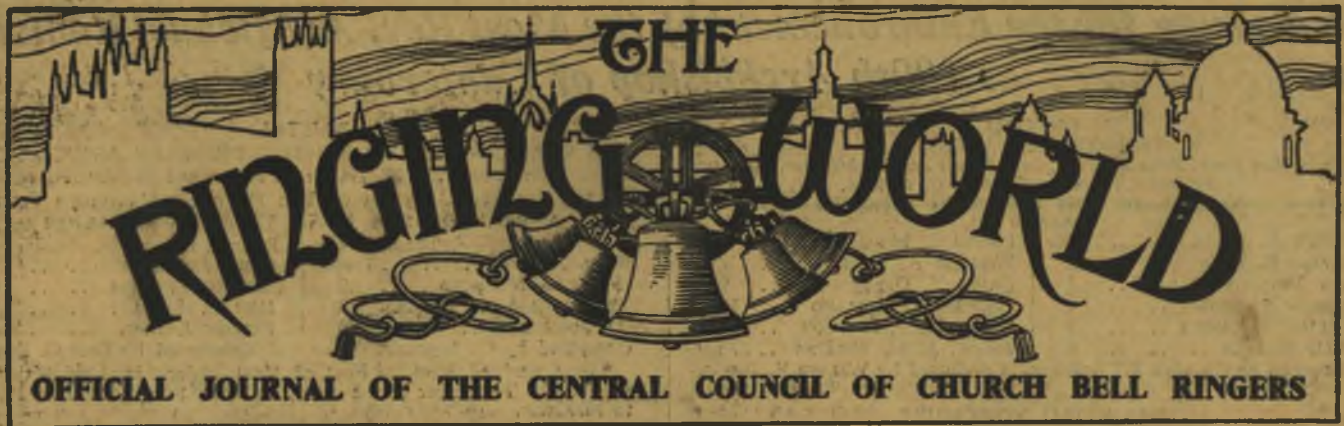
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## HERITAGE

**A** PRIDE in one's heritage is very deep in most people. If a thing is worth while, then pride in being associated with it is fully justified, and as year succeeds year an additional lustre is added to it. This is particularly so of ringing societies, not merely the national bodies like the College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, but of our territorial associations with a strong affiliation with the diocese. This is the 80th year of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and at the annual festival at Oxford on July 1st thoughts were very much in retrospect. Indeed, the theme of all the officers' reports was the past 80 years.

The birth of this Guild was on January 17th, 1881, and it had three objects, viz.: (1) To recognise the true position of ringers as church officers; (2) to cultivate the art of change-ringing; (3) to promote belfry reform where it was needed. The Guild started in a small way with some 22 towers in union with 314 members. The first Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, soon became a national figure. He had, as the present master (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) reminds those who read the annual report, a great missionary responsibility. The majority of the members were call-change ringers, and his task was to convert those ringers from that traditional style of ringing to become efficient 'scientific' ringers, as change-ringers proper were often called. The Master travelled indefatigably throughout the length and breadth of the diocese, holding meetings, instructing beginners, and above all ringing numerous peals with picked bands in order to get a standard of first-class ringing. For 30 years he was Master, and by 1911 those 22 towers had increased to 149 towers and the membership from 314 to 1,800. A pleasing link with this period was the presence at the Guild festival of his daughter, Miss Robinson.

The second Master was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who held the office for 22 years, and Mr. Elliot Wigg regards this period as one of consolidation. In the jubilee year, 1931, the Guild comprised no fewer than 209 towers and 2,478 members. Most of the present branches had been formed by then and the general 'look' of the Guild was

very much as today. Tradition had been established, and an example of this was the holding of the annual general meeting at Oxford; but with the revision of rules in 1958 the Oxford gathering became a festival, and an autumn business meeting is held in different parts of the diocese.

Few Guilds have a greater sense of awareness of the responsibilities involved by the Sunday Service Survey of 1958. Commenting on this the hon. general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross, states: 'Nearly all the branches are tackling the problem in one way or another, and in some great progress is being made. This does not mean that we have any reason for complacency. There are still areas where the problem is not yet being faced with any constructive plans. In some branches, such as the East Berks and South Bucks Branch and the South Oxon Branch, the problem is being tackled by holding day and half-day courses; others have allocated some of their better ringers to a weaker tower; in some cases (as with Wantage and West Hanney) an active tower has made itself responsible for a second band just beginning.' Another result of the Survey, in the opinion of Miss Cross, has been that the clergy are now taking a keener interest in their ringers. 'This is to the good, for during the post-war years there had been a falling off in interest as compared with the pre-war years when it was a common thing for the clergy to accompany their ringers to the branch annual meetings.'

The holding of a residential week-end course is commented upon by three of the officers. 'This new technique in teaching' is warmly praised, and the 1961 programme included three courses which have been or will be held. The present position suggests to the Master that this 80th anniversary year is on the brink of a new forward movement in the history of the Guild. He sums up the position thuswise: 'We look back, and we note a wonderful growth and expansion in the past both in the technical abilities of the ringers and also in their sense of responsibility as officers of the Church. We notice also, in the more immediate past, a period of consolidation and acceptance of traditional ideas. Now the time has come. I fully believe, for a further advance, both in technical efficiency and in fellowships. Each of us Guild members should now look actively for opportunities of service, and often beyond the immediate range of our own towers. Let us resolve that this year, 1961, shall mark the beginning of new enthusiasm, new missionary endeavour, and fresh consecration to the task which God has called us, as churchmen and church bell ringers.'



# ***Peals rung for the Enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury***

## **OXFORD.**

### **THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. 8
JOHN DREWITT .. 3	DAVID T. DARBY .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 10
WILLIAM T. CARTER .. 5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 11
PHILIP WALKER .. 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

## **BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.**

### **THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*DAVID RHODES .. Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
†JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	†ROGER J. LUMLEY .. 7
†IRIS LEMARE .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 9
RITA M. JOWETT .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First on ten bells.

## **CANTERBURY, KENT.**

### **THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

*BERTRAM J. LUCK .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 8
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
RALPH BIRD .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

## **LEEDS, KENT.**

### **THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	PETER F. BORER .. 8
MARGARET A. LADD .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 9
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5	ERNEST J. LADD .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

## **CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.**

### **THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS, A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. Treble	JAMES W. R. QUINNY .. 6
ALAN CARVETH .. 2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. 7
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	†ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 8
*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 9
DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 5	†GRAHAM D. CARTER .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

\* 100th peal. † First on ten.

## **MANCHESTER.**

### **THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS, A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL**

In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 600 each of London (No. 3) and Rutland; with 95 changes of method.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
DEREK OGDEN .. 2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON .. 5	DENIS MOTTESHEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

This is the greatest number of Surprise Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

## **BRISTOL.**

### **THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*PAUL J. DYE .. Treble	CLIFF RICHARDS .. 5
†F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 2	†DONALD E. COBB .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 3	DON C. EXELL .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

\* First peal of Kent. † First of Kent Major. First of Major as conductor. The ringer of the second has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

## **BRISTOL.**

### **THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MERVYN J. HOSKINS .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
SHERLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 7
†VICTOR J. WILLIAMS .. 4	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

\* First peal on eight. † First of Plain Bob Major. 25th peal on the bells.

## **BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

### **THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 6
HARRY HALL .. 3	*ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
*STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. 4	PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method.

## **DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**

### **THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 5
KATHLEEN MALLENDER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
EDWARD DALINGWATER .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
GEOFFREY GRAHAM .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

## **EPSOM, SURREY.**

### **THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS, A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

J. J. PARKER'S One-Part .. Treble	DENNIS J. OAKSHOTT .. 5
*BARBARA M. SPENCER .. 2	*LESLIE D. KINGSWOOD .. 6
JANET M. BESANT .. 3	†JOHN C. DAVIDGE .. 7
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by B. J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

## **GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**

### **THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.*

#### **AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, A PEAL OF 5152 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESLIE AINGER .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 5
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* 100th peal. First in the method by all the hand, on the bells, and for the Association.

Also an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.



## ENTHRONEMENT PEALS—Continued

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. Treble	ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 2	†E. JOHN WELLS .. .. 6
*DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. N. LEYTON.

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5152 RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 6
CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 7
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

RICHARD GRANT .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 7
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY W. BADGER .. .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 5
A. JAMES ADAMS .. .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 3	CHARLES COLES .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

## WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*GRAHAM AVENT .. .. Treble	DENNIS LAUD .. .. 5
*JENNIFER M. BUNYAN .. .. 2	WALTER G. PAUL .. .. 6
ROSEMARY S. HAWKES .. .. 3	RICHARD G. BELL .. .. 7
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

\* First peal.

## HEENE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY WEAVER .. .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
MRS. BETTY PERCY .. .. 2	RICHARD WILSON .. .. 6
LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 3	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

\* 100th peal.

## REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REV. PASCHAL DOWLING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. .. 5
ANN GEORGE .. .. 2	D. ROY BOULD .. .. 6
STANLEY JENNER .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. 7
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 2	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 6
*ISOBEL INMAN .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

## QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROGER J. FRY .. .. Treble	IVOR GOULTER .. .. 5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of T.B. Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Major in the method 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Major. Also as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. Lanham, Rector of Quedgley, in gratitude for all he has done for ringing.

## APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, York, Lightfoot, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
JOYCE A. GOOD .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	KEITH B. GOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

## BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*CHRISTINE SMITH .. .. Treble	JUDY A. M. COX .. .. 4
*AMY WARNES .. .. 2	†BARRY BRANT .. .. 5
†MICHAEL BROWN .. .. 3	*MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY BRANT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First 'inside.'

Also as a birthday compliment to Judy A. M. Cox.

## EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY LUXTON .. .. Treble	GEORGE WEST .. .. 4
*GEORGE E. ELLETT .. .. 2	CYRIL SAVAGE .. .. 5
MICHAEL B. BOARD .. .. 3	*FREDERICK SNOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL SAVAGE.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

## HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN BARNETT .. .. Treble	*FREDERICK MOLAND .. .. 4
DENNIS LESLIE .. .. 2	NORMAN LESLIE .. .. 5
†ALLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY .. .. 3	*ARTHUR RALPH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN LESLIE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal by all Hinton Waldrist ringers.

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**ENTHRONEMENT PEALS—Continued**

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven methods: (1) Capel, (2) Sandal, (3) London Scholars' and Kingston, (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4
*DELIA SMITH .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 3	*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

REGINALD F. CROOK .. Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
*JOHN W. NAPPER .. .. 3	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Minor.

Also to the memory of Percy Lindsay, a ringer at Peasemore for 40 years.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Treble	ERIC HOTINE .. .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	JOHN E. IVINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. GEORGE NORRIS .. Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS .. 4
ANNE J. BULLARD .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE .. .. 3	LEONARD DOVEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD LUNN .. .. Treble	*RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	FRANK LAMB .. .. 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.  
Also for the Patronal Festival.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

JOHN WILSON .. .. Treble	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 4
MIRIAM HIGDON .. .. 2	TONY OWEN .. .. 5
ROBIN SHIPP .. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND

THE CHURCH IN WALES.

Peals rung for the consecration at Llandaff Cathedral, on June 29th, 1961, of the Ven. T. M. Hughes, Archdeacon of Margam, as Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, and Rev. B. N. Y. Vaughan, as Bishop Suffragan of Manderville, Jamaica.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
HARRY BOYCE .. .. 2	MICHAEL LARCHER .. 5
*ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* 550th peal.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 12 methods, being six extents of Stedman and Grandsire and three each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERNEST STITCH .. .. Treble	MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 4
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5
JUDY-ANN ESHELBY .. 3	HARRY BOYCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being ten different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALFRED HANNINGTON .. Treble	†TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 2	†GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. PETTY .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Doubles in the method. † 100th peal together.  
Rung on the back six after meeting short for Triples.**TEN BELL PEALS**

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. 2	ALBERT R. G. TWINN .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 8
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5	WILLIAM H. COLES .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by FRED W. GOODFELLOW.  
Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist to commemorate the re-casting of the old ring of eight in this tower and their augmentation to ten in 1911 through the generosity of John Finnis Stilwell, of Hillingdon, a friend of ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAIGN.

**A PEAL OF 5112 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

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

*JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 8
†R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAIGN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9
†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HILL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † Have completed the alphabet to Surprise Royal methods. ‡ 100th peal.

A fifth birthday compliment to Audrey Mary Warwick, daughter of the conductor; also a 46th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1470 x 38 x 34 x 3470 x 18 x 90

L.-c. 12 1573 Clean

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. Treble	*HENRY C. LEWIS .. 5
GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 7
*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

\* First peal of Surprise.



BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND EDWARD, KING AND  
MARTYR, AND HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PAUL J. DYE .. .. . Treble	†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	†DON C. EXELL .. .. 6
*PETER BRIDLE .. .. . 3	†DONALD E. COBB .. .. 7
*S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 4	†D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER L. BILL .. .. . Treble	FREDERICK E. JUKES .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 7
*JEREMY A. TANDY .. .. 4	STEPHEN MALLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples, and 25th peal. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples 'inside,' and first as conductor on eight bells.

BROSELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*VALERIE M. EDGE .. .. Treble	E. MARION KEY .. .. 5
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. . 2	KENNETH W. KNOWLES .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 3	HARRY EDGE .. .. . 7
HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 4	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First on the bells since being augmented.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 5
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 6
ERIC T. LEE .. .. . 3	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 7
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 850th peal (conducted 435).  
Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. John-the-Baptist, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Lane, of Merrow.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; 112 changes of method, and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DENNIS G. BROWN .. .. Treble	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* 300th peal. First of Spliced on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 Bristol; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

E. JANE LANGTON .. .. Treble	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 5
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6
MICHAEL R. ROSE .. .. 3	NOEL J. DISERFENS .. .. 7
DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*JOHN M. HALLIWELL .. Treble	*JOHN R. PAGDIN .. .. 5
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	JOHN PILKINGTON .. .. 6
JOHN F. NELSON .. .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 7
JOHN B. PICKUP .. .. 4	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam Thomas Marshall, of Douglas-in-Parbold.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

JOHN E. ERRINGTON .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 5
MICHAEL J. TODD .. .. 2	JOHN HEDLEY .. .. . 6
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
NORMAN H. HEWETT .. 4	THOMAS SEWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

Rung as a token of appreciation for the interest and encouragement shown by the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, Vicar for the past 13 years, who is leaving to become Rector of Blaby, Leicestershire.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 2	ROGER J. GAY .. .. . 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method for the Society, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Treble	FELIX H. ERITH .. .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3	LEONARD E. SHARP .. .. 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding on June 20th of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*CAROL NORMAN .. .. Treble	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 5
MARK G. WOOD .. .. 2	†J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
†GARY W. MASON .. .. 4	*KEITH H. MILDRED .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First on eight bells. 150th peal on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist.



STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.	
CHARLES S. RYLES .. .. Treble	† WILLIS BUCKLEY .. .. 5
DOUGLAS STEEL .. .. 2	LESLIE SHENTON .. .. 6
*ERIC YOUNG .. .. 3	MICHAEL JACK .. .. 7
† GLENDA ROWLEY .. .. 4	ALBAN J. JACK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

\* 25th peal. † First in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Sheila Hodson, a regular service ringer at this church.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Vicar's Six-Part. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*NIGEL F. BEARNE .. .. Treble	REV. PETER T. ROBBINS .. 5
GEORGE H. SPICE .. .. 2	TERENCE BARTON .. .. 6
JOSEPH GRENSED .. .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 4	PETER G. RICHARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal.

Rung as part of the patronal festivities; also 50 years to the same day of the second ringer's first peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
MRS. DORA EVANS .. .. Treble	JOHN R. C. TILEY .. .. 5
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSON .. .. 6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. .. 7
*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 4	ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS

\* First peal of Major.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.	
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	GLYN F. JENKINS .. .. 7
	*SIDNEY BLYTH .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung for the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist, and as a birthday compliment to A. James Glass.

The composition, rung for the first time, contains 88 calls only, being the least number possible using two singles and common bobs only.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Rung on the middle eight.

*TERRY FITZGERALD .. Treble	*PETER S. BENNETT .. 5
PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 2	JOHN F. GROVE .. .. 6
FRED PEARSON .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
WILLIAM E. COURT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam Thomas Marshall, of Parbold.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., June 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*LESLIE MCCLUSKEY .. Treble	FRED PEARSON .. .. 5
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 2	ERIC COOK .. .. 6
PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 3	PETER COXALL .. .. 7
† MARTIN SNAPE .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal. † First in the method 'inside'

Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Marshall, for over 40 years a member of the local band, who was interred on June 20th at Parbold.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
*RICHARD M. FORDER .. Treble	† MELVYN STEVENS .. 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 2	*GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. 6
*CHRISTINE MORRIS .. 3	*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 7
*SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.	
*ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	† SYLVIA R. E. PIPE .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
† JAMES B. MORLEY .. 3	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 7
*DIANA M. PIPE .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of London. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 275th peal

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Treble	† JOE WALLIS .. .. 5
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
† MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4	† DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ First on eight bells. The conductor's 150th of Stedman.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.	
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
*JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,120 London, 800 Bristol, 640 each of Ealing and Rutland, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.	
*ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	*JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of 8-Spliced. First of 8-Spliced on the bells.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Rosemary Fleming to John R. Mayne.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Preston Branch)  
On Sun., July 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

*PETER JACKSON .. Treble	† MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	† BERNARD MOSS .. .. 6
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE 3	WALTER MANSLEY .. .. 7
*DERICK HARWOOD .. 4	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Doupe.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., May 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
BASIL W. WHITE .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4
GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 2	CECIL LONGHURST .. 5
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER

Rung for the Rev. Bernard G. Moore, who was ordained priest on this day at York Minster.



### THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 4
DAVID J. FORDER .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

### ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

#### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Eata.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*IAN FRIEND .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4
REGINALD H. NEWTON .. 2	PHILIP J. EVANS .. 5
FREDERICK G. BEDDOWS .. 3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal in the method, and of Minor.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., June 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Beverley, (5) Cambridge and Primrose, (6) Surfleet and Hexham, (7) S. Oxford and S. Court. Rung on light six.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	RICHARD CLIFTON .. 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 2	FRANK CHAMBERS .. 5
C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

### ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240. Rung on front six.

*C. BLACKBURN .. Treble	†J. C. ELLISON .. 4
†G. ROTHERY .. 2	E. ROUGHLEY .. 5
T. D. ROUGHLEY .. 3	†J. G. EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. ROUGHLEY.

\* First peal on treble in the method. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.

Rung for the confirmation of the election of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

### BRADSTONE, DEVON.

#### THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Non.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	*D. ROY BOULD .. 4
ANN GEORGE .. 2	*HARRY STACEY .. 5
*CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Believed to be the first of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

### DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. DEREK A. DAVIS .. Treble	*ROGER D. BAILEY .. 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	DEREK A. DAVIS .. 5
*KEITH R. DAVEY .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal.

An engagement compliment to Josie R. Hutchings and F. Keith Williamson.

### HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of Holy Trinity.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.

REGINALD HAYDEN .. Treble	*JOHN COLLINS .. 4
HENRY BIRD .. 2	EDWARD ROCHESTER .. 5
EDWARD COSENS .. 3	WILLIAM ALEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ALEY.

\* First peal. First on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sheila Dellow and Brian Rochester (son of the ringer of the fifth), who were married at Farnham on June 24th.

### MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

#### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*MICHAEL WYCHERLEY .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. 2	†RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal for the Association, and first of Minor as conductor since 1936.

### HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARCHIE R. WIFE .. Treble	†PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 4
†ROBERT C. BUTTON .. 2	TONY OWEN .. 5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 3	†WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of rehanging bells in a new frame; also to mark the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

### GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. COOPER .. Treble	*ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. 3
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4
ROLAND H. COOK .. 3	.. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. C. E. Cooper has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooper.

## HANDBELL PEAL

### LEICESTER.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

In the Cathedral Belfry.

#### A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

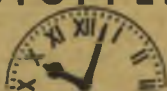
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ROBERT B. SMITH .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3-4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted JOHN M. JELLEY.

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## HALF PEALS

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 2,880 Cambridge, Kent, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's Minor: V. Lacey 1. C. Cowley 2. T. Harris (cond.) 3. J. Tickle 4. F. Chambers 5. J. E. Manners 6.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On June 29th. 3,600 Minor in 5 methods: L. E. Sharp 1. E. W. Furbank 2. J. Avis 3. U. W. Wildney 4. F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5. B. W. Fairhead 6.

**WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.**—On June 27th. 2,528 Plain Bob Major: E. Haddon 1. G. McKay 2. J. Hail 3. Mrs. L. Boumfrey 4. J. McTear 5. H. Bynon 6. S. Richardson 7. L. Boumfrey (cond.) 8. First half peal by all the band, on the bells and in the county.

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. L. Roper 1. Miss H. M. Johnston (first quarter) 2. M. W. Sayer 3. Mrs. A. Bennett 4. B. J. Davis 5. R. A. Reeves 6. M. W. Coleman (first of Triples as cond.) 7. C. E. Gunttup 8.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Williamson (first quarter) 1. W. Viggers (cond.) 2. Stella Tate-Mitchell 3. Barbara Williamson 4. K. Williamson 5. E. Bragg 6. T. Page 7. Betty Stewart 8.

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Mulvey 1. E. Hough 2. Denise E. Rider 3. M. J. Mulvey (first as cond.) 4. A. C. Mason 5. J. P. Burton 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor.

**ALTON, HANTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Biddlecombe (first quarter) 1. R. Corke (cond.) 2. G. Noakes 3. H. Moody 4. C. Smith 5. L. Noakes 6. E. Hedger 7. A. Bone 8.

**ASFOEDBY, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): J. T. P. Thorpe 1. H. T. Bonshor 2. J. H. Cook 3. A. E. Hinman 4. R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. K. J. Panter 6.

**ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 27th. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Casson (first of Caters) 1. A. Short 2. B. D. Downie 3. M. G. Ingram 4. R. C. Ingram 5. D. T. Finmore 6. J. W. Pettigrew 7. D. R. Ingram (first of Caters as cond.) 8. W. A. Best (first quarter) 9. E. J. Franklin 10.

**BABBACOMBE, DEVON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Roberts (first on eight) 1. A. J. Garbett 2. Mary Russell 3. H. C. Spencer (cond.) 4. W. Simmonds 5. P. Lock 6. D. J. Roberts 7. P. Shipp 8.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet D. Randles 1. Ann Shearman (first on the bells) 2. M. C. Cuthbert 3. Mary Heath 4. J. H. W. Harold (cond.) 5. G. Holdaway (first quarter) 6.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Metters 1. W. T. Turner 2. K. Newby 3. N. M. Newby 4. J. Bagnall 5. J. E. Burles (cond.) 6. F. H. Crawley 7. Rev. E. Notman (first quarter) 8.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th. at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Merritt 1. Mrs. D. Evans 2. G. Hawkins 3. J. Tiley 4. H. Taylor 5. W. Hurford 6. J. Hallett 7. R. Smith 8. E. Naylor (cond.) 9. J. Owen 10.

**BATHFORD, BATH.**—On June 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Ritchens 1. A. F. Lee 2. T. J. Milsom (cond.) 3. D. J. Barnett 4. A. Cannings 5. P. R. Young 6.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1. H. Wingrove (cond.) 2. Gwen Reeves 3. Dorothy Fletcher 4. Kathleen Fletcher 5. R. Broadley 6. M. Broadley 7. P. Davis 8. Also a compliment to the Rector, Rev. C. R. Warner, on becoming Rural Dean.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss J. Cox 1. Miss M. Butcher 2. Miss M. Tate 3. E. J. Phillips (cond.) 4. J. H. Phillips 5. S. D. Butcher 6.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. J. Brown 1. W. R. Chandler (first as cond.) 2. Miss M. Witney 3. V. J. C. Dale 4. Miss B. Fisher 5.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1. O. Castleman 2. C. Linch 3. R. Swan 4. P. Wells 5. J. Kesterton 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7. J. Tieraan 8. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4 and 8 covering): D. George 1. Audrey Eldridge 2. J. M. Swift 3. L. Tapp 4. Rev. R. O. Stroud 5. C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6. C. F. Pilbeam 7. R. Vale 8.

**BILLESDON, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): R. H. Faulkner (first quarter) 1. Miss P. M. Geary 2. J. G. Geary (cond.) 3. A. N. Geary 4. G. Allen 5. J. Wadkin 6. H. Faulkner 8.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On June 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1. A. B. Corden 2. H. Sear 3. W. Daniells 4. A. E. Daniells 5. D. J. Meager 6. J. Marks 7. R. Cadamy (cond.) 8.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy (first of Stedman away from tenor) 1. Mary Wells 2. H. W. Dunsden 3. E. J. Grace 4. J. P. Blond 5. C. Corderoy 6. R. B. Blond (cond.) 7. J. Napper 8. Also a compliment to Jim Blond, who was this day awarded his B.Sc. (Reading).

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hearn 1. Miss S. Peake 2. Miss A. Porter 3. J. Vincent 4. B. S. Sheppard 5. W. H. Trueman (cond.) 6.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—At the Deanery Church. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. Burslem 1. Mrs. Moore 2. H. Pratt 3. W. Chapman 4. H. Moore 5. A. Little 6. G. Ashton 7. R. Suckling (cond.) 8.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On June 27th. 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Mrs. L. Holmes 1. A. B. Cooper 2. G. Ashley 3. F. Peacock 4. D. A. Smedley 5. G. E. Hancock 6. D. Cooper 7. H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): B. McCleary 1. Diana Harris 2. Sylvia Woods 3. C. Burridge 4. B. May 5. Joan Davey 6. Doreen Hague (cond.) 7. J. E. Norsworthy 8. By the local band before Evensong.

**BRECON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): Miss S. Roderick 1. M. M. Peterson 2. M. T. Johns 3. M. R. Thomas 4. E. Nobles (cond.) 5. E. P. J. Pollard 6. Also in honour of the birth of the tower captain's first grandson.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Cowling (first quarter) 1. Edna Frith 2. Janet Groves 3. A. R. Groves 4. G. Nicholls 5. I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6.

**BROUGHTON, LANCs.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Meryl R. Crosswaite (first as cond.) 1. C. Crosswaite 2. J. Jolleys 3. M. Smith 4. J. Shaw 5. K. Durro 6.

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**—On June 27th. 1,440 Minor (Double Court and Kent T.B.): W. G. Saunders 1. R. E. Burt 2. T. C. Browne 3. L. F. Bailey 4. F. C. Arnold 5. F. Phillippo (cond.) 6.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Parslow 1. E. A. Ashby 2. T. Clark 3. R. Rowley 4. J. E. Rootes 5. S. E. Darmon (cond.) 6. N. Jenkins 7. V. Green 8.

**CANNOCK, STAFFS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Guthrie 1. Margaret Guthrie 2. G. Bradbury (cond.) 3. A. E. Barker 4. H. Butler 5. J. P. Darrell (first quarter) 6.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On June 27th. at the Cathedral. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holtby 1. B. Forsyth 2. Miss A. Callum 3. J. Boustead 4. C. Mew 5. A. Forsyth (cond.) 6. J. Ling 7.

**CHESTER, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge, on June 27th. 1,216 Plain Bob Major: P. Swindley 1. Miss D. Shallowcross 2. J. Hughes 3. J. Dean 4. A. Close 5. S. Jones 6. T. Griffiths 7. R. J. Lee (first as cond.) 8.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hope 1. I. Wintrip 2. Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3. F. Sheraton 4. J. W. Robson 5. P. D. Walker 6. D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7. W. Nicholson 8.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—At the Cathedral, on June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wake 1. R. G. Blackman 2. J. S. Still (first of Triples 'inside') 3. Rev. C. R. R. Coussmaker 4. W. G. Challen 5. E. W. Keys 6. R. Wake (cond.) 7. P. Stevens (first on eight) 8.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1. C. Hill 2. J. W. Priest 3. Roy Collins (cond.) 4. D. G. Blows 5. Ron Collins 6.

**CLARE, SUFFOLK.**—On June 27th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss R. J. Seabrook 1. Mrs. W. G. Perry (first of Kent) 2. H. B. G. Honeyball 3. H. Clarke (first of Kent) 4. O. C. Ballard 5. S. G. Honeyball 6. S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 7. W. G. Perry 8.

**CLAVERLEY, SALOP.**—On July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton 1. J. Marsh 2. W. Francis 3. E. Drew (cond.) 4. G. Goodson 5. F. Bennett 6. C. Jones 7. A. Nurse 8.

**COGGESHALL, ESSEX.**—On July 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Turner 1. W. G. Wade 2. G. Everett 3. W. G. Bilner 4. H. Nichols 5. A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 6. B. Shepherd (covering) 7.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On June 27th at St. Leonard's. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. P. Duffield 1. N. Avis (first 'inside') 2. F. G. Oliver 3. J. Avis 4. D. Whent 5. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Also on June 27th. at St. Peter's. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. J. Millatt (cond.) 1. N. Avis 2. W. J. Brunt 3. J. Avis (first 'inside') 4. F. G. Oliver 5. D. Whent 6. E. P. Duffield 7. B. W. Fairhead 8.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1. R. Gubb 2. C. Rooke 3. L. Rooke 4. S. Sully 5. G. Limmer 6. D. Jewell (cond.) 7. L. Walters 8.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1. C. J. A. Brown 2. Mrs. M. de Jong 3. Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4. S. G. King 5. L. R. G. Taylor 6. H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7. L. W. Jewell 8.

**COWFOLD, SUSSEX.**—On St. Peter's Day. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boxall 1. Miss R. A. Boxall 2. F. Godmarsh 3. B. Dixon 4. J. Jeffrey 5. R. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**COWLEY, OXON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Grainge (first quarter) 1. Mrs. W. Holloway 2. Brenda Martin (first quarter) 3. A. Bennett (first 'inside') 4. W. Fern (cond.) 5. J. Sutton 6.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boxall 1. Miss R. A. Stevens 2. R. Dixon 3. R. Johnson 4. R. Durnford 5. J. Jeffrey 6. F. Godmarsh (cond.) 7. E. Brett 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On June 27th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Metters 1. W. T. Turner 2. V. Forshaw 3. J. E. Burles 4. K. Newby 5. J. Bagnall 6. W. Wall 7. N. M. Newby (cond.) 8.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th. 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: P. I. Chapman (cond.) 1. Hilary M. Johnson 2. Patricia F. Curtis 3. H. M. Johnson 4. M. J. V. Chown 5. M. R. Bennett 6.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (rung with 1 and 2 leading): Mrs. E. E. Pearson 1. Miss Y. Obbard 2. J. Minnear 3. Miss J. Phillips 4. A. W. Ivings 5. W. Ivings 6. E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7. B. J. Sykes 8.

**DEENE, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Anthea Reed (first quarter) 1. F. A. Gimms 2. D. G. Urquhart 3. R. Russell 4. R. A. Webster (cond.) 5. M. Chambers 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Fisher 1. Miss L. Coveney 2. C. George 3. Miss K. Todhunter 4. G. Gray 5. E. J. Walker 6. G. Ruck (cond.) 7. M. Godfrey 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Webb 1. Miss E. Jackson (first of Stedman Triples) 2. A. Sayers 3. J. Hibbert 4. C. Garlick 5. G. W. Bishop 6. C. Hibbert (cond.) 7. R. Wells 8.



## ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER

## PEALS—Continued

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Stone 1, D. M. Hughes 2, C. A. Pound 3, C. G. Johnstone 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, N. Lambert (first quarter) 6.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the front six): P. Smithson (first quarter) 1, R. Fanthorpe 2, Mrs. D. Metcalfe 3, M. Noble (first quarter) 4, H. Denman 5, J. Coates (cond.) 6.

**EPPING, ESSEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. M. McClelland 2, E. Freeman 3, M. Osborne 4, J. Aldridge 5, A. Freeman 6.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, P. Bridges 2, Monica Horseman 3, J. Fray 4, J. Owen (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. Joyce 6.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Payne (first of Caters) 1, W. Jones 2, P. Clarkson 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Cox 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, I. Whiting 7, L. Edwards 8, P. Allen 9, J. Whiting 10.

**GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. R. Tubby (first quarter) 1, R. A. Berry 2, F. K. Cooke 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, R. Hornby (cond.) 5, W. Copcoat 6.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hibbert 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mrs. P. Tait 3, M. Bishop 4, C. Garlick 5, A. Sayer 6, G. W. Bishop 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, Mrs. E. Curson 2, J. Collins 3, F. Whitby 4, G. Miller 5, E. Curson 6, W. Wheeler 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8.

**HARPENDEAN, HERTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Potts (first quarter) 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Jackson 1, D. Jordan 2, J. Hibbert 3, C. Garlick 4, A. Sayer 5, J. H. Napper 6, G. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

**HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lowings 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, F. V. Gant 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Thompson 1, C. Yates 2, A. Truman 3, F. Wills 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Egddell 1, B. Huddleston 2, C. Abbott 3, G. Locke 4, M. T. Owen (first of Triples) 5, P. E. Parry (cond.) 6, J. A. Bennett 7, C. Wyatt 8.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Church 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Major (cond.) 3, K. Barnes 4, R. Fuller 5, T. Hyde 6.

**HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Loveless 1, Miss I. Down 2, Miss M. Dorey 3, F. Priddle 4, P. Sparkes (cond.) 5, A. Sherrin 6.

**HILLINGDON, MIDD.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Sexton 1, T. G. Bannister 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Miss J. Essen (first of Royal) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. R. Turley 6, G. Hopkinson 7, N. D. Robinson 8, W. H. Coles 9, F. C. Price (cond.) 10.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B. Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Bradley 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6.

**HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Morrey 1, D. Phillips 2, D. Kirkham 3, L. Copnall 4, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 5, R. J. Ongley 6.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica Sheet 1, D. Nibbs 2, R. Humphries (cond.) 3, G. Humphries 4, D. Stillman 5, J. Stillman 6. First quarter 2 and 6. Average age of band: 14 years.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind): Janet Real 1, M. Hodge 2, C. Manley 3, J. Real 4, D. Salter 5, W. Baker 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, M. Squire 8.

**HUCKNALL, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. E. Gibson 1, H. Lewin 2, K. Marriott 3, B. Hincliffe 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, Miss E. Charlton 6, G. Gibson 7, N. Wiser 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newton 1, Beryl Smith 2, R. Biggs 3, Meryl Newton 4, Joyce Barton 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

**HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (in 7 methods): E. Bagworth 1, Miss J. Kent 2, R. Brewin 3, A. Rudge 4, D. Manship (cond.) 5, R. Manship 6.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall 1, R. Churchill (cond.) 2, M. Pearson 3, W. Peacock 4, I. N. Pett 5, R. Ward 6.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Bedford 1, Norma Jeffery 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5.

**KEMERTON, GLOS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Mills (first quarter) 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, C. Brazier 4, D. Devereux 5, J. Jones (first quarter) 6.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—On June 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Capstick 2, A. Diserens 3, Diana J. Perrins 4, W. G. Wilson 5, G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 6.

**KENSINGTON, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Abbots', on June 27th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Sawyer (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, Miss K. M. Baker (first quarter) 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. F. Overington 8.

**KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. Brookes (first of Minor) 1, F. A. Jaine 2, J. F. Fox 3, W. E. Brookes 4, D. F. Jaine (cond.) 5, T. C. Jaine 6.

**KIMPTON, HERTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Lander (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Arnold 2, A. J. Cole 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Culh (cond.) 5, Miss S. Baxter 6.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. R. Reed 1, R. Shipp 2, Freda P. Greaves 3, W. Curston 4, T. Bush 5, C. H. Whitton 6, J. Wilson (first as cond.) 7, N. V. Harding 8.

**KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, R. Blacker 2, Mary Russell 3, P. A. Lock 4, D. J. Roberts 5, H. C. Spencer 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, P. Shipp 8.

**KINGSWOOD, SURREY.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Elizabeth Warren (first quarter) 1, Ann F. Gartell 2, Christine M. Shaw (first 'inside') 3, W. Margaret Balcomb 4, E. W. Taylor 5, A. G. Clark (cond.) 6.

**KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, J. H. Cook 2, A. E. Hinman (cond.) 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook 5.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. M. White (first of Minor) 1, F. C. Hobson (first quarter) 2, J. I. Booth 3, K. Kirk 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 6.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Sears 1, J. Goodchild (first 'inside') 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, J. Gibbard 6.

**LAVERHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, W. Fakers 3, A. Knight 4, M. T. Symonds 5, F. S. Mortlock 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Offord 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Mason 1, T. H. Bent 2, W. G. Hunt (first 'inside' on eight) 3, W. J. Tanser 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, G. H. Bray 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, T. E. Adams 8.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, C. Williamson 2, Miss P. Fox (first 'inside') 3, C. Hughes 4, F. Mills 5, Miss V. Hester 6, J. Crampin (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Garton (first quarter) 1, L. A. Tidy 2, Mary Stephens 3, D. Summer 4, W. L. Tidy 5, R. W. Stephens (cond.) 6.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Tei 1, Dina Paine 2, S. Orchard 3, H. Baldwin 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peek 6.

**LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): N. Markovits 1, E. M. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, A. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, M. Pugh 6, W. Young 7, M. Heath 8.

**LONDON, N.**—On June 27th, at the Church of St. Anne, Highgate, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Snell 1, T. Bevan 2, Margaret Harle 3, P. Foote 4, A. Butler (cond.) 5, J. O'Dell 6, M. Lewis 7, P. Henning 8.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis (first away from cover) 1, M. A. Stenhouse 2, J. F. A. Shire (first quarter) 3, R. J. House 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Hunt (first quarter) 6.

**LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): I. Wilkinson 1, M. Hensher 2, W. Collins 3, E. Garrett 4, R. Danby (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, W. H. Poole 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. V. White 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8.

**MADELEY, SALOP.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Jones 1, T. Pritchard 2, T. S. Wilkes 3, F. W. Jones 4, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pearl Gibson (first quarter) 1, G. Lister 2, D. Young (first 'inside') 3, G. Gibbs 4, Kathleen North 5, J. Blackwood 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, S. Gibson (first quarter) 8. By the Sunday service band.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Hambly (14. first quarter) 1, E. Ford 2, Joy Towner (first quarter) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. A. Marsh 6.

**MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.**—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Hazeldine 1, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 2, A. M. Hickman 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, R. H. Tyler 6, H. F. White 7, F. Price 8.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. R. Dean 1, R. E. Dean 2, B. D. Price 3, E. Silvey 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8.

**MATHON, HEREFORDS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. J. Walters (first 'inside') 2, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 3, J. Ranford 4, R. Lewis 5, C. Bowers 6.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Colegrove 1, J. B. Budd 2, J. C. Nicholls 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Grant 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5.

**NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ward 1, Enid Rowley (first of Grandsire) 2, F. H. Gates 3, Roger Twigg (cond. first quarter) 4, M. J. M. Ratcliff 5, S. Coutts (first quarter) 6.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Ann Hanzcock 1, H. King 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, Helen Nevin 2, O. Orledge 3, R. Baldwin 4, B. Grainger 5, M. Bishop 6, D. Friend (cond.) 7, R. Day 8. Probably the first quarter on the bells for 50 years.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Kempell 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Mundy 3, G. Olliver 4, G. Clark 5, K. Game (first as cond.) 6.

**NUTHALL, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Pool 1, E. Wilcox 2, H. Young 3, J. E. Hobbs 4, Joan Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (cond.) 6.



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**PENN, STAFFS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Howell (12, first quarter) 1. H. Howell 2. H. Griffiths 3. Miss A. Frost 4. C. Griffiths 5. A. Collins 6. E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7. G. Hill 8.

**PENZANCE, CORNWALL.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Opie (first attempt) 1. D. Gendall 2. K. Davy (cond.) 3. J. Harvey 4. A. Willis 5. W. Roach 6.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Delwyn Young (first quarter) 1. C. Brown 2. B. Goodliffe 3. J. Riley 4. M. Horseman (cond.) 5. R. Haskins 6.

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—On June 27th, at the Church of St. John, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Smith 1. W. K. Martin 2. Maryl R. Cross-thwaite 3. Margaret Cross-thwaite 4. Betty Faunch 5. C. Cross-thwaite (cond.) 6. K. Durro 7. G. A. Dimmock 8. E. Couperthwaite 9. A. Gardner 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1. 3. 4. 5 and 7.

**QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ambler (cond.) 1. R. Kendall 2. C. Ellison 3. S. A. Longbottom 4. H. Wilde 5. S. Longbottom 6.

**QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Valerie Pacey (first quarter) 1. Miss M. Kirk (first 'inside') 2. C. Lowe 3. E. J. Perkins 4. D. Lowe (cond.) 5.

**RAINFORD, LANCs.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Green 1. J. C. Ellison 2. W. G. Ellison 3. T. D. Roughley 4. E. Roughley (cond.) 5. J. G. Evans 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Joan Hanning 1. K. Game 2. T. H. Bird 3. Rev. K. G. Hoare 4. A. J. Bull 5. A. Streeter 6. G. Olliver (cond.) 7. A. T. Shelton 8.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On June 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: N. Donovan 1. Susan Chaddock 2. Pat Walker 3. Margaret Burns 4. R. Woodward 5. I. Tilling 6. S. Armeson 7. G. S. Lee 8. J. N. D. Chaddock 9. N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

**RUGELEY, STAFFS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Mills 1. Miss M. A. Ward 2. J. A. Townsend (cond.) 3. J. Pendlebury 4. C. A. Brass 5. E. H. Norman 6.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Felicity M. A. Rooke 1. Susan M. Morley (first of Triples 'inside') 2. Noreen Winter 3. M. Winter 4. C. H. Knowles (cond.) 5. Gillian Sewell 6. A. J. Hicks 7. S. Skinner 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On June 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Dobbs 1. W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2. Miss C. Chambers 3. Miss P. Doorn 4. G. Dodds 5. K. Darvill 6. W. Little 7. G. W. Debenham 8. G. Penney 9. W. A. Nicholls 10. Also at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Chambers 1. B. B. Hullah 2. J. D. Chamberlain 3. C. M. Foster 4. A. T. Hawkins (cond.) 5. G. T. Ridgway 6.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (3 methods): R. Beard 1. F. Gorrington 2. E. Coode 3. F. Wheller 4. P. Braund 5. B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by all except the conductor.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Watkins 1. Dorothy Page 2. Rita M. Stratford 3. Jennifer Stratford 4. M. E. Brown (cond.) 5. V. T. Cooper 6.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newsum 1. Mrs. S. Marshall 2. Mrs. J. Simpson 3. J. Harvey 4. C. Geary 5. W. Simpson (cond.) 6.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Parsons 1. A. L. Westwood 2. Miss L. Barker (first quarter) 3. J. L. Boylin 4. W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5. R. Daw 6. H. J. Turner 7. R. L. Joyce (first quarter) 8. By the Sunday service ringers.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—At St. Chad's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Newman (first of Triples) 1. Mary C. Poyner 2. N. Round-Turner 3. R. Newton 4. H. C. Lewis 5. F. G. Beddow 6. H. Poyner (cond.) 7. E. Wilcox 8.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Bartlett 1. E. W. Brown 2. Miss J. R. Simmonds 3. D. E. Tupper 4. J. G. Brett 5. V. S. Connell 6. J. H. Brett (cond.) 7. A. R. Ruffle 8. First in the method for all except the conductor. Rung by a resident service band.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1. C. Dale 2. R. Cann 3. A. J. Collings 4. T. J. Warner 5. E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6. C. Bragg 7. V. W. Rigg 8.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Sheila Stephens (first quarter) 1. B. Wakefield (cond.) 2. R. T. Wakefield 3. M. J. Cook 4. R. J. Smith 5. P. Law 6.

**SOWTON, DEVON.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Miss S. Peters 1. A. Tapley 2. W. Burnett 3. Miss S. White (first quarter) 4. F. Willmington 5. H. Willmington 6. W. Panter (cond.) 7. C. Burnett 8.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Doy 1. B. G. Brinkley 2. C. Cooper 3. J. Kerley 4. J. Crawley 5. B. Bover (cond.) 6. Also a birthday compliment to R. Smith.

**STAINES, MIDDx.**—On June 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Shepherd 1. Pamela Harris 2. D. Hawkins 3. B. Wiggins 4. B. Bartlett 5. C. Fynnes 6. M. Bartlett 7. E. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 4 and 5.

**STANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise): Janet Payne 1. Margaret Machin 2. R. Webster 3. J. Maughan 4. P. Draffan 5. W. Maughan (cond.) 6.

**STAVELEY, DERBYS.**—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Dickinson 1. K. Goodall 2. F. A. Adams 3. H. Paddison 4. K. Rutland 5. G. W. Longden (first of Major) 6. L. Goodall 7. J. Ford (first quarter of Major as cond.) 8.

**STISTED, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. A. Warner 1. Margaret Pantton (first in method) 2. P. L. Wood 3. W. Arnold 4. A. T. Beckwith 5. A. R. Syder (cond.) 6.

**STOCKBURY, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Boorman 1. Miss F. R. D. Underhill 2. J. Davey 3. M. F. H. Lacey 4. A. S. Dunk (cond.) 5.

**STOKE, COVENTRY.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1. Mrs. P. Wright 2. D. Ellender 3. D. Sibley 4. R. Robinson 5. H. Folwell 6. E. Sibley 7. W. A. Stote (cond.) 8.

**STONEHOUSE, GLOS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Price (cond.) 1. A. Arnold 2. T. Baker 3. A. Harmer 4. N. Perkins 5. H. Matthews 6.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. S. Atyeo 1. Mrs. J. Ward 2. Ann George 3. S. Jenner 4. C. Sangwin 5. H. Stacey 6. A. T. Wingate 7. A. Ward (cond.) 8.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: E. Pizzey 1. Doreen Gibbons 2. P. Brand 3. D. Brock 4. D. Boniface (cond.) 5. D. Struckett 6.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.**—On June 27th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge and Kent T.B.): J. I. Porter (cond.) 1. B. J. Fisher 2. T. W. Thirkell 3. Mrs. R. Ducker 4. H. Rodmell 5. C. R. Robinson 6.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mumford (first of Triples away from tenor) 1. Lavina Mumford 2. J. Coates 3. N. Moxon 4. Eleanor Rose 5. Katharine Burchnall 6. Grace Burchnall (cond.) 7. C. Copp 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On June 27th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. E. Sutton 1. T. R. Collins 2. B. Bladon 3. A. T. Collins 4. Dr. H. Craig 5. M. B. Kemp 6. Dr. C. G. Roworth 7. B. R. Cox (first in Great Britain) 8. R. G. Townsend 9. E. Sutton (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 2, 6, 7 and 8.

**SWINESHEAD, LINCs.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1. W. B. Dawson 2. J. E. Brown (first of Triples) 3. J. P. Morriss (cond.) 4. N. B. Fovargue 5. R. Stephenson 6. P. H. Reynolds 7. C. Stubley 8.

**TADCASTER, YORKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Shann (first quarter) 1. P. Harrison 2. A. Dennison 3. W. Hick (cond.) 4. W. Stead 5. C. Solitt 6. A. Evans 7. A. Barker 8.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. I. Mills 1. Mrs. D. Stuteley 2. Ann Pryke 3. Mrs. V. Hales 4. P. W. Mills 5. E. E. Davey (cond.) 6.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1. F. J. Cook 2. June E. Sinfield 3. R. J. Scott 4. J. Cloughton 5. I. Knox 6. J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7. W. F. Gladman 8. First of Grandsire for 1, 5 and 8.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Kerslake (first quarter) 1. Mrs. B. Morris 2. R. G. Perry 3. J. Baker 4. B. Vine (cond.) 5. H. Churchill 6.

**TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Roberts (11, first quarter) 1. D. Slater 2. I. Leppard 3. C. Bonnett 4. F. Roberts (cond.) 5. E. Constable 6.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Packham 1. Susan J. Beresford 2. Alison S. Murray 3. Stella M. Knight (cond.) 4. D. S. Anderson 5.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDx.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sheehan 1. Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2. H. W. Impey 3. E. R. Gotham 4. D. G. Rowlands 5. Miss J. Reeve 6. F. H. Corke (cond.) 7. F. Bedford 8.

**WADHURST, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): B. Bassett 1. Mrs. E. Bassett 2. C. A. Bassett (cond.) 3. Rosemary Hemsley 4. C. Pibbeam 5. J. Wilcox 6. L. W. Giles 7. G. Baker 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On June 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Wild 1. Miss V. Pain 2. Mrs. R. J. Chapman 3. Mrs. C. W. Roberts 4. M. C. Austin 5. D. Hawkins 6. R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7. H. Duncan 8.

**WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Woodman 1. B. Branton (first 'inside') 2. L. Brighton 3. Miss R. Anderson 4. M. Parker (cond.) 5.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bailey 1. I. Stoter 2. J. White 3. H. V. Booker 4. D. Stoter 5. K. Leach (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 4.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Eastland 1. R. Bullivant 2. F. Cooke 3. R. Lucas 4. A. Brown 5. F. Flint (cond.) 6.

**WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Sandra Owens (first quarter) 1. D. C. Urquhart 2. F. A. Gains 3. R. Russell 4. R. A. Webster 5. M. Chambers 6. Conducted jointly by 3 and 5.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. T. Bailey 1. W. L. Ratcliffe 2. Christine Froggatt 3. J. B. Perkins 4. J. Woolley (cond.) 5. A. H. Longhurst 6.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ingram 1. Mrs. F. Penn 2. Miss T. Elliott 3. Miss V. Doel 4. F. Brown 5. T. B. Holloway (cond.) 6. F. Penn 7. A. Grist 8.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. F. Knight 1. A. Chamberlain 2. Miss T. M. Lloyd 3. Miss J. Watkin (first quarter) 4. R. J. Carter 5. K. A. Roe (cond.) 6. T. E. Harrold 7. F. S. Cheney 8.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—At St. Paul's Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss D. Gibbs 1. J. Froome 2. Miss S. A. Castle 3. Mrs. B. C. Castle 4. C. W. Mortimer 5. R. K. Rivers 6. B. C. Castle (cond.) 7. C. A. Eeie 8. Rung by the ringers of St. Nicholas', Hurst.

**WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Ann Thompson (first quarter) 1. Mrs. M. Godwin 2. N. Chamberlain 3. P. Heritage (first 'inside') 4. H. Floyd (cond.) 5. W. Godwin 6.



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**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. E. Brook 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond., 50th quarter) 3, I. G. Smith 4, H. Taysom 5.

**WOLVEY, WARWICKS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Chase (14) 1, W. J. Chase (12, first 'inside') 2, A. D. O'Donnell (14, first as cond.) 3, J. H. Beale 4, H. M. Windsor 5, A. C. Beck 6.

**WORCESTER.**—On June 26th. at the Cathedral. 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: D. R. Morris 1, Anne Bullard 2, R. G. Morris 3, Susan Jackson 4, J. J. Starrier 5, M. Hawkes 6, D. R. Sayers 7, J. C. Slater 8, D. Beacham (cond.) 9, T. W. Lewis 10, G. E. Evenden 11, F. C. Pugh 12, First of Cinques for 2, 5, 6 and 7.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Crowson 1, B. Kingston 2, Janet Welsh 3, J. Waugh 4, K. Gardner 5, S. M. J. Young 6, D. Riley (first as cond.) 7, J. Laken 8, First quarter 1 and 8, First of Grandsire 'inside' 3, 5 and 6.

**WORKSOP, NOTTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, A. Mill 2, D. A. Whetton 3, G. Chalmers 4, M. Smart (cond.) 5, J. S. Eastland 6.

**WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, June Harding 2, J. E. Barber 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. Ledsham 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruby Cox (first quarter) 1, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 2, Rosemary D. Waterhouse (first 'inside') 3, Dorothy M. Palmer 4, M. F. Edwards 5, M. Cox 6.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Church (first quarter) 1, F. Farr 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, R. Clift 4, H. Noakes 5, E. Hunt 6. Also a 15th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

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## OTHER QUARTER PEALS

### HALF PEAL

**CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.**—On June 10th. 2,520 Doubles (in 5 methods): J. W. Sampson 1, M. Utton 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5. First half peal for all.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCs.**—On June 16th. 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Steer 1, K. Earnshaw 2, P. Eagle 3, R. Bolt 4, R. Leigh (cond.) 5, R. Whittaker 6, First quarter 1, 3, 6. A farewell to the Vicar. Rev. J. H. P. Slade, M.A.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On June 21st. 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: B. A. Shackleton 1, R. G. Hooper 2, J. Brain 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. J. Hunt 5, D. E. Cobb 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8, First in method 3, 4, 6 and 7. Also on June 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Horseman (cond.) 1, Kathleen Exell (first in method 'inside') 2, P. Bridle 3, P. Dye 4, F. C. Mogford 5, D. J. Hunt 6, D. E. Cobb 7, B. Goodliffe 8.

**BACUP, LANCs.**—At the Church of St. Saviour, on July 1st. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Kendal 1, G. Young 2, S. Lowe 3, J. Walsh 4, J. Bracewell (cond.) 5, G. Coppin 6. For the induction of the Rev. J. A. Slater by the Archdeacon of Rochdale.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On June 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy (first attempt) 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8.

**BRADSTONE, DEVON.**—On June 19th. 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): A. J. Collings 1, Ann George 2, C. E. Taylor 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6, First in two methods 1, 3 and 4.

**BRISTOL.**—On June 23rd. at St. Michael's-on the Mount. 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. Dye 1, Sally Oates 2, S. M. J. Young 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, L. Derrick 6. First of Oxford Minor by all.

**BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.**—On July 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harrison 1, W. Fay 2, J. Ashby 3, R. J. Wyatt 4, J. A. Parker 5, F. E. Burnett 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, T. Ayre 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Thomas H. Huddleston, of Driffeld.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 29th. at the Church of St. Peter. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stone 1, C. W. T. Riddleston 2, B. North 3, Angela Grainger (cond.) 4, F. Rowsell 5, G. North 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Snoswell 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.**—On July 2nd. 1,020 Plain Bob Minor: N. Crossland (first quarter) 1, C. A. Moxon 2, W. Broadhead 3, Miss M. Moxon 4, H. Rusby 6, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Dedication of new British Legion Banner. Also on April 23rd. 1,320 T.B. Minor (four methods): W. Broadhead 1, C. A. Moxon 2, E. Stainrod 3, D. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. St. George's Day.

**CHORLEY, LANCs.**—On June 24th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): F. Maudsley (first quarter) 1, J. H. Gartside 2, P. Jackson (first quarter) 3, T. Barker 4, C. Crosshwaite (cond.) 5, B. Moss 6, M. Arrowsmith 7, A. Rigby 8.

**DOWN AMPNEY, GLOS.**—On June 22nd. 1,260 Doubles (in 5 methods): M. A. New 1, T. R. Collins 2, G. W. Land 3, M. J. Stanley 4, A. T. Collins (cond.) 5.

**EDMONTON, MIDDx.**—On June 25th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, D. Hewitt 2, D. Towers 3, J. Towers 4, J. Weeks 5, B. Downes 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. George 8. For Confirmation service.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On June 18th. 1,380 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Cox 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, D. P. Treble 5, C. B. Allen 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Mills on the award of the B.E.M. Also on July 2nd. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bebb 1, R. H. Mills 2, W. W. Wright 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Joyce 5, D. P. Treble (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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By the peal at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has now rung a full 5,000 on every date in the year, including February 29th, a record which very few have accomplished. By a coincidence the composition (Grove's transposition of Parker's) was the same as his first peal (in 1906) and he rang the second on both occasions, but at places many miles apart—St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Lincs, and All Saints', Milford, Hants!

We learn that Mr. Brian Price is joining the staff of Radley College next September.

Kent ringers will congratulate Mr. George H. Spice on ringing in a peal on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has 72 members with over 50 years' membership. Oldest is Mr. H. Gregory, who joined in 1892.

The peal at Broseley, Shropshire, on June 24th—the first on the augmented eight—is believed to be only the second peal on the bells.

In the quarter peal at Little Missenden, reported on page 419, the ringer of the second bell was Miss D. Page. Our correspondent sends his apologies to the lady concerned.

Congratulations to Mr. R. H. Mills, of Farnborough, Hants, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the recent Honours List. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on June 18th.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Stamford, will not be rung again until the work of repairing the steeple has been completed. It was damaged during a gale in the early part of this year. Practices will go on as usual on Tuesday evenings only at St. Martin's Church.

The six bells of St. Peter's, Whetstone, Leicestershire, are being rehung on ball-bearings, fittings overhauled, bell frame repainted, etc., at a cost of £250. To raise funds for this a garden fête was held in the grounds of the Memorial Hall, opened by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. The gratifying sum of over £170 was raised.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. G. W. Taysom on his 100th peal. Geoffrey moved to Cornwall from the Hereford area some 30 years ago and now rings regularly at both Gulval and Madron. It takes a long time for a peal total to rise in the extreme west, but he has gone on joining in attempts at every opportunity as well as loyally and regularly helping in every sphere of ringing; in fact he is one of those stalwarts of whom any Guild can be proud. The Truro Guild is of him.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Riverside Church, New York, has been in England and is now in Sweden. Next week he is giving a recital in Belgium, followed by a visit to Greece. He hopes to see some more of his English friends before returning to the States.

Although rung for Matins, the quarter peal at Whittle on July 2nd was in the nature of a belated 57th wedding anniversary quarter for Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Fenn, of Barking. Caleb, of course, is associated with St. Margaret's, Barking, and was a leading member of that most competent band of some years ago. Nowadays the stairs are a bit too much, but he maintains his interest through 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. Wiltshire, formerly of Guildford, who is now 95 years of age, has been living at Nansouville, Quebec. His daughter writes acknowledging a letter from the secretary of the Central Council and a copy of the jubilee issue of 'The Ringing World,' which gave him great pleasure. Recently he was removed to a nursing home, but he is still able to take an interest in things and remembers his old friends.

The ringers of the peal of Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on June 24th, arranged and rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ten bells, would like it also to be associated with the life and work of Dennis C. Morgan, of Harlington. He was to have rung in the peal, but unfortunately he was killed in a road accident and was buried on the morning of the 24th. The conductor of the peal had the sad task of representing the band at the funeral.

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## RINGING FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT

### A Great Response

NEVER before has there been concerted ringing to honour the enthronement of an archbishop. The enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England was marked by the ringing of church bells in every diocese. At the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Whit Tuesday a request was made by the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) that the day, Tuesday, June 27th, should be honoured by the ringing of church bells.

#### 31 PEALS

The response was most gratifying. At the time of writing no fewer than 31 reports of peals having been rung have reached this office. These included the Cathedrals of Canterbury, Oxford, Leicester, Bradford, Bristol, Manchester and the former Pro-Cathedral at Guildford.

At Canterbury a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung in the evening at the Cathedral by nine resident members of the Kent County Association and one non-resident member from Croydon, which is also in the Diocese of Canterbury. The Archbishop is ex-officio president of the Association, which comprises all the Diocese of Canterbury except the Croydon Archdeaconry, all the Diocese of Rochester and part of the Diocese of Southwark in that part of the South East London area which was formerly in Kent.

#### PERSONAL MILESTONES

In the 31 peals rung 35 of the ringers were ladies. Twelve of the ringers were ringing their first peal and for three others it was their 100th peal. These were Messrs. Geoffrey W. Taysom, the well-known Cornish ringer, who reached his century at Carbis Bay, Patrick W. Saltmarsh, of Danbury, Essex, who rang at Great Baddow, and Herbert W. Woolven, of Sussex, who was ringing at Heene, Worthing.

Two former Devon call-change ringers took part in a peal at East Budleigh. On the treble was Mr. Henry Luxton (64), who was ringing his second peal, and on the tenor Mr. Frederick Snow, who was ringing his first.

Ramsey Surprise Major was the appropriate method selected at Harrow Weald for the peal in honour of the enthronement.

#### 176 QUARTER PEALS

Quarter and half peal ringing reached the splendid total of 176. Cathedrals in the list included St. Albans, Gloucester, Chichester, Worcester, Carlisle and Bath Abbey. London was represented by quarters at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and St. Ann's, Highgate.

In these quarters there were no fewer than 56 ringers who were ringing their first quarter, and among them was R. I. Roberts, aged 11, of Turners Hill, Sussex. At Wolvey, Warwickshire, A. D. O'Donnell, aged 14, was conducting his first quarter peal.

A very youthful band was performing at Holt, Wilts, where the average age of the band was 14 years and two were ringing their first quarter.

At Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, it was intended to ring a peal. Towards the end of the fifth 720 one member of the company became ill, and the conductor called 'Stand' at the end of the extent.

The quarter rung at Woodford, Essex, on July 1st was a second attempt. The band made its first attempt at Loughton on the Tuesday but were thwarted by a gang of hooligans entering the church and meddling with the chiming apparatus.

#### ROPES UNRAVELLED

The quarter peal at St. Michael's, Stoke Coventry, was accomplished not without difficulties. Just before the half-way single a strand of the tenor rope broke at the tucking in the rope end. This quickly unravelled to six feet above the sally. It was only the importance of the occasion and the dexterity of the conductor (Mr. W. A. Stote) which restrained him from calling 'Stand'.

Another case of a disintegrating rope occurred at Workington, where a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major was going well and had to be curtailed to 2,528 changes.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 28



MR. FRANK T. BLAGROVE,  
Middlesex County Association.

If there were such an organisation as a Bellringers' Trade Union, Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, of Windsor, Berks, would surely be frequently 'on the carpet'. He is a very competent 'double-handed' tower bell ringer, and in fact has rung more double-handed peals than anyone (including Washbrook), having scored 12 so far, and about 60 quarter peals. What is more extraordinary is that these peals have included 3 of Doubles, in 25, 45 and 72 methods, which he also conducted! He has rung Bob Minor with four officers of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and this year rang in the only triple 'double-handed' peal, with Tony and Frank C. Price—Bob Minor at Preston Candover, Hants. There are not more than eight ringers alive today who have rung even one 'double-handed' peal, but it should not be too difficult for four of them to get together, and ring a peal of Major—something worth doing.

The quarter peal rung at Twineham, Sussex, on June 27th was the first time the bells had been rung for over three years, as the state of the tower, which has now been repaired, rendered ringing inadvisable. During the 'silent' period the oldest ringer and tower captain, George Packham and Charles Wickens, have both died, and they were very much in the minds of those who rang. The ringers included a son of one and a daughter of the other.

The quarter on the Priory bells at Worksop, Notts, was the first on the bells for seven years. The team was entirely local.

The analysis of methods rung in quarter peals is Cinques 1 (Worcester Cathedral), Royal 3, Caters 6, Major 17 (no Surprise Major), Triples 48, Minor 39 (three Surprise), Doubles 62.

The bells of the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, Reading, were rung for an hour on June 27th.

At Emmanuel Church, Clifton, the conductor suffered a lapse of memory and 1,200 changes only of Grand sire Doubles were rung. This performance would have been the first quarter for two young members of the band—Peter Hyatt and James Alexander, who are both pupils at Clifton College and very promising young ringers.

To celebrate the enthronement, touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's, North Cadbury, and St. Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury, Somerset, on the Tuesday evening.

Frank, who was born at Bedford, Middlesex, on June 17th, 1934, educated at Ashford Grammar School, Middlesex, and graduated at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London University, is now a schoolmaster at Slough Grammar School. He started to ring at Stanwell in April, 1947, when Sydney Sabin started a band of young ringers to help the old call change band there. However, he gratefully acknowledges the help he received from that well known ringer, Tony Price, of Feltham, who taught him to handle a bell properly, and also change ringing. There are many ringers in South West Middlesex who owe a great deal to Tony's patient and skilful instruction.

In November, 1949, and aged only 15, he was asked to take over at Stanwell, and to teach a new band from scratch. As he had no assistance to teach change ringing, he found it more convenient to teach himself to ring two tower bells at the same time! The Stanwell Society, as then formed, rang their first local 120 of Doubles in May, 1951, their first local quarter peal in October, and their first local peal on February 15th, 1952, in 11 Doubles methods, which was rung fully muffled for the funeral of King George VI. The Society also provided opportunities for many other ringers in the District to learn change ringing, and ring their first quarter peal. One of their more recent members—Christopher B. Fynes—has also rung and conducted two or three peals of Doubles 'double-handed'.

Frank's first peal was seven methods of Minor, rung at Horton, Bucks, on February 11th, 1950, and conducted by Tony Price, and his first peal as conductor was also seven Minor methods at Stanwell on May 12th, 1951. His present peal total is 110, all on tower bells, and of which he has conducted about 40. They have been rung in many methods from Bob Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Amongst those he recalls with pleasure are London Surprise Major rung by officers of the Middlesex Association, the record peal of 113 Doubles methods, and the first peal on the 10 bells at Feltham, Middlesex, which he composed and conducted.

Frank was elected a member of the Middlesex Association in 1950, and has held offices in the South and West District since 1952. He has been Deputy Ringing Master, District Ringing Master, assistant District secretary, and is now District secretary. He was elected as a Central Council representative in 1957, and serves on the Records Committee and the Methods Committee. He is very keen on tracing a complete list of First Peal Performances, and a history of bell ringing in the 18th and 19th centuries. Towards this end he has so far collected about 8,000 peals rung before 1881—an amazing number! Serving on the Methods Committee, he is naturally very interested in new methods, and has produced two books: one on Surprise methods from 1821-1950, arranged in mathematical order of places, and also a collection of Little and Alliance Doubles methods, most of which have been rung at Stanwell.

In 1956, Frank married Monica Howard, who has rung a number of peals. They met at Clewer, Berks, which in the early 50's was a popular ringing centre. As they now live in Windsor, they ring at St. John's Parish Church and the Curfew Tower. They have one son, Mark Thomas, and his mother rang in a quarter peal at Stanwell 12 days before he was born. Frank's other interests are philately and gardening.

Still a young man, he has shown that good work can be done at an early age and he has set a fine example to all young ringers. His future, both in peals and research, will be watched with much interest. **APACE.**

A quarter peal of Little and Plain Bob Minor was rung at Woodhouse, Leics, on June 28th for Miss Pamela Dobson, who is to live in Cyprus for 2½ years. A peal attempt for her took place at Queniborough on July 1st and came to grief 960 changes from home, when the tenor rope broke. The ringers were Pamela Dobson 1, Michael Brown 2, Barry Brant 3, David Manship 4, Maurice Kirk (conductor) 5.



## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

### Presentation To The Rev. H. H. Barker

ON June 10th the Society held its 71st annual general meeting at Lichfield. Unfortunately the weather was not up the standard usually enjoyed on these occasions and a steady drizzle persisted throughout the afternoon. It did not dampen the spirits of the ringers, however, and during the afternoon the fine 'ten' at the Cathedral and the 'eight' at St. Mary's were put to very good use. The new ring of five bells at Shenstone was also available during the afternoon, and in the evening Alrewas and Elford towers were opened to visitors.

The service was held at St. Michael's Church and conducted by the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society. The address was given by the Rev. J. Ormiston, Vicar of Shenstone, who likened the Church to a lighthouse whose beams shone out into the darkness and showed the way to safety and peace. He liked to think that behind every team of bellringers there was a team of Christians, calling people to church.

After the service the congregation made its way through pouring rain to the Women's Institute Hall, where an excellent tea awaited. It had been provided by a willing band of lady helpers drawn from Lichfield and all quarters of the Archdeaconry. They had worked extremely hard from 2 p.m., and grateful thanks are extended to them and their many male helpers for providing such a first class spread.

### REAL FEE ACCEPTED

The Archdeacon presided over the business meeting. Mr. Frank Brotherton, honorary treasurer, presented the accounts. The income showed a reduction, compared with the previous year, due to a smaller number of paid up resident members. On the other hand additional expense had been incurred in printing the annual report and this, together with losses at meetings and on the annual dinner, was causing an excess of expenditure over income. To try to remedy this difficulty a proposition was put forward that a peal ringing fee be introduced. It was argued that, as the main cost of printing the report was due to reproducing the peals after 'The Ringing World' style, it was only equitable that peal ringers should bear a fair proportion of this cost. There followed quite a long and heated argument as several members of the Society were most reluctant to see this idea introduced. The Archdeacon skilfully conducted the discussion and eventually the proposal was put to the vote and carried by a substantial margin. It was later decided that this peal fee should be fixed at 6d. per ringer for the time being and its collection would commence immediately.

The secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, presented the Committee's report and reviewed the previous year's progress and activities with satisfaction. Meetings had been well attended during the year and the average attendance over all the meetings was 90 people per venue. The Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival, held at Stoke-on-Trent, had been a great success and the Society looked forward to holding another this year in the Wolverhampton area. Peals rung for the Society during the 12 months totalled, to date, 41, a decrease of seven over the previous year. A high standard had been maintained and of the total 15 had been peals in Surprise methods.

### PEAL NOT ACCEPTED

Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes, the Central Council representatives, gave a report on the recent meeting held at Stoke-on-Trent.

They reported that a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Royal which had been rung for the Society would have to be withdrawn. It apparently did not conform to the Central Council's rules and would not, therefore, be included in the analysis of peals. The hospitality of the North Staffordshire Association on this occasion was first class and each representative was presented with a china ashtray as a memento of his visit to the Potteries. One of these beautiful ashtrays was passed around the assembly for all to see.

The president extended a vote of thanks to all the officers of the Society for their hard work during the past year. He also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key who were celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary that day.

The following elections for the coming year were made: Ringing Master, Mr. J. Eastwood; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Allen; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; honorary secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter; assistant secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; auditor, Mrs. E. E. Speake; Central Council representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

### 44 YEARS IN OFFICE

At the close of the formal meeting the president called upon the secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, to make a presentation to the Rev. H. Holroyd Barker, who resigned last September from the office of clerical secretary. Mr. Tranter gave an appreciation of Mr. Barker's services to the Society and said that it was with great regret that his resignation had been received after 44 years' service. A presentation fund had been started and the Society had responded magnificently, raising a total of £22 10s. in all. It was with the greatest pleasure that he now presented to Mr. Barker, on behalf of the Society, an Aldis Film Projector. In thanking the Society for its generosity, Mr. Barker recalled his many happy associations with past and present members. His son was abroad now and this projector would be extremely useful for viewing colour films of his family from time to time.

In recognition of 50 years' continuous resident ringing membership the following members were elected to become honorary life members: Edgar Marlow, Wood Green, and Edgar T. Smith, Walsall.

D. J. T.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting of the West Central District at the five bell tower of Badwell Ash on July 1st was a disappointment as only seven District members attended, supported by three from other Districts.

One wonders how many would have attended if there had been six or even eight bells. In the evening there was ringing on another five—at Great Ashfield.

Next meetings: Thornham Magna, August 19th (evening); Rattlesden and Drinkstone, September 2nd.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

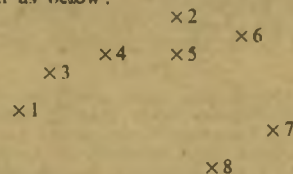
Mrs. Sinfild and helpers prepared a very enjoyable tea for the quarterly meeting of the Luton District held at Totternhoe on June 17th. At the business meeting it was decided, after much discussion, that the fate of the ringing competition should be settled by a committee, composed of a representative from each tower in the District. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Sunman, who gave an acceptable address. In the evening methods rung included Little Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

C. S.

## A NOTE ON WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

With the peal on the C sharp octave, all fifteen bells hung for ringing at Worcester Cathedral have been rung to peals.

The extra bells to the ring of twelve are a flat 4th, a flat 6th and a flat 8th. Thus two 'middle eights' are available, one with the ninth as tenor (20 cwt. 0 qr. 6lb. in E) and one with the eleventh as tenor (34 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in C sharp). For the E octave the ropes fall in a semi-circle, but for the C sharp octave they fall as below:



It seems practical for this arrangement to be improved.

It is interesting to note that if the bourdon bell was hung for ringing and a flat tenth and flat third added a ring of twelve with a tenor of 82 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. would be available—97 lb. heavier than Liverpool Cathedral tenor. The total number of rings available would be two major twelves, two major tens, one minor ten, four major eights, two minor eights, six major sixes and five minor sixes.

G. E. E.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fair-sized crowd attended the St. Albans District meeting at Sandridge on June 17th, where the attractions were pleasant weather, an ancient church with a Saxon screen and Roman tiled chancel floor and anticipation of a good tea, although some of the company are still doubtful about the long, almost vertical ascent to the belfry.

After half-an-hour's ringing the bells had to be muffled because of complaints from local night workers. Standard methods were, however, rung.

The Rev. C. G. Woodhead, a ringer, conducted the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the local band. Mr. T. J. Southam presided at the business meeting, and the company stood in silence in respect for John T. Kentish, a Hatfield ringer, who died on June 2nd.

Next meeting, North Mymms, Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.

C. M. R.

### SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

It was a very warm, close day on July 1st for the meeting of the Newark District at Sutton-on-Trent. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to a good variety of Triples and Major methods up to Yorkshire Surprise, with rounds for the less experienced. This pleasant, light ring of eight sounds best when being tapped round briskly.

The usual excellent tea was served by lady ringers and helpers, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. W. Raithby, in the absence of the District chairman. A special welcome was accorded to Mr. Turner, of Anston, in the North Notts District, who has served 70 years as a ringer in his home tower. One new member was elected and the meeting was closed with thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing tea. Next meeting: September 16th, Whetton-in-the-Vale.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### INFERIOR DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Saltmarsh for his congratulations first of all.

So that we do not argue at cross purposes may I take it that when he refers to methods with 'places made at once' he is thinking of methods with 'four places made at once'.

The point at issue is that of quality. We think these methods which include at least two single changes in each lead are rubbish. Mr. Saltmarsh thinks they are preferable to those of the Little Court variety. May I give an example of each so that a comparison is possible.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241356	241635
423165	426153
423615	462135
246351	641253
423651	614523
246315	165432
246135	
421653	156342
412635	
146253	
142635	

The method on the left has from the third to the fourth change one pair of bells only changing, 1 and 6. From the seventh to the eighth change only 1 and 3 cross. There are thus two single changes in each lead. Now this method complies, as far as I can see, with the Central Council Decisions, but it has never been included in a C.C. Collection and this fact is very significant. I believe that in olden days some methods of this sort were rung and they were thought to be dead; the transient strain which appeared two or three years ago will, I fancy, last little longer than the time taken to ring the 'first in the method' of each of this type.

The objections to it are first, that it tends towards call change ringing, and second, that it sounds bad. I have no quarrel with call change ringing as such, but it would seem obvious that one of the purposes of 'scientific' change ringing is to change as many pairs of bells each time as possible. Admittedly, Cambridge Major and upwards, Yorkshire Royal and most Surprise Royal and Maximus methods as well as a number of 'once rung' Surprise Major methods, have this same blemish, as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies so firmly points out in 'Surprise Methods,' but the result in these cases does not sound as bad, for there are in Major two pairs changing at the crucial times, and in Cambridge at any rate the two pairs of places are separated by the dodging bells in 3-4. (New Cambridge is worse in this respect.) In Minor, however, three of the four places must be adjacent, unless fifths without the treble in sixths is allowed—and that would be the end, or next to it!

In comparison the only criticism that can be levelled against the method on the right above, Crayford Little Court, is that the treble does not hunt the whole distance. Otherwise there is just about as much movement of the bells from front to back as there is in Plain Bob and the music is very similar. Little Bob, Crayford's pair, is sufficiently popular to justify its existence.

There is, lastly, the important point of principle. During the last thirty or forty years the record in number of methods has been broken a good many times. In the 1930's, in particular, rivalry was strong and a number of unofficial rules were tacitly accepted. One of these was that there should be at least one plain lead of each method included: a bobbed lead only was to be avoided. In our recent peal we deliberately did not include a bobbed lead of Capel even though Ockley, its pair,

does not appear, but rang Sandal instead, as it appears elsewhere 'plained.' We have tried to follow suit in other respects and so avoided methods with four places made at once. To have included them would have been an easy way of breaking the record. If a county batsman knocked up 500 runs for an old boys' XI against his school team this would not displace Hanif Mohammed's record.

A record in bellringing, whether of endurance or intricacy, must not only be made but must be shown to be made: the new performance must be of higher standard in its particular sphere.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

6, Bar Lane, Wakefield.

### MR. BLAGROVE CONFUSED

Dear Sir.—Several words and expressions used by Mr. Blagrove ('The Ringing World,' page 423) shows he has got confused.

In the first place, his use of the word *neither* (which is generally taken to mean two of anything) is not in order. I quoted three known ways of ringing 'St. Dunstan's' not two: the one given in the Central Council, 1939, Collection on pages 2 and 5, which he himself admits is not correct; the one he gives with Grandsire Singles (which differs very little from Grandsire, and about which all the arguing was in the Central Council some years ago, and which J. Monk, the compiler of the 1753 'Campanologia Improvada,' in his 1766 fifth edition rejected, as not the correct St. Dunstan's-note, he edited this 1766 book, fifth edition, corrected by J. Monk), together with the version he regarded as correct and from which I gave the figures in 'The Ringing World' recently.

So when Mr. Blagrove states 'neither of the methods I submit is correct,' he actually is challenging the authority of J. Monk and his own Central Council, and not Mr. Amos, as he tries to make it appear.

Having already given the figures from the 1766 book, may I quote what it states? On page 27 are these words (I repeat, not the words of Mr. Amos, but of J. Monk, the compiler):

'St. Dunstan's Doubles.—In this peal the changes are all double, except one single every second time the treble leads, there being six of them in the "peal"; the treble, as before, hath a direct hunting course, and every time it goes to lead, and leaves leading, the bell in thirds place lies a whole pull, and then goes down, and the two hindmost bells dodge ill treble parts them, except at three of the single changes, and the bell in thirds place goes up behind (here is where Mr. Blagrove is getting confused) and the bell in fourths place comes down; but at other times they have a hunting course.

'When the treble leads and the second is in its own place it is a bob, Kz'L psjPho'.—second is in thirds place it is a single.'

That is the St. Dunstan's we attempted for a peal (but lost) for the recent Festival of St. Dunstan, and which we, in this district, are accepting as the true St. Dunstan's Doubles and the least like ordinary Grandsire of the three, despite what Mr. Blagrove or the Central Council like to say to the contrary. The single is certainly not a Grandsire single, the bob is a Chace bob (or a Grandsire extreme, whichever one likes to call it) and the plain lead is not a plain lead of Grandsire. I suppose here, someone will want to rush in and say, 'No, it is a bob lead!' I hope they do, because that straightway goes to prove a point I raised recently: that all this baloney from certain Central Council members that they will not recognise a method which has a plain lead of one method and a bob

lead of another may sound all right on paper, but it does not work out in practice! You do not need to call bob (as in this case of St. Dunstan's) and it becomes a plain lead, or vice versa. St. Simon's and many more do not have a bob of their own—they employ a fourths place (Plain Bob-bob), and as for Mr. Blagrove's suggestion that we rename St. George Spiced Winchendon, Wexham and Reverse St. Faith here again he has got confused, for it is nothing of the kind.

True, the plain leads (only three in 120) are Winchendon, but the bobs are a half-lead of Original (in other words, every bell at a bob plain hunts), and the singles are Old Doubles bobs called as singles.

If a Saint's Day can be commemorated in the way we set out to do it, that is more in keeping with the real and true purpose of the bells than all the competitive spirit behind many of the peals rung, which, as Mr. E. T. Paul Field stated recently, have little or no spiritual value behind them whatsoever. In any case, we have no evidence of another method named St. George, and if there was one, was it rung to a full peal, and where does the Central Council ruling take effect, that the band who rings the first peal in any method shall have the right to name it, come into the picture? I noticed someone asked that very question on the same page as I gave the figures for St. Dunstan's Doubles.

One other point, Mr. Blagrove is not consistent when he suggests we rename the peal at Wootton Spiced Winchendon, etc. Why doesn't he admit that St. Nicholas' is Spiced St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury—plain course or no, it is still a mixture of both. And what about Stamford Surprise Minor? Primrose, which is as near like Cambridge as anything, and dozens more I could quote, which are bits of one methods and bits of another. Why doesn't he call Biddenden a mere variation of Yorkshire?—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell.

P. AMOS.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On July 1st, the Western Branch held its first meeting at Crowle since 1947. The bells are an old John Martin five (1667), augmented to eight in 1897 by James Barwell, not quite in tune and very loud. Touches in the standard methods were made more interesting, as the third bell rope slips wheel at regular intervals!

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Owen, who, after welcoming us to Crowle, gave an interesting address on the text 'Serve the Lord with gladness.' An excellent tea was provided on the Vicarage lawn, where the business meeting was held, the Vicar taking the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hallow and Grimley, practice methods being Yorkshire and St. Clement's.

During the evening members tackled the flying sallies of the heavy six (17 cwt.) at Upton Snodsbury, where methods up to Cambridge were rung. The Crowle bells were lowered at 8.45 p.m.

Our visit to these two little known towers was much enjoyed, and thanks are due to Mr. Sidney T. Holt for his very capable arrangements. We hope it will not be another 14 years before we again meet to ring in the lovely half-timbered and thatched village of Crowle. P. C.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. G. Forrester 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Calwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Harradine 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation service.

**CHELSEA, KENT.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, Hilary Martin 2, Jillian Outwaite 3, M. A. Legg 4, D. L. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evening song, also a farewell to M. A. Legg, who is shortly leaving the area.

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## OXFORD GUILD'S 80th BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL

BRINK OF A NEW FORWARD MOVEMENT SUGGESTED — NEARLY 2,000 MEMBERS — GRANTS TO CHURCHES TOO MEAGRE — POOR MAINTENANCE WORK IN BELFRIES

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild's 80th birthday festival on July 1st was marked by not only a large attendance, but most of the proceedings were conducted under the patronage of two Bishops and two Archdeacons. Such is the close and intimate relationship held between members of the Guild and the spiritual leaders of the Diocese. This year there was introduced a Communion service at St. Aldate's Church, at which the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, was the celebrant, and about 40 members attended.

The service in Christ Church Cathedral was preceded by a touch of Cinques. The choir of ringers was of substantial proportions and in the procession the Guild's banner was carried by Mr. F. G. Edmans. The service was conducted by the Master, and the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson. Mr. Harry Badger was the organist. The service was attended by the Bishops of Dorchester and Buckingham.

### FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

In his address, the Archdeacon of Buckingham said it was quite a humble thought as they called others to worship and to worship themselves that they were in company with such a fellowship coming down through the ages of giving glory to God. People came to their churches for three things—to worship and keep the glory of God in the forefront of their minds; to learn and to ponder the meaning of the life and death of Jesus Christ; to form a centre from which others might learn about the Divine Glory as revealed in Jesus Christ.

In the churches of the Diocese they had been thinking about the 80 years of their Guild. Suppose their remote successors of five or 10 centuries were to look back on this age. He felt certain they would note the preservation of the fabrics of their churches and the way new churches had been built. They would also note that 90 per cent of the people were completely out of touch.

Concluding, the Archdeacon said: 'You and I, as we go to our churches week by week, continually draw inspiration from the past that we can better serve the present and thus hand on to those who follow something worthy of Almighty God.'

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, with the Master in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master, the honorary secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the honorary treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the honorary librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper). The Bishop of Dorchester was also present.

### MR. A. D. BARKER HONOURED

Early in the proceedings the honorary secretary said one of their officers had served for 25 years as treasurer, and she would like the Guild to honour him by electing him as a vice-president. The proposition electing Mr. A. D. Barker to the office was carried with acclamation.

The reports of the officers and the accounts were issued in duplicate form. The Master, in his report, reviewed the past 80 years. He wrote, 'Within the last few years we have seen two very helpful signs for the future. One is a new approach to the teaching of beginners, more efficiently and more rapidly than ever before. The highly successful weekend course at Radley, last May, admirably demonstrated the new technique of teaching. Secondly, I believe that there is a growing sense of responsibility among Guild members about the "black spots" in the Guild's territory. It may well be then, that we find ourselves in this 80th anniversary year on the brink of a new forward movement in the history of the Guild.'

The Deputy Master, in his report, mentioned that in response to requests he had made over 30 inspections and reports on conditions of bells and their gear in all parts of the Diocese. This work was of an exceptional nature, and would not continue at its present level, but was occasioned by the architects' inspection of churches under the recent Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure.

### LOSSES BY DEATH

Mr. Sharpe's report recorded the passing of Miss Stella Davies, Messrs. Albert E. Lock (secretary of the North Berkshire Branch), Edward G. Foster (former secretary of the Reading Branch), Thomas Trollope (aged 90, who was a pupil of J. W. Washbrook), James Haynes (of Charlton-on-Otmoor, in a fatal accident), Canon C. E. Last, of Great Horwood, and the Rev. A. L. Gutch, of Kirtlington.

In a very comprehensive report the honorary secretary said in 1960 the total membership of the Guild was 1,937 ringing members, 37 life members and 82 honorary members, as against 1,854 ringing members in 1959. This showed a marked increase. They had elected 37 non-resident life members, among whom were nine boys from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tufts, of Washington, U.S.A.

During 1960 restoration work had been carried out at Arborfield, Cumnor, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Enstone and Eynsham. Work at present was being done to Northleigh and would begin at St. Helen's, Abingdon, during the summer of 1961. This would give the Guild once again five good tens.

The honorary treasurer, in his report, said the general funds of the Guild amounted to £1,066 3s. 9d., of which £1,036 14s. 4d. was in the Bell Restoration Fund. During the year £104 3s. 1d. was contributed to the Restoration Fund by 100 Parochial Church Councils.

### GRANTS, AN INSULT

Mr. Cracknell said the position of the Restoration Fund was quite pathetic. They were giving grants to P.C.C.s up to £50, which was rather less than four per cent of the cost. A contribution was an insult unless it was about 25 per cent. He would like to propose that all possible steps be taken to increase the Restoration Fund so that grants could be made of 25 per cent.

Mr. A. D. Barker said only just over 100 P.C.C.s had contributed to the Restoration Fund. The total was £104. There were not many who paid £1—some paid two or three years' subscriptions. He had had another donation from the Jenkyn family and that had been invested in Defence Bonds. He had also been entrusted with another sum of money for St. Peter's in the East.

Mr. Michael Hatchett wanted to know as to what extent Christian Stewardship was practised in the Diocese and would it have any effect on the Restoration Fund. At Rickmansworth the P.C.C. said they would meet the cost of repairs to their bells.

Miss Cross said she knew that Abingdon was not going to apply for a grant, because of Christian Stewardship.

Mr. Alan Pink said he thought the reports of the officers were more than ordinarily interesting and were of historical value. The report and accounts were then adopted.

The officers were then elected as follows and thanked for their services: Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; honorary treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; honorary secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; honorary librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper; report editor, Mr. P. Walker; honorary auditor, Ernest Francis and Sons, Reading. Subject to confirmation at the next meeting, Miss M. Pollard was elected as assistant honorary secretary. Notice was given as to the necessary alteration of rules to permit such an appointment. Elected to the General Committee were: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. A. Diserens, E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White.

### 250 NEW MEMBERS

The honorary secretary reported that 250 new members had been elected during the past year. Their election was confirmed on the proposition of the Deputy Master.

Mr. Hunt proposed, and Mr. D. Smith seconded, on the recommendation of the General Committee, that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. This was agreed to.

The meeting was in a generous mood when applications for grants from the Restoration Fund were under review: in practically every case the committee's recommendation was increased, that of Aston Clinton from £20 to £25, Northleigh from £20 to £40 and Cropredy from £20 to £25.

The Master said they had received an invitation to Blechley for the autumn meeting on October 7th. A cordial welcome was promised the Guild by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Sears. The meeting agreed to Blechley.

Two proposed alterations to rules were submitted. A resident ringing member may become a life member by paying a life subscription of 25 times the current annual subscription, and any member, after paying a minimum of 30 annual subscriptions and reaching the age of 65 and still an active ringing member, may, as a mark of respect, be allowed to continue his membership without any further subscriptions, provided that this was approved by a branch meeting.

The meeting approved of an honorarium of £5 being paid to Mr. Sharpe to help towards his travelling expenses in connection with his inspection of belfries.

Mr. D. Wheeler submitted a request for a new Branch to be formed to be known as the Chiltern Branch as from January 1st, 1962. This was placed on the agenda for the autumn meeting.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

### THE LUNCHEON

There was a company of 171 present at the luncheon, at which the Master presided. Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. F. Sharpe said he wanted to say something about the condition of their towers. He was a churchwarden of 29 or 30 years' standing and when they had a visitation and had the question 'Are your bells sound, properly hung and fit for use?' he answered 'Yes.' He went up once a month to tighten the nuts and bolts in the belfry and once a week to oil the bells. There were people who answered 'Yes' without making sure first. During the year he had visited over 30 towers and he found some terrible things, of belfries cluttered up with rubbish and solid brass bearings chewed up because of no oil. 'You pull a bell and a series of groans is the answer, suggesting a ghost. An examination shows that no oil has been placed on the pulley wheels for 25 years. A lot of inspection work would not be necessary if the maintenance work was properly done.'

Continuing Mr. Sharpe said they were keeping that day, their 80th birthday, and quite a lot had been achieved during that time. So far as Sunday service ringing went 80 years ago only 3 per cent of the towers in the Diocese were rung regularly. In recent years that had been increased to 70 per cent. They would never get 100 per cent, but they must aim to get as near to it as they could.

The Bishop of Dorchester replied.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. H. L. Roper, who gave a special welcome to the Bishops of Buckingham and Dorchester, and the Archdeacons of Buckingham and Reading. Among the ringers he welcomed were Mr. B. Kynaston, Mr. Lewis Cockey, Mr. Harry Miles and Miss Marion Lidgey, Mr. Dermot Roaf, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. T. W. White.

### A. HAPPY INSPIRATION

The reply was by Mr. White who, mentioned that it was the happy inspiration of an individual member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that resulted in a National Ringing Day, to honour the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. He proposed 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' and congratulated it on making 250 new members during the past year and in ringing 138 peals.

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# SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD'S FESTIVAL

THE 33rd annual festival of the Guild was held at Brecon on June 24th. The Lord Bishop (Dr. J. J. A. Thomas) presided at the business meeting. Others who were present were the Dean (Dr. Edwards Jones), who, together with the Vicar of Swansea (Canon H. C. Williams), read the lessons. Rev. W. C. C. Williams gave the address at the Cathedral. Immediately before the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by members of the Diocesan Guild.

St. Mary's (8) and St. David's (6) bells were available for ring from 2 p.m. and quite a few rang at St. David's before lunch. Both Districts were well represented.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The president, the Lord Bishop in opening the meeting, thanked the Rev. W. C. C. Williams for his interesting sermon, and the organist who gave his services. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Pitman and Mr. D. J. Williams, of Gorseinon.

Arising out of the minutes, it was asked whether the donor's name had been written in the Peal Records Book? Mr. G. I. Lewis replied that it had.

The honorary general secretary thanked all officers, in his report, for their co-operation during the year. There was still no immediate solution of the non-affiliation of Knighton, New Radnor and Llanfihangel Rhydithon towers to the Guild. The ringing competition held at Cefn Coed was again proof of a competitive spirit amongst the ringers.

Concluding, Mr. J. A. Hoare said there were still a number of towers where there was no ringing, which was very disquieting. To increase membership he suggested that all ringers in 4 bell towers should be asked to join the Guild.

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, who said expenditure had exceeded receipts, because certain expenses of 1959/1960 were received too late for inclusion in 1961 accounts.

Mr. J. T. Williams, the Ringing Master, was very concerned by the small attendances at some of the Northern District's quarterly meetings, and ended his report by hoping that every member would, in future, support the new secretary by greater attendance.

A report of the Central Council meeting at Stoke-on-Trent was given by Mr. G. I. Lewis, who was thanked by the chairman.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. D. Bennett was elected Ringing Master, after Mr. J. T. Williams refused to stand again, holding the opinion that the office should be held alternately by the Northern and Southern Districts. The honorary general secretary and the honorary treasurer were both re-elected. As Mr. Magnus Peterson, the present auditor, was leaving the district shortly Mr. Stan Edwards was elected in his place.

Mr. Lewis gave a short account of peals rung during the year, and put the Peal Records Book on view for those present.

The names of each of the first three bands in the ringing competition were announced, and the chairman handed a ringing certificate to each captain in turn.

## OXFORD GUILD — Continued

The Master in reply spoke of the great pleasure it gave them to have with them Miss V. Robinson, the daughter of the first Master of the Guild. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £12 7s. 3d.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Miss Cross who in thanking the college authorities for the use of the dining hall said it had been the Guild's privilege over the 80 years to hold its annual luncheon in that hall. She also mentioned the services of Mr. H. Badger as organist, Mr. P. Walker for making the ringing arrangements and Mr. Barker for looking after the seating.

A large number of towers were open and visited by ringers.

## TERRITORIAL RULE

Mr. T. M. Roderick moved the adoption of the following, in place of the existing Rule 9: 'The territory of the Guild shall be the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Ringers at other towers within a radius of 15 miles of Swansea will qualify for annual membership during the period when they are members of their Diocesan Association. Ringers residing elsewhere will qualify for election to life membership by a majority of members then present, provided that the election is approved at the next Branch meeting of the Guild, and that the secretary has received a life membership fee of 5s.'

The seconder to this motion—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Mr. Rodenick, explaining the reason for this new rule, said the territory of the Guild was not now defined. Also since the formation of the Guild most of the members of the Southern District resided outside the Diocese.

Rev. J. Richards, in opposing the motion, thought it was a bad thing for the Llandaff Branch. The motion was then carried by a show of hands.

The invitation of Mr. Stan Edwards to hold the 1962 ringing competition at Talgarth was accepted. The 1962 annual festival is to be held at Swansea, the date to be decided later.

As a fitting acknowledgment of Mr. Peterson's work in teaching a band of ringers, and his loyalty to ringing in general, Mr. Edwards moved that he be made a life member. This was seconded by Mr. Stokes, and carried unanimously. The best wishes of the Guild go with Mr. Peterson when he leaves. Ten new members were elected, and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 15s. 6d.

The general secretary thanked the Dean for the use of the bells, and the arrangements at the Cathedral, and also the Lord Bishop for presiding.

Further ringing was then enjoyed at St. Mary's (8).

J. A. H.

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EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On June 11th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Hilda Cross 2, J. Gentleman 3, A. R. Mann 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

## COMPOSITIONS

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By FRANK E. DARBY

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Rung at Beddington, Surrey, on December 5th, 1959.

## 5,024 Springvale Surprise Major

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	B	W	H
52436	—	—	1	—
56234	—	—	1	1
42635	1	—	—	1
34625	1	—	2	—
42356	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	1
23564	1	—	—	2
23645	—	—	—	1
56342	1	—	—	1
45362	1	—	2	—
63254	2	—	2	—
35642	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	1
44527	1	—	—	1
25543	1	—	2	—
64235	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	1
23456	1	—	—	1

Rung at Willesden, June 15th, 1961.

## 5,088 Broadwater Surprise Major

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	M	B	W	H
23564	2	—	2	—
62345	2	—	2	2
62453	2	—	2	—
56234	2	—	2	2
56342	2	—	2	—
42563	2	—	—	—
63425	—	X	2	—
25346	2	X	—	2
46253	X	X	2	—
65324	2	X	—	—
45236	—	—	2	—
34562	2	—	2	2
34625	2	—	—	—
23456	2	—	2	2

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): W. Aley (cond.) 1, T. Curson 2, J. Collins 3, D. Hayden 4, H. Bird 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, Rev. P. Nicholson 8. Rung for the christening of the first son of the Rev. and Mrs. Nicholson.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On June 10th, 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. H. Yates 1, Gillian Smith 2, W. A. Yates 3, C. Stoppa 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Mr. D. White and Miss W. Harris.

STOKE PAGES, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples (from J. J. Parker's One-Part peal): W. Birmingham jun (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, D. Wight 4, Stilwell 5, W. G. Wilton 6, R. Hartley 7, C. Tovey (first on 8) 8. For Confirmation service.



# THE CONTRIBUTION OF WATH-ON-DEARNE TO SIX-BELL RINGING THIS CENTURY

By HAROLD CHANT

WATH-ON-DEARNE bells were rehung and a quarter turned in 1902, and augmented from six to eight in 1935, and between these two events a fairly comprehensive record was kept of 'the extents and peals of Minor rung at All Saints', Wath-on-Dearne.' The pages of these records tell a remarkable story of a talented band of ringers maintaining a tradition of method ringing that must have extended for well over a century, for it was in 1816 that a band of ringers rang 21,120 changes in 21 different methods in the same tower.

Furthermore, a tiny board in the ringing chamber records that on December 25th, 1773: 'The following peals was rung at this church: Oxford Treble Bob, College Pleasure, College Treble, Crown Bob and 3 parts of London Scholars Pleasure. The changes that were rung was 3,060 in 1 hour and 42 minutes without a false stroke by the following persons: William Melard, William Denton, John Mawson, William Hilton, Jonathan Heeley, Thomas Hilton.'

## ALL 720'S RECORDED

Apart from the two World Wars, when the entries are somewhat spasmodic, it appears that every 720 is entered together with the date it was rung, the ringers who took part and the person who conducted it. Among the early ringers were well known names such as Albert Nash, Walter Allwood, Josiah Panther and his son Arthur, Robert (Bob) J. Ricketts and lesser known ones, including J. Aaron, who rang only the treble, the Nicholls brothers and W. Lambert, who conducted the first two or three 720's.

A frequent visitor, so frequent in fact that one might be forgiven for thinking he was a local ringer if occasionally the information (Darfield) did not appear by his name, was William Woodcock. Sometimes William was described as 'Junior' or 'Young Bill,' a practice that had arisen in his younger days in order to distinguish him from two older William Woodcocks who also rang at Darfield.

Up to the outbreak of the First World War the repertoire consisted of about 25 methods and after the first two or three 720's all the conducting was done by Albert Nash, who also entered the extents, peals and date-touches in the record book.

It is interesting to note that Bob Ricketts, who rang in the first 720 on the rehung bells, continued ringing until after the bells were augmented. A minor, like many of his brother ringers, he had a light-coloured voice and was such a retiring individual that it comes almost as a surprise to realise on perusing the records that there is only a small percentage of 720's or peals in which his name does not appear. He was an excellent striker and method ringer. His eyesight, which was never good, deteriorated rapidly in later years until he finally became blind.

## PRINCIPAL CONDUCTORS

During the First World War changes in personnel took place. Albert Nash, on account of a serious accident, disappeared from ringing for several years, his place as principal conductor (and scribe) being taken over by Arthur Panther, a position he maintained almost continuously until his death. William Bramham, whose name first appears in 1909, followed in the footsteps of John Aaron, in sticking exclusively to the treble. Charles Walsh from nearby Darfield became a regular member of the band as did Arthur Gill, who came from New Mill (via Ackworth). H. Chamberlain, G. Lord and J. Champion (who distinguished himself not only in ringing, but also by becoming a father of triplets) also became members. Willie Green, who still keeps the flag flying at Wath and who learnt to ring at Crofton, became a member of the company after a sojourn in Leeds during which, no doubt, he gave the ringers at Headingley the benefit of his Minor experience!

Albert Nash rejoined the team in 1923 just

to ring a 720 in memory of Josiah Panther, who died on January 22nd after being a ringer for over 50 years. If we add that a William Ashworth joined the company in 1926 the scene is pretty well prepared.

## IRREGULAR METHODS TO BREAK FRESH GROUND

The methods rung at Wath were drawn from many sources, many of them being, of course, traditional. No distinction was made between so-called regular and irregular methods, but very few in the period under consideration (Superlative being one) were rung that had 5ths place without the treble behind. Consequently, having exhausted their collection of Treble Bob Minor methods in 1927 and 1928 they named quite a few irregular methods in order to break fresh ground. They had little liking for Plain methods and Plain Bob was the only one mentioned, unless Original be included in this category. Sometimes, indeed, they even forgot to state the construction of the method so that occasionally a new name appears to which it is impossible to attach figures.

The system of classification at Wath was to take a 'backwork' (i.e., sections 3 and 4) and join it to as many 'frontworks' or 'leadends' as possible. Take, for example, College Exercise. Grouped under this heading are the methods London Scholars, Royston Delight, Gladstone Delight, College Bob IV, Queen Bess, Bocking, Vale Royal, South Kirkby and Newton. As can be seen from the above list the names do not always tally with those now used. Bocking, for instance, is now St. Albans. Neither should too much credence be placed on the appellations Delight Surprise, etc., that are found in many of these old methods as these are often labels of convenience used to differentiate between methods that would otherwise have the same name. For example, there are three Darfields (an Exercise, a Pleasure and a Surprise), two Nelsons, two Woodcocks, three Yorks, with similar appendages. In other cases the additions are merely fanciful descriptions added by the compiler.

## HUNDREDS CLASSIFIED

It is evident from Albert Nash's note book that he must have had, at some time, access to various old publications, beginning with Stedman's Campanologia, from which he had obtained for instance College Bobs I, II, III, IV and V. There are also references by the sides of other methods to 'Clavis', 'Shipway' and 'Annable'. He prepared a table in 1928, now in Wath belfry, classifying hundreds of Minor methods and scrawled across the table are the words, 'many will reverse or double.' It is significant that on this table the traditional names are used: Marigolds, Foxgloves, Hyacinths and Fuchsias being preferred to the now more prosaic ones. In the note books of both A. Nash and A. Gill (who prepared many such note books) the system of reversing and doubling is used to describe many old methods, e.g., Cheapside is Reversed Whitley and Reversed Oxford. Arthur Gill sometimes supplies additional information such as 'Double London (Sheffield Bobs and Sheffield Bobs Reversed)'. Composed by Charles Severn, first rung at Anstone in 1912, Sheffield Surprise is an irregular method and was 'composed' by A. Nash in 1903.

Darfield is but a short distance from Wath and was at one time hardly less renowned for its ringers. William Woodcock was fond of arranging Minor methods and it is therefore not surprising that Wath ringers should have drawn on these methods. There are no dates in Woodcock's note book, but judging by the names of some of the methods, Earl of Kimberley, Gordon's Delight, Lord Hershell, etc., it was compiled round about the turn of the century. (The second 720 in the Wath record book is 'On the occasion of the Declaration of Peace between the Transvaal and England.') Some of Woodcock's methods have melodious names: 'Hawthorn', 'Sweet

Bells', 'Merry Bells', 'White Rose.' He was not very systematic in his arrangement of methods and 'Hawthorn' appears several pages later as Queen Victoria, under which name it was rung at Wath. Later this method was named Balmoral by the Central Council, a fact never recognised by the Wath company. Wath Delight appears in Woodcock's note book, although Arthur Gill credits Arthur Panther with first arranging the method which was first rung at Wath on Sunday, November 6th, 1921, and has the following footnote: 'First 720 of Wath Delight believed to have been rung. No. 11 on page 23 in C.C.'; proving at any rate that Wath ringers were aware of the existence of the Central Council!

Woodcock's Victory appears in the records for the first time at Wath on December 25th, 1926, although it may have been rung previously at Darfield. It was never so firm a favourite, however, as Woodcock's Delight, an irregular method, which was made the basis of a group like the College Exercise. I mentioned earlier. The 'backwork' is the same as Morning Star and the 'frontwork' Violet.

## THE YEAR'S RECORD

From 1920 to 1926 the method scope was gradually broadened until by the end of the latter year 55 methods had been covered by the band. 1927 was the year of greatest achievement. It is stated in the minutes of the Barnsley and District Society that: '119 extents in 92 Treble Bob methods' were rung at Wath during the course of 12 months. Analysis, however, reveals that these were for Sunday service only. The full story including extents and peals throughout the year is as follows:

197 720's were rung in 186 methods.

142 methods not previously recorded were rung.

Five peals were rung, each in seven methods, two of which were Surprise peals.

The number of different methods (720's only being recorded) since 1902 was now 55 plus 142=197, which by a coincidence was equal to the number of 720's rung during the year. Three of the 720's each contained one visitor, the remainder being rung entirely by the local band. One of the visitors was C. D. Potter, the president of the Barnsley and District Society, after whose house one of the irregular methods (Luda) was named. The bulk of the conducting was done by Arthur Panther although A. Gill and A. Nash each conducted a few 720's.

After 1927 the number of new methods declined as did also the number of 720's rung. Here are the number of new methods for each of the following years that the tower contained only six bells:

1928, 69 new methods, 1929, 8, 1930, 1, 1931, 12, 1932, 1, after which no new methods were rung. Altogether from 1902 to 1935 there were 288 different methods rung in 720's.

The last 720 on the old bells was rung for Sunday evening service, February 10th, 1935, the method rung being Norfolk Surprise, with the following ringers: W. Bramham treble, W. Green 2, J. W. Champion 3, G. Lord 4, A. Panther 5, A. Gill tenor.

The conductor was, appropriately, A. Panther, who had borne the burden and heat of the day.

In conclusion, it may be remarked that the first peal on the augmented eight was a peal of Minor, on April 20th, 1936.

The conductor? A. Panther!

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, W. Tyson 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver, For Evensong.

EXETER.—At St. David's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Hall 1, Kay Excell 2, R. J. Bowden 3, G. Skinner 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.



# STORIES ABOUT THE OUTINGS

## ST. MARY'S, READING

A warm but cloudy day greeted the ringers from St. Mary's, Reading, as they set off for Kent on June 17th, with friends from St. Laurence's and Thatcham, backed by a strong contingent from Reading University.

Leatherhead was reached rather late, but those grand old gentlemen, George Marriner and Alf Winch, had not given us up for lost. George, unfortunately, couldn't stay for a ring, but Alf joined in a half course of Cambridge Royal in fine style, and was still chattering merrily with our foreman, Albert Diserens, when it was time to leave!

Our coach was taken off the beaten tracks to reach Penshurst, the old Kentish village being much admired. Its fine church possesses a good eight, rung from the ground floor, which, although they are difficult to hear, went well to Bristol and Yorkshire.

After lunch in Maidstone, Lenham was visited, where the octave, recently rehung by Taylors, was set going at a brisk pace.

We then returned to Maidstone to ring the ten at All Saints', arriving in the wake of the Beddington band to find the bells up. Our first efforts to ring caused even those local ringers close at hand to laugh. There was no box under the tenor rope, only under the ninth. Alas, we pulled off thinking the 32 cwt. tenor was the treble, and everyone collapsed with laughter! We redeemed ourselves with methods up to Yorkshire Royal.

Following tea at Wrotham, Reg Sills met us for an enjoyable hour on the magnificent eight here. Our all too short visit to the Garden of England came to an end with the bells of Sevenoaks, which provided everyone with their fill for the day.

R. K. R.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

Loughborough Parish Church ringers' annual outing on June 24th was through Derbyshire and Cheshire and into Lancashire.

Ringing started at Fairfield, near Buxton, where as soon as possible the eight bells were raised. A delightful journey brought the coach to Mottram-in-Londendale, where the church stands on top of one of the North Cheshire hills. Due to its isolation many long peaks have been rung here. Leaving Mottram, Hyde was soon reached and we were in the cotton belt. From here to Manchester the surroundings were vastly different, and the conglomeration of dingy bricks and mortar had a depressing effect. The party debussed at St. Peter's Square, Manchester, and lunch was taken according to individual tastes.

The afternoon's programme included ringing at Eccles and Worsley churches. Ringing friend were awaiting us at Eccles, and several took advantage of a visit to the original 'Eccles Cake Shoppe.' It so happened that at Worsley the Lancashire Association were holding a meeting, thus many old friends were met and mutual ringing indulged in.

Returning to Manchester for tea, the route was on the new motorway over the Manchester Ship Canal, and to see a Manchester liner passing down the Canal added to the interest.

Taking the A6 out of Manchester and on through Stockport and Hazel Grove, we were soon climbing the Cheshire hills to Disley and Whaley Bridge, where the A6 was discarded and the road for Tideswell taken. Tideswell Church, known as 'The Cathedral of the Peak,' is famed for its carving, all done by local craftsmen. Whilst the ringers concentrated on their ringing, the non-ringers took advantage of viewing the church. This visit to 'Tidza' coincided with the Festival of Well Dressing, an added attraction that was appreciated by all, especially those who never had seen this ancient Derbyshire custom.

On through Bakewell and the Matlocks the travellers saw another varied example of the Derbyshire landscape, and just before 10.30 p.m. the coach pulled up at Loughborough Parish Church, and so ended another enjoyable ringers' outing. J. P. F.

## ST. MARY CRAY

For their half-day outing on June 24th St. Mary Cray band were joined by friends from Eltham. At Chelsfield (6) some good Plain Bob, Canterbury and Single Oxford were rung, but Hayes (6) was only reached after our navigators had lost their way a few times. Here ringing was not up to standard; tea was enjoyed at Hayes Common. The striking could have been better at West Wickham, but a good time was had by the company. The last tower was St. John's, Sidcup. Special thanks to Eddie, John and Mr. Brownrigg, who provided the transport, and also to the secretary, incumbents and people who met us. B. W. A.

## APPLETON, BERKS

A large party of ringers, wives and sweet-hearts left Appleton on June 24th on the occasion of the annual outing, the first objective being a ring on the 12 bells at Christchurch Priory. This was followed by Stedman and Grandsire Caters at Wimborne Minster and a happy lunch of bread, cheese and beer.

At the very good eight at Warminster friends from Reading joined the party and remained with the Appleton folk until the end of the day. Ringing concluded with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples on the very beautiful eight at Westbury. A couple of happy hours were spent at The Bell at Broad Hinton, and for the villagers the evening was enlivened with handbells—Grandsire Triples, tunes and lapping Grandsire Caters.

It was a day of beautiful weather, good bells, good company and a good tea at Westbury. The next big function will be on March 4th, but before then we shall endeavour to ring our ten bells for Sunday services and entertain visiting bands. C. H.

## MAULDEN, BEDS

Maulden ringers chose Leicestershire for their annual outing on June 24th, and at 6.30 a.m. a start was made for Ashby Folville, which nestles among the hills of this quiet, restful and beautiful part of England. Here time had brought little change; there was plenty to interest those to whom the art of change-ringing has not made any appeal (as yet!), whilst the rest of the party enjoyed the pleasant ring of eight at St. Mary's Church.

A short run brought us to Sileby, whose imposing and well-kept church (with bells to match!) was admired by all. At Quorn the party showed their versatility by doing a little ringing, a little sightseeing and a great deal of thirst quenching, in preparation for lunch at Leicester. Fortified by an excellent meal, the easy-going eight at Anstey proved to be a great delight. Afterwards came the only 6-bell tower of the day—Great Glen—and a very pleasant six, too.

The next item, a sumptuous tea, was most acceptable. The day's ringing concluded at Kibworth Beauchamp and Rothwell, two splendid octaves. It was at the latter place the best ringing of the day was enjoyed. London and Bristol being struck with almost mechanical precision.

In our thanks, which include incumbents and local ringers, we should like specially to mention R. J. Sharp and Keith Fleming, who jointly organised this excursion among the gracious beauty of the English countryside. A. E. R.

## SEAL CHART, KENT

St. Lawrence's ringers held their annual outing on May 27th. The district chosen being the Kent and Sussex border. Towers visited were Bodiam and Northiam. Owing to the death of the Rector of Beckley, ringing in this tower was cancelled. After lunch at Rye, ringing took place at Wittersham, Stone-in-Oxney and Kildown.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who met us at each tower and helped to make the day's outing a success. G. T. A.

## WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Even the scheduled departure at 5.45 a.m. did not deter the enthusiasm of Worcester Cathedral ringers for their outing into Devon on June 24th.

The journey to Uffculme, the first tower, was not without difficulty, owing to the traffic congestion. The alternative route to Cullompton and Exeter was taken in the hope of getting relief, but this turned to consternation when the coach was brushing each side of the hedge of the lane. It was a mercy no other vehicle was met. Uffculme was reached half an hour late, but fortunately the programme allowed plenty of time—ringing ranging from rounds to Bristol.

Cullompton, and indeed all the remaining towers, was reached on time and the ten bells (19 cwt.) were soon ringing out to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal. Lunch was then taken at a hotel in the town.

The next tower was Heavitree, Exeter (8.25 cwt.), a fine early Taylor octave and the first touch was Stedman Triples, requested especially by the tower captain, for him to record on tape. It was with some pride that an excellent musical touch was brought round. Other ringing was arranged to suit all tastes from Grandsire to Cambridge and Bristol.

Then came Exeter Cathedral (12.72 cwt.) and probably everyone was a little nervous as to what standard of ringing might be achieved. The first task was to raise these great bells, a warm job at any time. The Ringing Master then called for a touch of Grandsire Cinques, which was brought round after some quite reasonable ringing. Rounds and Grandsire Caters followed and then three leads of Kent Royal were rung on the back ten, with Tom Lewis on the tenor. Ringing concluded with a touch of Stedman Triples on the middle eight, which was again recorded on Norman Mallett's tape recorder.

By the time Tiverton was reached everyone was ready for tea, before going on to the parish church with its lovely and famous octave (8.25 cwt.). The generally high standard of ringing was maintained and included Yorkshire and London.

Of the journey back to Worcester the customary stops were made and the traditional songs heard. Worcester was finally reached at 1.30 a.m. Grateful thanks for their help in the arrangements are due to incumbents. Mr. Norrish, Norman Mallett, Fred Wreford and Bill Ware, who did so much to make the outing so successful.

## THURCASTON, LEICS

Five towers were visited by the Thurcaston Guild of Church Bell Ringers during their annual outing on July 1st. These were Lubenham, Hallaton, Medbourne, Alexton and Belton. The company numbered 38 and an excellent tea was had at 'The Horse and Trumpet' Inn, Medbourne. We thank Mr. Brindley for arranging the outing. D. M.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

Although the ropes were only a week old, and one or two ringers remarked 'Like 'lasic,' some excellent striking was heard at the annual prize contest of the Halifax Association held at Penistone on June 24th. Six teams entered and the test piece was 600 changes, any method, and 120 changes practice.

Mr. T. W. Hilton was the judge and the order of ringing and faults were: Silkstone 76, Cawthorne 88, Meltham 42, Shelley 36, Warsop 96, Friezeand 28.

Friezeand, the winners, received the silver cup and each member of the team a set of cocktail glasses. Congratulating the winners, Mr. Hilton said there had been four minutes when he could not pick out a single fault; their test piece was as near perfect as he had ever heard.

The annual meeting followed and at this votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Champion for local arrangements, including a lovely tea, and to the judge and his son, who acted as marker.

The officers were re-elected and the balance sheet adopted. The auditor, Mr. Joseph Burgess, appealed to all members to pay their subscriptions promptly and to recruit as many new members as possible.

Further ringing followed the meeting.



# FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ON CONDUCTORS BY THE PROFESSOR

'CONDUCTORS,' said the Professor, 'have always fascinated me, whether they be conductors of bands, buses or bells. There is, you know, a great affinity between conductors of peals and symphonies; both, if good at their job, have put in a great deal of work before the actual performance, which in turn depends to a large extent in its finished execution (as I shall endeavour to show) upon the proficiency, experience and personality of the conductor.'

'What factors,' I inquired, 'contribute to the making of a good ringing conductor?'

'As you know,' replied Mr. Dodge, 'I have done a great deal of research into this subject, as a result of which I have divided these qualities into two groups: Technical Ability and Personal Ability. Each of these groups I have again sub-divided into five parts. Let me deal with Technical Ability first.'

Here the Professor produced a list which I give together with some comments and explanations that he made at the time.

(1) **Knowledge of Composition.** 'Most composers are good conductors of their own compositions, but this (like the navy's dog) does not necessarily follow. I think it will be evident to most people that a knowledge of composition is a useful asset in memorising a composition.'

(2) **Ability to transpose mentally.**

(3) **Good grasp of method ringing.** 'A conductor should have a high R (Rectification Ability) and a high E (Error Avoidance Ability). He should be able to conduct with equal ease from any bell in the ring making his calls as much by observing what the other bells are doing as by watching what the observation bell is doing. No ringer who relies on the "blue line" for ringing a method will ever become a good conductor in that method until he has become proficient enough to discard it.'

'In Minor ringing,' continued the Professor, 'it is possible, with practice, to "see" all the bells at once. The whole pattern of the lead is visualised and one just fits into the pattern. There is no "blue line" and a good conductor will spot and correct immediately any bell that deviates from that pattern. The distance between calls being comparatively small, the conductor, who knows what each bell should be doing at these points, is observing the pattern of the bells not only within the leads, but within the extents as the ringing progresses, sometimes working backwards to the last call but more often anticipating the next. This, of course, happens on other numbers and so well is it sometimes done that I have known conductors forget to make the call and then be surprised when it was not carried out! They have, in fact, not forgotten the call at all but have simply forgotten to audibly announce it.'

'And what about the other factors?' I asked, ignoring his split infinitive.

(4) **Good Striking and Bell Handling.**

(5) **Knowledge of Method Structure.**

Here is the list for Personal Ability:

(1) **Good Memory.**

(2) **Personality.** 'A conductor must inspire the team with confidence. His dictum must be "Do this" and he doeth it" without (a) causing offence to seasoned ringers or (b) injuring the feelings of the less advanced.'

(3) **Versatility.** 'His ringing should not be confined to any one group of methods or, indeed, to any one number of bells.'

(4) **Concentration.**

(5) **Integrity.**

In order to assess the grading of a conductor the Professor has advised a series of tests for each factor, some of which are practical, some theoretical in the form of a questionnaire, some a mixture of both and some which are based to a smaller or greater degree on past achievements or performances. He has scaled the marks so as to give 10 for each factor,

(100 in all. In order that the reader may have some idea of the type of tests that the Professor has prepared I append one or two questions taken at random. Lack of space forbids any but a brief selection although I hope at some future period to give the tests in full.

Question No. 3. **Integrity.**

You are calling a peal of Minor with a team which, apart from yourself, are all 'first pealers.' Just before the end you suddenly realise that 4-2 have changed places. Your knowledge of ringing informs you that they must have 'swapped' the lead before in the slight 'jumble'; furthermore that at the next lead-end by calling a 'Single' when they are together in 3-4 you can put them back into their correct places. No one else would know that this was an 'extra' call (the 720 is full of Bobs and Singles). What will you do? Call 'Stand' and inform five deeply disappointed people (6 including yourself) that the peal is lost 5 mins. from the end; ring through and say 'I'm sorry but the last 720 was false'; ring through and say nothing (the bells were across only a lead away!).

Question No. 6. **Method Structure.**

In the first lead of a regular Major method the 4th is the pivot bell at the half-lead. Which pairs of bells should be crossing at this juncture?

Question No. 9. **Transposition.** . . . . .

The bells in Bob Major are coursing in the order 36245 with 7-8 at home. Two Bobs 'Middle' are called followed by two Bobs 'Home.' What is the coursing order now?

**Memory.**

For this test the candidate is asked to quote a given number of standard compositions in various methods (e.g., Pritchard's, Middleton's, Thurstans' Four-Part, Parker's Twelve-Part, etc.); study a not-too-easy brand new composition for a given length of time and then repeat it from memory, although conductors who have already called difficult compositions such as Holt's Original or Carter's Odd-bob automatically receive high marks in this section.

As 100 is the maximum possible marks, the Professor has prepared the following grading formula.

$$C = \frac{110 - M}{10}$$

where C=Grading of conductor

and M=Marks obtained in the tests thereby giving a grading from 1 to 11, a grade 1 occurring, according to the Professor, 'once or twice every century!'

'Does the conductor affect the chances of success, or otherwise, in peal ringing?' I asked, bearing in mind his previous exposition on peal successes and failures.

'I'm glad you mentioned that,' replied the Professor. 'The formula I gave in the last report you made was, of course, incomplete in itself as obviously a conductor, good or bad, must have a tremendous effect upon the outcome of the peal. It is possible now to give the amended and complete formula. Here it is:

$$S = 10 \left( \frac{10 - (P + C - 2)}{2} \right)$$

Where S=The percentage of peal successes.  
P=Average Peal Potential of ringers taking part.

C=Conductor's grading.

'How does this work out with actual figures?' I demanded.

'Let us take one or two examples and examine them,' said Mr. Dodge. 'If it were possible to have a team with an average P equal 1 we should have 100 per cent successes with a conductor whose grading was also 1. As it is unlikely that this will ever happen it may perhaps be more interesting and enlightening to examine the effect a conductor has on the final results. A team with P=5 would, with a conductor C=5, score 60 per cent successes as can be seen by substitution

in the above formula, but with a conductor C=1 this would rise to 80 per cent successes and with C=9 fall to 40 per cent.'

'Aren't you afraid when these figures are promulgated of making more "enemies for life"? I asked (I'm afraid somewhat sarcastically).

'If I allowed my investigations to be influenced by the effect they might produce on certain ringers, they would be worse than useless,' declared the Professor with some asperity. 'Furthermore, I might add that these results have been deduced from, and may be applied to, actual ringers.'

'Of course,' he concluded, 'most people have two standards of execution, the real and the imaginary. If my investigations help at least some of them to realise this and to make some effort to narrow the gap between them they will have served useful purpose.'

And with this parting shot he retired to his cell.

H. CHANT.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 10th, 1931.—

One hundred and eighty years ago last Tuesday, Holt's famous 'Original' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. Holt himself called it from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and it was rung by the Union Scholars.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 14th, 1911.—

The fine old ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, was once again, after many years, kept going on Coronation Day. A volunteer society of ringers has just been formed, and although it is impossible to ring owing to the bad condition of the frame (a defect, which on account of finance cannot be set right) the society settled down to about two hours of chiming, and a touch of about 2,000 changes was chimed. Again on Sunday, June 25th, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Aldermen of the borough, the bells were merrily chimed. It certainly seems a great pity that sufficient money cannot be obtained to put into proper order such a valuable piece of church property as a ring of 12 bells. Shoreditch, we believe, was among the first of the London churches to have a ring of 12 bells.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The Southern District meeting for June was held at Staindrop, Co. Durham, and visitors included ringers from Durham University, Newcastle and Ripon.

The octave at Staindrop is one of the pleasantest in the area, and there was enjoyable ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. Methods included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Kent, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Duffield.

At the meeting, after tea, a silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Oliver, a ringer for many years at Holy Trinity, Darlington, who had died since the previous meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Shildon, if possible, and if not at Gainford.

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, A. F. Ballam 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For evening service.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Bill 1, J. A. Tandy (first of Triples) 2, J. E. Lawley 3, J. R. Niblett 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. J. Fellows 6, A. D. Fellows 7, P. J. Brown 8. Rung by King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge, Society, to commemorate the 409th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school by King Edward VI on June 17th, 1552.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On June 21st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. S. Smith 1, T. R. Taylor 2, W. A. K. Gray 3, L. D. Duguid 4, J. N. Haile 5, S. Kathleen M. Knight 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick W. Burnett, for many years captain of this tower, who died on June 16th.



# OBITUARY

## MR. F. W. BURNETT

As recently reported, Mr. Frederick W. Burnett, of Portsmouth, died on June 16th after returning to hospital when he suffered a relapse after an earlier operation. He had nearly reached his 60th birthday. He had to resign from the office of leader of the band at Portsmouth Cathedral when his health failed, after serving the tower well for nearly 40 years. Unfortunately he did not reach his 'century' of peals rung in the tower, having rung 39, but illness prevented him attaining this ambition.

While no complete record of his peals is available, it is understood that he had rung about 350 (most of which had been rung for the previous Winchester and present Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), but he had done a good deal of travelling in all directions along the south coast, in quest of peals and in attending Association meetings.

He was a member of a ringing family, his father, mother and sister being all members of the tower when it was Portsmouth Parish Church and afterwards when it served as a Cathedral church. He was always willing to attend practices and meetings in order to assist bands and especially in the towers around Portsmouth and West Sussex will his loss be felt.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on June 21st when muffled ringing to his memory took place by a representative band of ringers from towers, in which he had regularly rung. He will be greatly missed in the Portsmouth district.

## AN APPRECIATION

The Portsmouth area has lost a leading personality by the death of Fred Burnett. He had not been able to ring much in the last few months, due to the effects of the major operation he underwent a year ago.

With the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1943 and new faces starting to appear in the towers (the writer's included), Fred arranged the first peals for any ringers who approached him, including many serving in H.M. Forces, who were stationed in the area. With his father ('F.A.') and Josiah D. Harris, he formed the nucleus of the band which rang many peals. His favourite bells were those of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Fred was a good conductor of the standard methods, with an occasional Surprise peal as well, but was not selfish with the calling, and would be the first to arrange peals for any aspiring conductor who asked him.

An organiser of the first water, his outings were looked forward to with pleasure, and they produced most pleasant memories.

Fred Burnett will live on in the writer's memory as the one who helped him more than anyone else in peal ringing and conducting, as will also be the pleasure derived from over 100 peals rung together. J. H. H.

## MR. RAYMOND C. SEAGER

We regret to announce the sudden death on June 28th of Mr. Raymond C. Seager, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr. Seager, who was 71, was born in Devon and apart from a period spent in London had lived in Bristol for many years, where he was employed on the staff of 'The Bristol Evening Post'. He retired in 1960 and moved to Cheshire to live with his daughter.

For thirty-five years he was a respected member of the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild of Ringers, Bristol, where he was Deputy Ringing Master as well as serving as a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C.

A full list of his peals is not available, but he took part in some interesting performances for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, including the first handbell peals of Royal and Maximus in Bristol. His greatest single feat was in ringing Redcliffe tenor to the first peal of Kent Maximus on the bells.

R. J. B.

## MR. JAMES BLUFF

All Saints' bellringers, Stamford, Lincs, lost another of their members last week by the death of Mr. James Bluff, uncle of Mr. J. H. Bluff. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Church for over 50 years, but he only took part in 20 peals.

# QUARTER PEALS

**GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.**—On June 29th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (with 2 leading): Jocelyn Thomas 2, H. Barter 3, P. Mainwarine 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, G. Thomas 6, W. Dobbins 7, Elizabeth McMillan 8. Longest length for 2, 3, 4, 6. A 76th birthday compliment to ringer of seventh.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, K. Clarke 2, A. Tapley 3, J. Arbury 4, E. E. Retter 5, C. J. Turner 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, G. E. Retter 8.

**KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Brock 1, J. W. Sampson 2, T. J. Brock 3, M. Utton 4, R. C. L. Brown 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Lee, Ringing Master at this tower for many years.

**KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Toon 1, W. Wall 2, K. Newby 3, J. E. Burles 4, J. Bagnall 5, W. T. Turner (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Rosalind Moorhouse to Mr. Colin Tyson.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On July 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire): P. Chapman 1, Miss D. Lawless 2, A. Frost 3, J. Crampion 4, D. Hewitt 5, J. Armstrong 6, B. Downes (cond.) 7, B. Woodruffe 8. For Evensong.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Bob): B. Collins (cond.) 1, Mrs. Swift 2, H. Baldwin 3, G. Swift 4, S. Orchard 5, A. Peek (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coombes 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, M. Worrell 4, R. Bulkam 5, A. G. Skinner 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on June 28th, 1,696 Grandsire Major: R. Day 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, D. Orledge 3, Barbara Marsh (first 'inside') 4, M. Bishop 5, B. Grainger 6, R. Baldwin 7, D. Friend (cond.) 8. By members of the Nottingham University Society.

**MARGARETTING, ESSEX.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Jeffery 2, Sylvia A. Hayward 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. J. Wood 5. Assisted by Donald A. Bedford hunting an imaginary treble with arm movements only. The four bells are believed to be the only complete pre-Reformation ring in Essex.

**NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Cork 1, R. Bray 2, Juliet Wooders 3, G. Coles 4, E. Cork 5, S. Skinner 6, G. Skinner (cond.) 7, G. Luxton 8. In memory of Preb. E. V. Cox.

**OLD HILL, STAFFS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilcock 1, H. J. Shuck 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, J. E. Wightman 4, L. Clisset 5, M. D. Fellows 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Obadiah Pearson, a faithful member of Holy Trinity band for over 40 years, who died June 26th.

**OLD RADNOR, RAD.S.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Ellsmore 1, N. Instance 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, R. Hatcher 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, R. Preece 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

## MR. A. TURNER

The ringers of St. James' Church, Sutton Hull, lost an old and respected friend on June 29th by the death of Mr. A. Turner, aged 78 years. For the past 12 years he had not been able to get into the tower.

Mr. Turner joined the band about 1900, when great efforts were being made to get away from call-changes into method ringing, and although he never became a peal ringer he was safe and sure, and regular in his service ringing, which he finally had to give up in 1950.

The funeral service was on July 3rd, interment being in the churchyard. The Vicar (Rev. W. Richardson) conducted the service. A quarter peal with the bells half-muffled was rung later that day. His son and his grandson follow in his steps as ringers but have moved away to Somerset. C. R. R.

**OSWESTRY, SALOP.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. B. Williams 1, Valerie Lee 2, F. Dickinson 3, H. Hughes 4, D. Mann 5, R. W. Powell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**QUADRING, Lincs.**—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stephenson 1, L. H. Taylor 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, N. B. Fovargue 4, G. R. Dawson 5, J. P. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fovargue.

**REDMARLEY, GLOS.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banks (first quarter) 1, W. E. Spiers 2, G. Green 3, M. V. Powell 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, T. Gazeby 6.

**RUSPER, SUSSEX.**—On May 29th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: W. T. Beeson 1, B. E. Matthews 2, S. G. Ponting 3, E. R. Ropley 4, R. Wake 5, H. W. Woolven 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

**SEAL CHART, KENT.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, E. Drawbridge 2, G. T. Acott 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, G. A. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. A 76th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Acott, wife of the tenor ringer and mother of the 3rd ringer.

**STAINES, MIDD.X.**—At St. Peter's, on June 22nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pamela Harris 1, M. Loveday 2, B. Bartlett (first 'inside') 3, M. Bartlett 4, R. Wiggins 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6. For the election of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Ward 1, A. Ward 2, Ann George (first in the method) 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, W. H. Trewin 6, S. Jenner (first in the method as cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung after Evensong.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.**—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. I. Porter (cond.) 1, H. Rodmell 2, H. F. Gibson 3, C. R. Robinson 4, J. G. Hobson 5, R. Ducker 6. A farewell to J. G. Hobson, who has taken up an appointment in East Africa. Also on July 3rd, 1,272, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Potter 1, L. Rodmell 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Turner, a ringer for 50 years.

**TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hay (first on eight) 1, Elizabeth Rossiter (first 'inside') 2, Capt. A. R. Poyntz 3, D. McCollough 4, Heather Hood 5, Mary Russell 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, A. Mackenzie 8. For Festival Evensong, celebrating the silver jubilee of the Beacon School, which was addressed by the Bishop of Crediton.

**TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jennifer Brake 1, T. G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, C. A. Hughes 2, P. Chapman 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. Holman 5, C. Willmington 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, M. Hayes 8. Rung for the installation as a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral of the Rev. K. Druitt, Vicar.

**WAPLEY, GLOS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): J. Ferris 1, T. Walters 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, H. T. Ferris 4, B. Shackleton 5. Rung for the christening of Sally Jane Stewart, granddaughter of Rev. W. H. Wynne, Rector.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Kerley 2, D. Kerley 3, Christine Glastonbury (first quarter) 4, R. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. Harford 6.

**WHITSTABLE, KENT.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. James 1, C. Dilnot 2, S. James 3, K. Triplow (cond.) 4, Miss H. Palmer 5, Rev. D. Cordell (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for the whole band. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bright.

**WOODHOUSE, LEICS.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): M. Copson 1, Pamela C. Dobson 2, R. Clarke 3, M. W. Brown 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods by all the band. A farewell to Miss Pamela Dobson, ringer of the second, leaving on July 4th to spend 2½ years in Cyprus.



## NOTICES

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## BIRTH

**BARTHOLOMEW**.—On Tuesday, July 4th, 1961, at 14, Kelmescott Close, Watford, Herts, to Mary Gwendy (née Carnochan) and Donald Roy, a precious gift from God, a daughter, Linda Ann. 8557

## ENGAGEMENT

**COLLINS-PETTIFORD**.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettiford, of The Ferns, Lower Blunsdon, Swindon, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Ann, to Terence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins, 20, Percy Street, Swindon. 8543

## DEATHS

**BAILEY**, Allen Frank.—On July 8th, 1961, at 20, Aberdeen Crescent, Stockport, and sometime of Leiston, Suffolk, for many years Ringing Master of St. George's Church, Stockport. 8568

**SMART**.—On July 8th, 1961, at Horsham, after a short illness, John (formerly of Huntingdon), aged 90. Interred at Huntingdon on July 11th. 8550

## IN MEMORIAM

**POOLE**.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. Also Phyllis, March 20th, 1958. In love and gratitude we remember them. 8561

**PROUT**.—In loving memory of Harry Prout, died July 11th, 1960. 'And that's all.' Always remembered by his family at Warsop. 8548

## PERSONAL

'THE steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.' (Psalms xxxvii, 23a.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

THE Financial Action Committee of the Derbyshire Association wish to thank all those who bought or sold the Association's prize draw tickets. The draw was a great success and resulted in a profit of £100, which has been divided between the Bell Repair Fund and the General Fund. 8558

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## CANCELLATION

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—The meeting which should have been held at Tunstall and Blaxhall on July 22nd has had to be cancelled. 8565

## MEETINGS

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Macclesfield Branch.—Second quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8421

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn if fine after service, followed by business meeting, to which all towers are asked to send at least one representative. Important matter to discuss.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 8504

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Please bring your own food, cups of tea will be provided at the Vicarage).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8528

**ELY ASSOCIATION**.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John's, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8519

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Yate (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—B. Cooper, Sec. 8542

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Haslemere (10), Saturday, July 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. after tea. 8566

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—St. Albans District.—North Mymms, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements—café nearby. Special method: Double Oxford Bob Major.—M. A. Coburn. 8523

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. Harman, 56, Cooling Road, Frindsbury, Rochester. 8489

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY**.—Meeting, Wateringbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 8490

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Askerswell, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerards Green, Beaminster. 8513

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, Sec. 8532

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. at the New Inn. Names to Mr. C. H. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon. 8505

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice, Wednesday, July 19th. Stoke Albany (6). 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8552

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Wroughton, Thursday, July 20th, 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 22nd, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: July 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; August 7th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; August 8th, St. Michael's, Corahill, 6.30; August 15th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8563

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Mark, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 8533

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Milborne Port (8), July 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8536

## HOLY TRINITY, HULL

BELL NAMING CEREMONY  
SATURDAY, JULY 22nd 1961

Service commencing in the Belfry at 4 p.m. Conducted by the Bishop of Hull.

Civic Party and Ringers to be in Belfry by 3.45 p.m. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—for service ringing—until 9 p.m.

Ringing Master—Mr. Paul Taylor. Teas available at Manor Cafe from 4.45 p.m.

Names to F. G. Reed, 127 Holmgarth Drive, Hull, by Thurs. 20th.

All Visitors Cordially Welcomed

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Crews Branch.—Banbury, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 8553

**CHESTER GUILD**.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Streton on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 8567

**DEVON GUILD**.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Manaton, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Iislington bells 7.15 p.m. Visitors welcomed. 8514

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting Childswicham (6), July 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 18th. Practice method: Double Court.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8560

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 8534

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Clun District calls all ringers to quarterly meeting, Leintwardine, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—T. A. Davies, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 8537

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromley Common, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansant Road, Bexley. 8551

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Thurlaston (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea for certain, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. George Pickering, 17, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leics. —M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 8554

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD** and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Swepton, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8549

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winkfield, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 18th, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8532

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 22nd, at Kinbury (6). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at 'Blue Ball', Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Greystones, Church Street, Kinbury, Newbury, by Wednesday, July 19th. 8545



## NOTICES

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 and meeting at Stoke Doyle (5). Evening ringing at Wadenhoe (6). Names for tea and/or transport from Oundle, only if sent to Miss Clarke. 7. Bassett Place, Oundle, by Tuesday previous. 8570

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Whissendine, Saturday, July 22nd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 8539

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twywell (5), July 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Widen, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 8559

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellington Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ecton, Saturday, July 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to P. Baker, 4 Wellington Road, Ecton. 8546

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 8564

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division. Practice meeting at Heathfield on July 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Dann, North Street, Punnett's Town, Heathfield.—F. Beene, Sec. 8538

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.**—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, to A. Hickson, 28, Valley Walk, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts. 8569

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Names, by Tuesday, July 18th, for tea to John Chesterman, 'Leacroft', Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8547

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 26th, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 8562

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 29th, at Benington (near Stevenage). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, then business and evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Harris, 'Buckhurst', Benington, Stevenage, Herts. 8544

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to Mrs. I. J. Smith, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. 8556

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, to Rev. C. E. Beevers, Lopham Rectory, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Philippo, Branch Sec. 8535

## LATE NOTICE

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 22nd. Stanton-by-Dale. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8572

**WRITTLE, ESSEX.**—On July 2nd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1. Miss A. Lowings 2. J. Carrott 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. J. Fowler 5. A. J. Salisbury 6. T. East 7. A. Gargrave 8. For Matins.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On July 2nd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Paul (cond.) 1. Rosemary S. Hawkes 2. Jennifer M. Bunyan 3. A. J. Hickson 4. B. B. Hullah 5. R. G. Smith 6. D. Laud 7. R. D. Bell 8. For Evensong.

## 'DOWN OUR ALLEY'

On June 24th a representative sample of Bristol City ringers joined friends from Chew Deanery in an afternoon's ringing in North Somerset, followed by a challenge skittles match.

The Bristol men had already filled in the morning with a peal at Barrow Gurney, and the afternoon programme started when bands descended on Portbury, Clapton and Weston-in-Gordano to attempt quarter peals. Two were successful: at Portbury the band perspired through a quarter of Doubles, and at Clapton the band, with less physical effort, scored Kent. Trouble with rope ends precluded an attempt at Weston, but touches were rung as a curtain raiser for the church fête.

General ringing took place at Wraxall, but by this time thirsts, like the temperature, were rising rapidly and it was with much relief that a party of some 22 sat down to a first class ringers' tea in the Nailsea Parish Room, which had been prepared by Mary and Mrs. Powell.

Bands were then picked for evening quarters, one ringing Grandsire Triples at Backwell, another, under Len Derrick, ringing a highly creditable quarter of Doubles on the not too easy six at Tickenham, and the third at Nailsea adding a further failure to the growing list of attempts to score Cambridge for Mary Powell.

The ringing over, the scene of actions shifted to the 'Ring of Bells,' Nailsea, where two teams, 13 a side, were picked, and battle joined on the bowling alley. The grace associated with some of the party in the belfry was not always reflected in the skittle alley, for whilst good throwers were putting the ball accurately between the pins, scoring 0 in the process, some of the ladies, by employing the Trueman 'bouncer' technique, dumbfounded the more experienced opposition players by their alarmingly high scores.

Local spirits dropped as the City ringers built up a good lead, due to some inspired scoring by F. Cecil Mogford (and others), but gradually the tide turned and, amid rising excitement, the two teams drew level. The home team won literally off their last ball by a most slender margin, the final figures being Chew Deanery 339, City Ringers 337. The rest of the evening was spent, as ringers will, with the usual chorus of songs, reminiscence and fixing future peal dates!

It remains only to thank those on both sides who contributed to a successful day, and to await with anticipation a further contest, where accurate striking, as in ringing, still wins the match.

J. B.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

## Eastern District

On June 10th the revived Eastern District had a highly successful meeting at Higham, Suffolk. It was well attended by both ladies and gentlemen, and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, with plenty of rounds and call changes for the learners.

After a wonderful tea the gentlemen departed to ring at Langham and Stratford St. Mary, and the ladies held their business meeting. The most important item was the election of officers: Vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Pipe; secretary, Miss A. E. J. Lester; committee, Miss E. Cansdale, Miss B. Matthews, Mrs. R. E. Lester, Miss P. Clarke. Eleven new members were elected.

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## TIME OFF IN EAST SHROPSHIRE

On June 24th members of the Shropshire Association from Oswestry, Shrewsbury St. Chad, Hodnet, Shifnal, Edmond, High Offley and Albrighton went on a round trip to visit six towers in the east of the county.

At Tong, where ringing began shortly after two o'clock, the tenor rope broke just at the end of the rise. There is a long unsupported draught, the tower is a central one and the ringers stand in the chancel. While a knot was being tied, the Hodnet youths and some others went up to see the Great Bell of Tong, the two-ton bourdon only rung on special occasions. Ringing here was Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, and call changes, as it was at most other towers.

The next six was St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton. The ringing conditions here are fairly standard. We were met by Mr. Binnersley, the local captain, and three ladies from the team, and the four of them led the convoy to the light five at Rytton, a church with no dedication where the ascent to the belfry is by vertical ladder. These bells are seldom rung. They are on ball bearings in a steel frame for six, and go excellently. It is a Gillett augmentation and rehanging job, and was done some time in the 1930's.

At Stockton, once the very steep and narrow staircase had been negotiated, and forgetting the atrocious rise, some quite fair ringing was done. We were pleased to hear that a new band of youngsters is being trained. A courting couple who thought they had found a quiet country lane made off on our arrival.

The five at Sutton Maddock are unringable as such. We found that there was a great deal of play in the wheels of the treble and second, and the treble was loose on its cracked headstock. The other three seemed to be all right, so we pulled them up; the frame itself did not vibrate unduly and two whole pulls of rounds were rung. There was a note missing on the third pull; lost clapper. Ten minutes later it was discovered neatly camouflaged in pigeon manure.

The last ringing of the day was on the beautiful eight at Madeley, where we were met by Mr. J. Stanier. A good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the Ringing Master exercised his taste of Bob Minor with the tenors reversed. Thanks are due to all incumbents and to all members with cars, without whom the outing would not have been possible.

H. P.

## ENTHRONEMENT QUARTER

## PEALS—Continued

**ABERGAUENNY, MON.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Bartholomew, Grandsire) (7. 6. 8 covering): R. J. Ward 1. G. Ward (cond.) 2. T. Collings 3. G. Lewis 4. P. Saunders 5. G. Candy 6. N. Ward 7. M. Roberts 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On July 8th. 1.260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. H. Tocock 1. H. Smith 2. B. C. Castle 3. R. H. Begrie 4. E. E. Gosling 5. A. J. Glass 6. B. L. Taylor 7. P. H. Tocock (cond.) 8.

**CHILVERS, COTON, WARWICKS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Stedman Triples: J. Draycott 1. J. E. Lloyd 2. G. A. Bell 3. Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4. R. Moore 5. L. Trevor 6. A. H. Beamish (cond.) 7. M. Trevor (aged 13) 8. First in method 5 and 8.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—At the Priory, on June 27th. 1.295 Grandsire Caters: R. Crampton 1. R. Broadest 2. H. Harrison 3. A. V. Davis 4. G. Scragg 5. M. Stone 6. R. Kiddle 7. A. J. Buswell 8. L. Stone (cond.) 9. F. Price 10.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Richardson (first quarter) 1. Kay Greenway 2. W. R. Beebe 3. J. Richardson 4. H. Stead (cond.) 5. M. Newcombe 6.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Janice Lane-King (first quarter) 1. Elizabeth Wilcox 2. J. Vernon 3. J. H. Baileys 4. G. Vernon 5. G. P. Ball 6. M. Vernon (cond.) 7. N. L. Walker 8.



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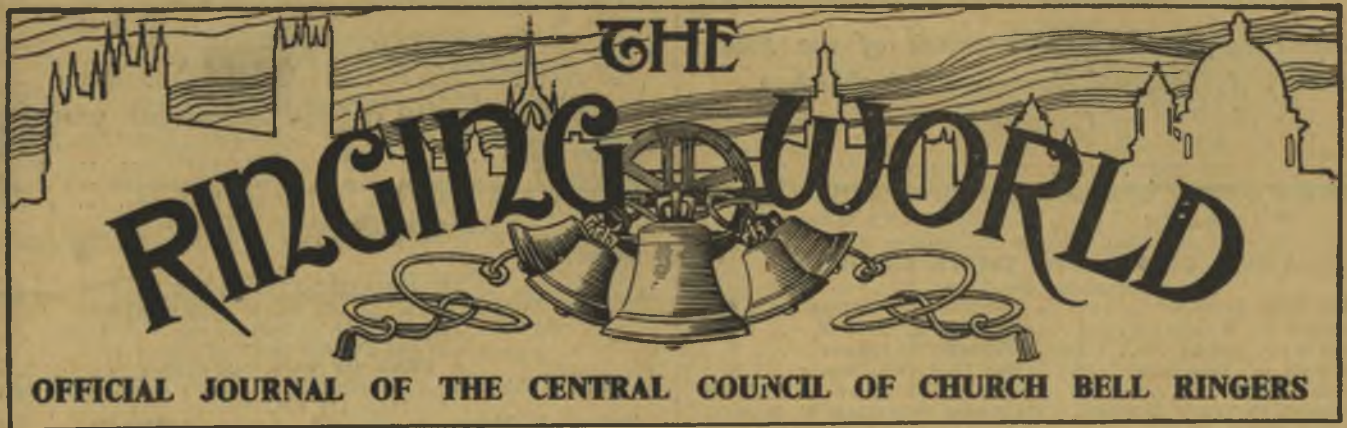
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## ANSWERING QUESTIONS

**A**LL ringers have to answer questions concerning their art. Some are relatively easy, but others are full of controversy. Mr. P. Amos, the Northamptonshire ringer and controversialist, was recently lecturing to the Northampton and Wellingborough Branch of Toc H on 'Church bells and the ancient art of campanology.' Here are some of the questions addressed to him:—

(1) Why don't bellringers 'ring' hymns instead of changes?

(2) What is the attitude of the speaker towards modern churches and modern synthetic bells?

(3) Why are church bells considered to be outside the law? If they are, as some people think, a public nuisance, should not a magistrate have power to stop them being rung?

(4) What is the point of trying to ring continuously for 24 hours, as was shown on T.V. recently? Is there any spiritual value in this?

Question (1) was answered indirectly by the speaker pointing out the difference between a carillon and bells hung for ringing, and the team spirit value of the latter as compared with the one-man effort of the former. 'We don't think in terms of a one-man choir, so why a one-man belfry?'

Replying to question (2), he described modern churches as 'packing cases,' and these reminded him of the cardboard modelling of his schoolboy days. An example was at Corby, where the 'tower' looked more like a factory chimney. Such planning would be regretted 50 years hence: 'The Lord deserves the best we can give, not the cheapest, or anything in the nature of a sham.'

Synthetic bells, he pointed out, could lead to experiments in other directions. The clergy shortage could be met by 'synthetic sermons,' the shortage of organists, which was particularly acute in country parishes, by synthetic music, until the whole service could be mechanised and personal worship would cease to have any spiritual value.

On the third question, Mr. Amos pointed out the dangers should an atheistic-minded or similar person sit on a Bench, saying it would be like having total abstainers as magistrates at Brewster Sessions, and their biased views need not necessarily be known beforehand. Bells had been accepted as a centuries-old British heritage; they were the voice of the Church speaking to the outside world, and before anyone branded them as 'a public nuisance which the majority were against,' they should be prepared to substantiate it with facts and figures. Speaking from personal experience, Mr. Amos said in a parish of 609 houses envelopes were delivered to the houses for a bell fund scheme. No fewer than 491 houses sent a contribution and refusals numbered only 118. If one did not like the smell of a fried fish shop or a brewery one did not buy a house next door and expect the proprietors to close down. In cases of serious illness or excessive noise ringers were always willing to co-operate, but not with those who were merely antagonistic to the Church and all it stood for.

In answer to the fourth question, he commented that 40,000 changes had yet to be rung by the same set of ringers, and in the past the attempts had been mainly in secular towers out of hearing—or almost—from outside. Few ordinary peals lasted much above three hours and, with the exception of Birmingham Cathedral and a handful of others, even these were not all that frequent in the same towers.

These are in no sense published as model answers to questions that frequently arise when we mix with people outside ringing circles. They are given as impromptu answers. There are better answers. The purport of publication is to think about such matters; in other words, 'What would you say, chum?'

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ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### **A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MRS. JEAN ANDERSON .. Treble	†MICHAEL C. GATHERCOLE .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 8
†MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4	†DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 9
SQUIRE CROFT .. 5	LESLIE E. EVEREST .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First of Kent Treble Bob Royal. ‡First of Royal.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### **A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. Treble	*WALTER HUNT .. 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	*W. DAVID WARD .. 7
*J. KEITH WARD .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. 8
*DAVID P. HILLING .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 5	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\*First peal of Surprise Royal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### **A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 5
*DAVID G. WILFORD .. 2	GORDON H. ARGUILE .. 6
†SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	RALPH ELKINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

\*First peal. †First of Cambridge S. Major.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### **A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

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THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	†JOHN WHITE .. 5
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GERALD DALE .. 4	HUBERT NAYLOR .. Tenor

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Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
LEONARD J. FOX .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\*First peal in the method.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### **A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. Treble	*KENNETH NEWMAN .. 5
*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 2	†ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
JOHN PERRETT .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

\*First peal of Major. †First on eight bells.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

### **A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID EAMES .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. 4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
†MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise, and first touch in the method.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### **A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 15 extents of St. Martin's, 5 St. Simon's and 22 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	ANDREW R. HARVEY .. 3
JOCELYN B. GARDINER .. 2	*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 4

GILBERT E. LARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.

\*First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

### **A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 40 methods, viz.: St. Simon's, Braywood S.C., St. Martin, Welford S.C., St. Osmund, Longworth S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Bedford S.C., Rev. St. Faith, Boveney S.C., Rev. St. Julian, Eton S.C., Westminster, Chesham S.C., Blackburn, Broughton S.C., St. Hilary, Ockham S.C., New Bob, Itchingfield S.C., Huntspill, Oakley S.C., St. Vedast, Chipstead S.C., St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., Winchendon, Thornborough S.C., St. Remigius, Hascombe S.C., Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., All Saints; with 221 changes of method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 4

W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

First peal in 40 methods by all the band, and for the Association.

## ***Other Peals***

### **TEN BELL PEAL**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. EWEN,

### **A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. 6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 2	*D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 8
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. 9
PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

\*25th peal together.

### **EIGHT BELL PEALS**

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

### **A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
*STEPHEN G. WILLIAMSON .. 2	EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
CHRISTINE MCNAIR .. 3	PETER DALE .. 7
JOHN R. GILDEN .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\*First peal 'inside.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Fri., April 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

### **A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

BARRY SHEPHERD .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. 5
MARGARET ROSS .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. 6
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
JOHN SOANES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

Rung to the completion of 30 years' ministry in the parish by Canon R. L. Hussey.



ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 2	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 4	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung in memory of Tom Marshall, of Parbold.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MICHAEL V. WHITE .. Treble	*MALCOLM STONE .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. .. 4	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal. Ernest Morris has now rung a peal on every day of the year.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

CHRISTINE RIMMER .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 6
M. AMY COBURN .. .. 3	MICHAEL D. FROST .. .. 7
*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.  
Rung as a compliment to the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, a ringier at this church, on receiving the O.B.E. in the Queen's birthday honours.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
*CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in the method.  
Rung in honour of the wedding, at Battle on July 1st, of Mr. N. Michael Hughes D'Aeth and Miss Celia F. Whitfeld. Also for the dedication, on July 1st. of the Chapel of the Eventide Home, Priory Close, Harrow Weald.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., July 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY .. .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. .. 6
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Celia F. Whitfeld and Norborough Michael Hughes D'Aeth, whose wedding took place the previous Saturday at Battle, Sussex. Also as a welcome to Linda Ann Bartholomew, born on July 4th.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Thurs., July 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

JOHN K. SMITH .. Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 5
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. 2	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. .. 6
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First touch in the method.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Pritchard's.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.
D. JOHN HUNT .. Treble	†PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 5
*KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. 2	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 6
†IAN C. BUCKLAND .. .. 3	PETER E. PARRY .. .. 7
*PAUL J. DYE .. .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER E. PARRY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First of Major and Plain Bob. ‡ 100th peal. First on eight as conductor. Ringer of tenor has now 'circled the tower.' First of Major by an all-Cathedral band.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
DOROTHY PEARCE .. .. 2	GEORGE BISHOP .. .. 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

DAVID UREN .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. BARRY SCHOFIELD.

\* First attempt for a peal.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	BERNARD GROVES .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR**

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 4	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* 250th peal. 150th as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to Ian R. Pantan.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 10, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*MONTY GILBERT .. Treble	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

† First in the method.

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**SIX BELL PEALS**

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.  
\*KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble DAVID WILLIAMS .. 4  
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 2 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5  
K. PETER JONES .. 3 FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Minor.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ROUGHTOWN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.  
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Treble JOHN R. PAGDIN .. 4  
JOHN B. PICKUP .. 2 JOHN F. NELSON .. 5  
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells for 57 years.

Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 24 extents (ten callings), nine 240's, six Morris' and three Price's. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD BARSLEY .. Treble \*J. HENRY TAYLOR .. 4  
\*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. 2 JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5  
J. EDWARD BROWN .. 3 JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. James H. Musson.

BARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 5½ cwt.

\*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble ROGER E. TALLIS .. 4  
RICHARD G. MORRIS .. 2 †RAYMOND H. DAW .. 5  
PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. 3 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* 25th peal. † First of Minor. First on the bells.

Five rehung, with new treble added: Taylors, 1960.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

PETER DALE .. Treble JOHN R. KENNETT .. 4  
J. DAVID ADAMS .. 2 HENRY KIRK .. 5  
ALAN G. KIRK .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON

Rung to mark the centenary of the church.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being four 240's and 34 120's. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*EDWARD R. FAIRBROTHER Treble †IAN FRIEND .. 4  
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2 ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 5  
E. MARION KEY .. 3 \*FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JEREMY P. BRANDON .. Treble COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4  
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. 2 JOHN L. FENNELL .. 5  
ROBERT T. ISGROVE .. 3 ROY R. TIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY R. TIFFIN.

First peal as conductor.

Rung by pupils at Brentwood School to commemorate the 403rd anniversary of the granting of a royal charter to Sir Antony Browne, licensing him to found the school.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*STANLEY SWEETLAND .. Treble DONALD SALTER .. 4  
JANET REAL .. 2 WILLIAM WEBB .. 5  
WILLIAM SPARKES .. 3 CYRIL JOYCE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

\* First peal.

A tribute to the late Preb. E. V. Cox.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR HUBBLE .. Treble JAMES TOWLER .. 4  
GEORGE W. BARBER .. 2 E. JOHN SHYNN .. 5  
BERNARD MANN .. 3 HARRY R. APPLETON .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN SHYNN.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. P. C. Sayer, ringer for 70 years and for many years tower captain.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, 12 of Grandsire and six 240's Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

\*MARTIN J. KIRK .. Treble HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4  
†DONALD A. KIRK .. 2 JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5  
WALTER WESTON .. 3 \*CLIVE W. BROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

A compliment to Mr. Herbert Kirk (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) on his 81st birthday, and to Mr. Wilson Dobbs (Selston) on his 86th birthday.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*PETER J. JOYCE .. Treble STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4  
PETER G. SHERWOOD .. 2 \*PAUL N. MURGATROYD .. 5  
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3 TOM PAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Audrey Goodchild and Mr. Charles Harwood, both ringers at St. Peter's, who were married this day, and to Miss Sylvia Sherwood, also an Ash ringer, and Dr. George Mackenzie, who were married the previous Saturday.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Thelwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Childwall Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR HIBBERT .. Treble \*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4  
ALAN G. KIRK .. 2 \*JOHN ROBINSON .. 5  
\*GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3 \*PETER DALE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the 736th anniversary of the church.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

\*STUART J. CORSON .. Treble RONALD H. DOVE .. 4  
†ANTHONY E. STAMP .. 2 C. BARRIE DOVE .. 5  
GAEL BROWN .. 3 \*CHARLES J. WATKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Doubles on the bells.



## SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Plain and Double Bob. Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Single Oxford.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING... .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	*ROBIN J. LEE .. .. 5
JOHN S. DEAN .. .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in eight methods.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to D. H. B. Millward.

## YALDING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

MONTY W. GILBERT .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5—6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7—8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first Surprise peal 'in hand,' June 26th, 1901, by members of the College Youths.

## SALE, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

At 8, CARLYN AVENUE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
*F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 1—2	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3—4
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 49, LONG STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 3—4
MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Ashford District

Mr. Edward S. Ruck, only surviving founder member of the Kent County Association, was the guest of honour at the meeting of the Ashford District held at Willesborough on June 24th to celebrate his 94th birthday.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. G. Williams). Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ.

Over 60 visitors, among whom were many officers and well known members of the Association from all over Kent, were the guests of the Willesborough ringers at tea. The excellent fare, which included a splendid birthday cake made by Mrs. Carlton, was served in the Old Schools by members of the Mothers' Union, under the direction of Mrs. Tomset.

Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, chairman of the Association, conveyed the congratulations of the members to his fellow vice-president. Mr. Ruck responded in his usual kindly but modest vein. Messages of congratulation and good wishes were then read from Mr. H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Everett, Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. H. Humphery, from the ringers of Great Chart, Stone-in-Oxney and Woodchurch, and from St. Mary's, Willesborough, Boys' Club and Youth Fellowship.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. B. W. May, asked the assembly to consider the question of raising the subscription. The chairman promised that they would at least think about it.

Mr. R. J. Carlton said that the Willesborough band would soon be losing the services of Mr. L. T. Pape. He added that the District appreciated the fact that Mr. Pope had often acted as Ringing Master, as on this occasion. However, it is hoped that the Willesborough tradition, begun by Mr. Ruck and now maintained by Mr. Mark S. Lancefield (tower captain) will be continued, as two promising new young members, Colin Trefler and Peter Richardson, were elected to the Association. M. Malcolmson, of Lympe, was also elected.

Mr. N. J. Davies, of Ashford, said he was working on new cards giving details of bells and items of interest of towers in the District. He was sorry he had forgotten to bring the prototype, but hoped to have the cards available soon.

Mr. Willis thanked all those concerned in making the meeting so successful.

Afterwards, ringing continued in the tower until 9 o'clock. Mr. Ruck himself standing in to several well struck touches.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in honour of his birthday, was rung the previous Monday, the ringers being Josephine Hardy (first in the method) 1. Rita Gower 2. Rosemary Gower 3. M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4. W. P. Garner 5. C. T. Hillis 6.

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**OVER, CAMBS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Ingle 1. F. Hodson 2. P. Leggett 3. J. Causer 4. J. Parrish 5. M. Ginn (cond.) 6. A. Payne (cover) 7. First quarter 1 and 2.

## JOINT MEETING AT WARSOP

Approximately 60 ringers were present at a very successful meeting held on July 8th, when ringing took place at Creswell, Edwinstowe, Warsop, Mansfield Woodhouse and Mansfield.

Societies and Associations represented were: Southwell Diocesan Guild (Mansfield, Nottingham and North Notts Districts), Sherwood Youths, Sheffield District Society, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Derbyshire Association (Chesterfield District), and a feature of the attendance was the proportion of young people in the learner stage.

The Rector of Warsop, Rev. Mr. Habgood, conducted a short service in Warsop Parish Church and afterwards joined the company at a very substantial tea provided, at a nominal charge, by wives and friends of the Warsop ringers. The Rector warmly welcomed visitors to Warsop and Mr. Frank Smallwood proposed a vote of thanks to those who had provided tea and to the incumbents of the churches where ringing had been arranged. Mr. A. B. Cooper supported Mr. Smallwood and made particular reference to Mr. Douglas Rooke, who had been responsible for arranging the meeting. Mr. Rooke was unable to take part in the ringing, owing to a recent serious illness.

During the evening many of those present listened to a tape recording of Spliced handbell ringing, also a recording of bells at churches in and around Bristol, presented by Mr. Denby, of Mansfield.

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## HALF PEAL

**BLAENAVON, MON.**—On July 1st, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. S. King 1, D. J. Llewellyn 2, Barbara Stephens 3, G. Knight 4, J. Alsop 5, G. Ward 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, T. Stephens 8. Rung to mark the centenary of the formation of the parish of Blaenavon. Also a welcome to Judith Mary Bruten, infant granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

**ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.**—On July 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. W. Ford 1, J. H. Hayne 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Hon. John Denzil Fox-Strangways, interred at Abbotsbury this day.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On July 9th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara M. Butler 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon 3, Gillian Wiggins 4, C. Carter (cond.) 5, R. W. Ellaway 6. Rung by members of the School of SS. Helen and Katherine, Abingdon, in conjunction with the Abingdon School Society, as a birthday compliment to Philippa J. P. Dixon and Beth Horton, of Pangbourne, Berks.

**BLADINGTON, GLOS.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hiles 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Cummings 3, J. Botton 4, Miss M. Hovard 5, F. Ricks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Slatter, for many years foreman of this tower, who died on June 22nd.

**BLEDLow, BUCKS.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): D. G. Rowlands 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, P. W. Atkins 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5.

**BRATTON, WILTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Lansley 1, G. Humphries 2, A. Bartlett 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, M. Wilmott (first quarter) 6.

**BURNLEY, LANCS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Collier (first of Minor) 1, J. B. Pickup 2, K. M. Gilbert (first 'inside') 3, R. J. Parker 4, J. Pilkington 5, R. Bolt (first as cond.) 6, E. J. F. Wall 7.

**CHETWYND, SALOP.**—On July 4th, 1,280 Candlesby Slow Course Bob Doubles: Marian Cotton 1, E. Morrall 2, R. Raven 3, E. King 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, H. Toogood (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to E. King, of the Edmond band, who is leaving the district. Longest length in the method by all; first quarter on the bells.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.**—On July 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Suffolk 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, A. H. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, E. Wilson 5, J. Draycott 6, G. A. Bell 7, L. Trevor (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the captain, A. H. Beamish (July 5th). Rung for morning service.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to the ringer of 4th, on the birth of a daughter.

**CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Kathleen Exell (first of Treble Bob) 1, Sally Oates 2, P. Dye 3, P. Bridle 4, D. C. Exell 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 2, 3 and 4.

**CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, G. Brown (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Selby 3, J. A. Selby 4, M. C. Homans (first 'inside') 5, G. Fletcher 6.

**CLENT, WORCS.**—On June 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. H. Bennett 1, P. J. Brown (first of Bob Major 'inside') 2, R. H. Daw (first of Major) 3, M. J. Fellows (first of Bob Major) 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, M. A. Fellows 6, R. J. Gay 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1, C. Rooke 2, R. Gubb 3, L. Walters (cond.) 4, S. Sully 5, F. Yeo 6, D. Jewell 7, A. Smallridge 8.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CLITHEROE, LANCS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jenkinson 1, E. J. Gower (cond.) 2, W. E. Wilkinson 3, Miss R. Parkinson 4, J. P. Norman 5, C. Wignall 6, V. J. C. Wood 7, B. Rushton (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss S. Washbrook 1, Miss R. Parkinson 2, E. J. Gower 3, M. Washbrook 4, C. Wignall 5, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, P. Jenkinson 7, B. Rushton 8. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—On June 25th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. D. Edwards 1, Margaret Mitchell 2, Yvonne Hughes 3, I. R. Nichols 4, W. Kerr 5, E. J. Holloway 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, M. Allman 8, M. Owen 9, C. A. Thomas 10. First quarter on ten bells for 1, 2 and 3.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Carter (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Everest 3, Miss R. Stevens 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. Johnson 6, F. F. Goodmarsh (cond.) 7, R. Dixon 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Grace Apps, wife of the tower secretary.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Read 1, C. Lloyd 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, G. F. Pratt 7, G. P. T. Peters 8.

**FINCHLEY, MIDD.**—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Campbell 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, A. W. Coles 4, Miss G. Icke 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Campbell 1, L. Tubb 2, A. Richardson 3, B. Willis 4, Miss G. Icke 5, S. Wallace 6, A. Warren (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On July 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. R. Woods 1, Mrs. P. A. Simpson 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, G. W. Creasey 4, J. E. Cook 5, C. Wright 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, J. M. Simpson 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 5. First on the bells. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holmes.

**GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): H. Levens (first quarter) 1, C. L. Bell 2, R. F. Baker 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss C. A. Edmunds and Mr. A. D. Crossman.

**HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.**—On June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Read 1, A. E. Mason 2, Miss C. Sadd 3, G. E. Larter (cond.) 4, A. R. Harvey 5, P. Banthorpe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. First by local band. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Read.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—On July 5th, at 8, Langham Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 1—2, Miss J. Shepherd (first quarter) 3—4, A. Jackson 5—6. For the 21st birthday of Miss J. M. Downing. Also on July 5th, at 80, Park View, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 1—2, Miss J. Shepherd 3—4, A. A. Price 5—6. To welcome the civic party from Falaise.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Whit Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 520 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, R. W. Green 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwen May 1, C. N. Chinnery 2, H. Colcombe 3, D. Brock 4, J. Martin 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8. For Patronal Festival.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bedford (cond.) 1, A. Duggan 2, E. Potter 3, D. Bedford (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung for the 225th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

**KING'S PYON, HEREFORDS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, W. C. Williams 3, T. Bounds 4, A. B. Ellmore (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. Cook, benefactor of this church.

**KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hobson 1, Carolyn White (first 'inside') 2, I. Campbell 3, K. Kirk 4, J. Rank 5, D. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Blewitt 1, G. Gibbs 2, G. Lister 3, B. Lister 4, Kathleen North 5, J. Blackwood 6, F. Gosling (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. A. J. Lister, father of the ringers of 3 and 4 and a life member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**NORTH RAUCEBY, Lincs.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Musson 1, C. W. Brook (first 'inside') 2, H. P. Collins 3, W. Weston 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in respect and esteem for Mr. Ernest Elen, churchwarden.

**ORMSKIRK, LANCS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Brown 1, James Dilworth 2, J. Brown 3, John Dilworth 4, W. Ellison 5, C. Byard (cond.) 6, J. Ellison 7, H. Berkley 8. Rung for the Sunday school anniversary.

**OVERBURY, WORCS.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Mills 1, A. Pulley 2, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 3, F. Wood 4, C. Brazier 5, D. Devereux 6. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the British Legion.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Freda Hankey 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, D. Mundy 5, K. Game 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. First of Caters 5 and 6.

**SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jill V. Morgan 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, R. Ann Barr 3, R. Gay 4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5. Rung by the 'Sunday evening' band as a thank you to Roger Gay.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, R. G. Pearce 2, J. D. Clarke 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, A. Wingate 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On July 4th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. Little (first quarter) 1, Dr. H. Craig 2, M. Penney (first 'inside') 3, E. Sutton (cond.) 4, Miss M. Wright 5, R. J. Drewett 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Little and Peter Williams.

**UPPER ARLEY, WORCS.**—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Bow 1, A. W. Glazzard 2, P. L. Bill 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, N. A. King 6. For the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to the Vicar, on his birthday.

**WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.**—On July 2nd, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob: F. Wigmore (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, H. Follen 4, M. Reed 5, C. Cousins 6. A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Scott), president of the Wisbech Branch.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On July 9th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Sheila C. Matthews 2, I. G. Smith 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Sandra Lewis. First of Little Bob on the bells and by all the band.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—On June 29th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. T. Bailey 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, Christine Froggatt 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, J. B. Perkins 5, D. Bentley 6. Rung in appreciation of the help of John Woolley and Andrew H. Longhurst, who are leaving, having graduated at Nottingham University.

**WINDSOR BERKS.**—On July 9th, at the Parish Church, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: P. Gilman 1, A. Wenban 2, A. Bird 3, A. J. Glass 4, N. Phillips 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.



**BURNLEY, LANCS.**—On June 27th, at St. Peter's. 1.344 Plain Bob Triples: K. Gilbert 1. R. Parker 2. Sheila M. Smith 3. R. Bolt 4. Pamela Blakeley 5. J. B. Pickup 6. N. Smith (cond.) 7. E. J. F. Wall 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Also on June 28th, at Holy Trinity. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Collier 1. R. Parker 2. N. Smith 3. Pamela Blakeley 4. J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5. E. J. F. Wall 6.

**FINDON, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Ockenden (first quarter) 1. Mrs. R. J. Chacksfield 2. J. F. Elliott (first quarter) 3. C. A. Whittington 4. J. R. Maple (cond.) 5. K. Robinson 6.

**GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.**—On June 29th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. B. Jefferies (first quarter) 1. H. Sherman 2. A. J. Davey 3. C. L. Bell 4. H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. F. Sherman 6.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Siedman Triples: Christine Beasley 1. A. Ballard 2. C. P. Rice 3. Anne Grainger 4. W. W. Bradbury 5. E. A. Sowman 6. M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 7. P. Holdick 8.

**HUNTON, KENT.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Gunner 1. Ann Gilbert 2. W. R. Manser 3. R. Phippen 4. M. W. Gilbert (first as cond.) 5. T. Longhurst 6.

**LEA, Lincs.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Stanleton 1. J. F. Underwood 2. H. C. Roberts 3. C. H. Baker 4. G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5.

**LONDON.**—At St. John-at-Hackney, on June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1. Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2. C. A. Gray 3. Miss N. Hales 4. J. A. Hales 5. R. K. C. Wilkings 6. D. Neal (cond.) 7. C. F. Neal 8.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Siedman Triples: J. R. Castledine (cond.) 1. E. G. Buck 2. M. A. Collings 3. L. B. Scoot 4. I. Werrett 5. H. Werrett 6. P. Flack 7. Miss J. Sanderson 8.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Roden 1. J. A. Tandy 2. J. E. Lawley 3. P. L. Bill 4. C. R. Tandy 5. B. L. Wootton 6.

## Enthronement Quarter Peals for New Archbishop

**OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.**—On June 27th. 1.320 Minor (Kilhamarsh T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): G. J. Newman 1. G. G. Lawrence 2. M. Perkins 3. L. Gascoyne 4. D. Culling 5. S. Lawrence (cond.) 6.

**PUDSEY, YORKS.**—On June 27th. 1.280 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Dempster 1. A. E. Marsh (cond.) 2. A. Baxter 3. H. Dempster 4. J. W. Gibson 5. B. Sullivan 6. L. Drake 7. G. Benfield 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 4.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On June 27th. 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet M. Turner (aged 12, first on a working bell) 1. Pamela Buckle (aged 14) 2. Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 3. Rachel Sherwood (first quarter) 4. Catherine M. Chapman 5. Angela G. Wakefield (aged 12) 6. Average age of band 15 years. Also 360 Bob Minor: Joscelyn M. Cook (aged 12) 1. Pamela Buckle 2. Catherine M. Chapman 3. Rachel Sherwood 4. Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 5. Marie R. Cross 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th. 1.280 Spiced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire): P. Tocock 1. R. K. Russ 2. R. W. Rex 3. Jennifer M. Davies 4. J. N. Diserens 5. D. H. Niblett 6. R. F. Diserens 7. N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. West 1. Freda Hankey 2. Betty Sagers 3. F. E. Roberts 4. G. West 5. D. Mundy 6. A. Streeter (cond.) 7. H. Comber 8.

**REDRUTH, CORNWALL.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Martin 1. P. R. C. Williams 2. Miss M. Wright 3. R. Drewett 4. Miss A. H. Ince (cond.) 5. Mrs. M. Clemens 6.

**ST. KEA, CORNWALL.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dunstan 1. Helen Hobbins 2. A. Locke 3. Marian Driver 4. C. Jose (cond.) 5. M. Trenoweth 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On June 27th, at St. Thomas' Church. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1. D. H. Watson 2. Barbara Stephens 3. F. V. Nicholls 4. M. J. Fellows 5. A. L. Dunn 6. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7. R. Smith 8.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On July 10th. 1.320 Doubles (in five methods): Rev. Canon A. King 1. A. King 2. M. A. Beaumont 3. M. King 4. E. P. King 5. A. Beaumont 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Maria Gower (first quarter) 1. R. J. Carlton 2. C. T. Hillis 3. L. T. Pope 4. W. P. Garner 5. M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On June 27th, at the Parish Church. 1.288 Grandsire Triples: P. Gilman 1. Monica Blagrove 2. A. Bird 3. N. Phillips 4. A. Cross 5. A. J. Glass 6. F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7. S. Blyth 8. and at St. George's Chapel. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rown 1. Mary Buckingham 2. A. Wenban 3. G. F. Jenkins 4. L. Stilwell (cond.) 5. J. Brooks 6. K. Buckingham 7. A. J. Painter 8. Rung simultaneously.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On July 3rd. 1.260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): M. Warnes 1. E. Leggett (cond.) 2. Evelyn Cansdale 3. A. Bridges 4. D. Culham 5. F. Warnes 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On July 2nd. 1.440 Minor (720 Spiced London Scholars' and Oxford T.B. and 720 Oxford T.B.): S. Meredith and F. Bradley 1. C. Froggatt 2. D. Bradley and R. Blackshaw 3. M. W. Harrison 4. A. Larkin 5. F. Bradley and B. Mills 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. For Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On July 2nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1. W. D. Ward 2. D. P. Hilling 3. W. Birmingham 4. Pamela M. Jervis 5. B. T. Lister 6. D. E. Belcham 7. E. L. A. Hudson 8. F. R. Scott 9. J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. Rung for Patronal Festival Evensong, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Reading.

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For some time a light-hearted 'race' has been going on in the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The target?—the first person to ring a Surprise Royal method, beginning with each letter of the alphabet, the two leaders of the race being John M. Jelley and Brian G. Warwick, who are both members of the 'Monday' band. Unknown to each other, the result of the race was a tie. Both achieved the objective with the peal of Diseworth Surprise Royal at the Bell Foundry on July 3rd, and thus claim to be the first people to do so. The peal was the 100th by Richard J. Clifton. Congratulations!

The quarter peal attributed to Maidstone, on page 451, was rung at Mereworth, Kent, on June 8th. The error is regretted.

An omission.—The footnotes to the peal of Nutfield Treble Bob at Nutfield: Julian D. Duggan and Anthony S. Bishop were ringing their first peal and Ken Newman his first 'inside.'

No fewer than six of the band were ringing their first of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the enthronement peal at St. Mary's, Slough. It was J. Keith Ward's 25th peal and they have all been rung with his inseparable friend, Frederick R. Scott.

The two quarter peals rung at Finchley on July 1st were rung as a compliment to the tower's veteran ringer, Mr. F. A. Barker, who has been a member of the Finchley band since 1905. The occasion was also the marriage of his granddaughter, Carol Miles, to Mr. John Downs. One quarter was rung immediately before and the other immediately after the ceremony.

Ring in a quarter peal at Gransden Hunts for the enthronement were three local ringers. Mr. L. B. Jefferies was making his first attempt, and the other two were brothers—Mr. H. Sherman, now nearly 80, who will be remembered as a ringer in Bedfordshire, and Mr. F. Sherman, aged 73. The last quarter here is so far back that it is not remembered, but with this new burst of enthusiasm we hope to see Gransden mentioned frequently in our columns.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The contract for the construction of the 'Gloria in Excelsis' tower, the tallest section of Washington Cathedral, has been signed. When completed, the tower will rise 300 feet above Mount St. Alban, and will contain a 53 bell carillon and a ring of ten bells for English change ringing. The 1,860,000 dollar contract is the second to be signed in the Cathedral's current building programme.—'Living Church' service, New York.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, of Sheffield, are now better after their operations.

Miss Sylvia Sims, daughter of the captain of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, band, and herself an experienced ringer, is entering Salisbury Teachers' Training College next September.

Two 'John' peals were rung on June 24th at Farnworth-with-Kearsley, reported in our last issue and at Mossley, which is given this week. Through one of those editorial 'mix-ups' we regret that they were not given together last week.

Will correspondents please refrain from (a) writing on both sides of a sheet of paper; (b) writing of two different subjects on the same sheet, i.e., peals and quarter peals. It makes extra work and when portions have to be copied when one is tired mistakes are liable to be made.

Ash, Surrey, the tower of the Surprise practices, has been the resort of Cupid of late. Two weddings have taken place—Miss Sylvia Christine Sherwood was married to Dr. G. D. Mackenzie, and after a honeymoon in Majorca they will be making their home at Wem, and Miss Audrey Eileen Goodchild to a fellow Ash ringer, Mr. C. J. Harwood.

The ringers of Goldhanger, Essex, and their friends send their best wishes to the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Randall, on his appointment to the living of Aveley, Essex. With thankfulness, the ringers remember Mr. Randall's efforts which resulted in the augmentation of Goldhanger's bells from six to eight, and his friendliness to visiting ringers.

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## LADY RINGER RECEIVES O.B.E.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs has been a regular and faithful service ringer at Hunsdon, Herts, for many years. She is a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Hertford County Association.

It was therefore fitting that a band composed of members of both these Associations should meet together to ring a peal on hearing that Miss Gibbs had been awarded the O.B.E., in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Arrangements were made through the local tower keeper, Miss Chitty, and the attempt was kept a secret from Miss Gibbs. The Hon. Rosalind Gibbs was informed and was able to tell her sister during the evening why the bells were ringing. Both ladies then drove from their home, Hunsdon Mill, near the church, and listened to the remainder of the peal. They were delighted with the success of the attempt and provided the ringers with very welcome refreshments, which gave the ringers the opportunity of adding a toast and good wishes.

Miss Gibbs is the second member of the Ladies' Guild to receive the O.B.E. The first was Miss Sylvia Thursfield, of Cranford, Kettering.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs received her decoration for public services in Hertfordshire. She was chairman of the County Federation of Women's Institutes, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Council for Women's Work, Diocesan Missionary Council (1932-48), Member of Church Assembly (1950-55), Diocesan Conference and a keen worker for the British Red Cross Society.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SURPRISE PEAL 'IN HAND'

An interesting 60th anniversary peal was rung 'in hand' at Leicester on June 26th to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

The following is the record of the peal which appeared in 'The Bell News' of June 27th, 1901 (Volume XX, issue 1,003, page 103):—

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

On Wednesday, June 26th, 1901.

in 2 hours and 35 minutes.

At the residence of W. H. Pasmore, Southwark Street, S.E.

A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056 changes.

William H. Pasmore 1—2

Harry R. Pasmore 3—4

Charles T. P. Brice 5—6

John W. Golding 7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

Umpires, Henry R. Newton and Herbert Langdon, who ticked off every lead end as rung. Mr. Taffender also heard two hours of the ringing outside the room.

This is the first Surprise peal ever rung double handed and was rung at the twenty-fifth attempt, during which over 50,000 changes have been rung.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Two new members—Roger Clarke and Patricia Gresham, of Kirkburton—were elected at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley District Society held at St. Helen's, Sandal. Ten towers were represented. The Vicar (Rev. R. D. Strapps) presided at the business meeting, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon. Next meeting, Penistone, August 12th, joint with Yorks Association (Southern District). Ringing also at Cawthorne and Hoylandswaine.

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 29



MR. RODNEY B. MEADOWS, B.A.,  
Oxford University Society.

Scholar, wit, archaeologist, railway enthusiast and a first class ringer—such are some of the interests which go to make up the fascinating personality of Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of Kilburn, London. His after-dinner speeches at ringers' dinners are always listened to with interest and amusement, and his now well known piece of poetry, 'The Great Debunker,' recited at the Henry Johnson dinner this year, was a masterpiece! The fact that it was received with no adverse comment was a great tribute to his popularity and esteem. A lesser man would not have dared to deliver it!

Rodney was born in Norbury, South London, on September 28th, 1924, and was introduced to ringing through the Oxford University Society. When he had completed his army service, in late 1946, he returned to Oxford to continue his studies, and was taken along to New College belfry one cold Wednesday evening in January, 1947. He was told, 'There is no reason why you should not be taught to ring,' and he has been an enthusiast ever since.

His first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at Badsey, Worcs, in the autumn of 1948, and his present total is about 175, of which he has conducted 13. They have been rung in all the usual methods from Minor to Maximus, with a good sprinkling of Spliced Surprise Major, but his favourite method is Grandsire Caters.

As a traffic costing officer with British Railways, he has been fortunate in that his job has taken him all over the Western Region, to live near some wonderful towers, and to ring with a variety of bands and make many friends. He is very grateful to the Birmingham ringers for applying the necessary polish to his ringing education, especially on twelve bells. Many other ringers, too, have much to be thankful for in their association with this recognised centre of tip-top striking.

Two extremes of performance are apparent when Rodney looks back on some of the peals of which he is justifiably proud. He recalls the peals of Bob Minor he has conducted, because as he says 'They have been hard work for all concerned,' and in which he has helped beginners over their first hurdles. And he is very proud of a peal of Bristol, rung at Bray, Ireland, in 1953. This was accomplished with the well known Cheshire touring party,

and was an example of concentration and unhurried ringing, by an expert band, on bells worth going a long way to hear. Rodney has enjoyed many hours of good ringing and good company with the Cheshire men in summers past, but not forgotten.

He is a member of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, and has rung there since 1948, with intervals away on business. He is a vice-president of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, and represented them on the Central Council from 1951-1959.

Rodney has wide interests apart from ringing. He was trained as an archaeologist, holds the Diploma in Classical Archaeology at Oxford University, and has excavated at sites under the direction of Professor Richard Atkinson and Sir Mortimer Wheeler. He is very keen on music and enjoys sport (in nearly all its forms). He has a great love of railway history, and in fact would have regarded a ride of the now disused Clogher Valley line, in Northern Ireland, as being just as rewarding as a peal attempt! He was only fortunate enough to see the site of this railway 'classic'—where the line runs through the centre of the villages—when on holiday there. He enjoys introducing his ringing friends to some of the scenes of early railway travel!

Rodney has a charming manner, and is a delightful companion—a man who never appears ruffled or bad tempered, and consequently one who has made many friends all over the country. To him good ringing is just part of the varied pattern of life, and though he is a real enthusiast, he also finds time for other pleasures, which makes him interesting in any company. In this approach he is probably very wise and sensible.

APACE.

## DEDICATION

### ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE

St. Mary's Parish Church, Atherstone, Warwickshire, now has in place of its single bell a light but musical ring of eight bells, the tenor being 8½ cwt. The dedication of the bells and also a new electric clock, with quarter and hour chime, was carried out on June 24th by the Ven. L. J. Stanford, Archdeacon of Coventry. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. W. Dodds, and the lesson was read by the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Perrens. Rounds during the dedication service were rung by officers and members of the Guild.

Following the act of dedication the Archdeacon, in his address, congratulated the Vicar and churchwardens on adding such valuable equipment to the ancient Church of St. Mary.

After the service the bells were rung by members of the St. Mary's band of ringers, most of whom had been taught to handle a bell since these had been installed by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and they performed very creditably.

Members of the congregation and the ringers present were entertained to tea in the Town Hall by the Vicar and churchwardens. Afterwards the bells were open to visitors, many of whom were from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Leicester Guild, the Staffords and the Coventry Guild. Methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise. The general opinion was that the county has gained a very fine ring of eight.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

On July 8th the Farnham District held a meeting at Seale. After afternoon ringing about 30 sat down to an appetising tea in the Church Hall, arranged by Miss Nancie Bragg, an Aldershot ringer. Mr. E. J. Bragg, District Ringing Master, conducted the meeting and the Guild Master, Mr. C. Denyer, told those present of the Pulling Memorial Bell, at present standing in Guildford Cathedral, that is to be placed with other bells in the tower, likely to be completed in about 3 years. Ringing continued in the evening.

R. E.



## University Of Wales Society Cross The Severn



In the middle of the Severn (from left to right): David Llewellyn, Neil Bennett, Peter Smith (with glasses), Gwen Storer, Claire Skellern, Colin Lewis and Trevor Lewis (Ringing Master).  
[Photo: B. J. Couzens.]

IN its short life of just over two years, the U.W.S.C.R., although it had visited over 50 different Welsh towers, had never before crossed the border into England, until this year, when we decided to hold our summer tour in Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

Our far-flung members met at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 23rd, and then, after an hour's ringing, retreated to St. John's, Cardiff. The following morning, rested and refreshed, we set off for the border, only pausing at St. Mary's, Chepstow. After a two-hour wait for the Beachley-Aust ferry, we finally loaded our minibus on to the assault-craft, and set off to establish a bridgehead on the far side of the Severn. We reached Bristol at tea time, having rung at Henbury and Stoke Bishop on the way. In the evening we rang at St. Michael's, the Bristol University tower. The next day, Sunday, we visited six more Bristol towers—St. James', St. Stephen's, the Cathedral, St. John's, Christ Church and SS. Philip and Jacob's.

Monday was a circular tour, starting at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, then going via the Clifton suspension bridge to Portishead. After an abortive peal attempt at Clapton-in-Gordano and an unscheduled visit to Weston-in-Gordano, we spent a most enjoyable hour on Yatton's fine eight, finishing the day with a visit to Twerton-on-Avon.

On Tuesday we went southward to Bridgewater, calling at Banwell, Wedmore, Ashcott and Shapwick. Wednesday became a day of rest, the shortage of ringers which beset the whole tour being then so acute that we were forced to cancel our intended programme.

### A DAY WITH READING UNIVERSITY

A party from Reading University joined us for the day, on Thursday, when our first ring was on the lovely eight at Chewton Mendip. The other three towers visited that day were all sixes—Binegar, Marksbury and Radstock. In the evening some of us went along to the

practice at St. Philip's, Bristol, where we were made most welcome, and listened to and took which we went northwards to Dursley and took part in some very enjoyable ringing.

On Friday our first call was at Bitton, after which we went northward to Dursley and Painswick. It was a shame to visit this beautiful twelve with so few ringers, some of the party having been temporarily lost to us. In the evening we rang at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Saturday, July 1st, the last day of the tour, started with a visit to Barnwood. We then called at Badgeworth, the only rough ring of the tour, and went on to Cheltenham. After lunch we went to St. Mary's and rang Grandshire Caters with the help of two of the local band. As a result of ringing here, one of the party who thought eight bells the ideal number has been won over to 10-bell ringing. Our last two towers before disbanding till next session were Leckhampton and Prestbury, at both of which the local band turned out in force to welcome us.

We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of the tour. B. J. C.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Western District

The untimely death of Mr. Thomas Marshall, at the meeting of the Western District at Skipton, has already been reported in our columns. Previous to that sad occurrence several well struck touches were brought round on this fine octave. Over 60 members were present at a most satisfying tea provided by the Young Wives' Group.

The annual election of officers took place at the business meeting and the following were elected to serve for the next three years: Ringing Master, Mr. G. Benfield; committee, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, J. Pearson and C. F. Sutcliffe. Mr. Strangeway continues to serve on the General Committee of the Association.

Next meeting, Guiseley, September 16th.

## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD RALLY

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held their biannual rally on July 1st. On this occasion a number of towers were opened instead of organised ringing at one tower. Atherstone, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton were available from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by a service at Chilvers Coton Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, with the organist and choir in attendance. The lesson was read by Mr. A. H. Beamish, a past president of the Guild, and Ringing Master at Chilvers Coton.

The address was by the Lord Bishop of Coventry, who is patron of the Guild. The Bishop prefaced his remarks by saying how pleased he was once again to meet the bell ringers of the Diocese. He remembered with pleasure the two previous occasions, at Holy Trinity Stratford-on-Avon, and St. Mary's, Warwick. For his text he quoted from II Kings, viii, 9: 'This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace.'

During the past week, he said, he had attended the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Canterbury Cathedral, which he said had been a most moving spectacle, with finally the great ring of bells of the Cathedral ringing out over the city and Kent marches. Secondly, he had inducted the new incumbent at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, when at the conclusion of the service those lovely bells rang out over the town as the procession moved to the Town Hall. These were occasions when the bells rang out the good tidings and were an expression of great joy. He sincerely hoped that it might be possible to ring the bells of Coventry Cathedral, when that wonderful building was dedicated.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, ably organised by members of the Mothers' Union, and was much enjoyed by all.

The president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) thanked the ladies for providing such a delightful tea, which he assured them had been much enjoyed. He also thanked the Bishop for addressing them once again. He knew how busy he must be with the forthcoming dedication of the new Cathedral. The ringers looked forward to meeting him on these rallies, although the attendance on this occasion was not quite so large as previously, caused, he thought, by holidays and garden fêtes at many villages. No doubt the next rally would be centred on the new Coventry Cathedral.

The Bishop in his reply said these meetings were a great pleasure to him, and it gave him the opportunity to express his appreciation to the officers and members of the Guild for the loyal service they performed in keeping the bells of our churches ringing out their message Sunday by Sunday reminding all that a service was about to commence and inviting them to attend. He knew they would continue with their work for the church as it no doubt gave them great pleasure to do so.

Following tea, the bells of Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton were put to good use until 8 p.m. A social had been arranged at a local hotel by Mrs. Beamish, and was enjoyed by those who attended. This concluded another biannual rally, favoured with glorious weather.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On June 25th, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Margaret Roberts (first quarter) 1. G. Pullinger 2. Mrs. B. Percy 3. A. R. Baldock (first as cond.) 4. H. Reynolds 5. R. Percy 6. R. Pankhurst 7. T. M. Barlow (first quarter) 8. A wedding compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Miss Teresa Hetherington, and the Rev. Christopher Ardagh-Walker, who were married here the previous day.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—As you have encouraged readers to comment on the music of Grandsire Major, having rung in the peal recently published these were my conclusions:—

The composition used contained calls at every Home, with the tenor lying 6 blows behind; unfortunately this cuts out the lead, which is equivalent to the Middle in Plain Bob, and thus eliminates many 867's and 857's, etc.; when the 7 would be going behind 4 blows and 86 or 85 dodging in 6-7. This I found to be the only drawback, though it is not an insurmountable problem, with other compositions suitably arranged.

In favour were: Every course is a short one (at the most 5 leads), thus making it possible to obtain practically the extent of 4-5-6 in 6ths at course ends; also the Bob at Home brings up a series of very satisfying roll-ups. Then again, as in Grandsire on all numbers, when the 4th, 5th or 6th is in the hunt more roll ups seem to come up 'out of the blue,' when they are in 5th or 6th place hunting down to lead.

Unlike the band who rang the Grandsire Royal I would certainly not say it's my last of Grandsire Major; in fact I much prefer its music to many of these Surprise Major methods, with their false course end limitations.—Yours sincerely,

D. JOHN HUNT.

Whitehall, Bristol.

### QUARTER PEALS AND THE LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. F. Hodgson's letter, on page 439, he is surely not serious when he suggests that all quarter peals not rung by a local band should have a footnote to that effect? In many instances, I feel that this would be misconstrued and taken to be an implied slight on the local ringers.

No one would deny that the quarter peal of Cambridge Major which we rang at Giggleswick-in-Craven was not in the nature of a chance tower grab, but it was worth while from several points of view, because: (a) we had good ringing on a pleasant new ring of eight; (b) we were able to renew old friendships; and (c) one of the local ringers joined us afterwards and we were able to ring some Bob Major for her benefit—her first touch of Major for quite some time. She then invited us to her lovely home and gave us excellent refreshments before we continued our journey.

Dare I pull Mr. Hodgson's leg and suggest that the tone of his letter nearly makes him fit G. K. Chesterton's definition of a 'Puritan'—a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things?—Yours sincerely,

R. J. BOWDEN.

Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

### RINGING QUARTER PEALS LOCALLY

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted to reply to Mr. Hodgson's letter on page 439.

Firstly, after the wedding at St. Albans of two people referred to, five of us hoped to ring a quarter for this occasion on our way to Scotland, but time did not permit. So as it was a chance in a million, meeting four other ringers on our way back from Scotland, it was agreed upon to ring a quarter for the said occasion, being better late than never. Also may I add that it is the thought behind the action that counts, the distance being no object whatsoever.

I hope Mr. Hodgson has the facts straight now, without any more waste of paper.—Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY P. MANN.

Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk.

### Q-SETS

Dear Sir.—Recently I discovered what Q-sets were and read with avid interest the papers produced by my namesake in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' (minus the doubtless fascinating diagrams).

My own interest in Q-sets lies, however, in 'ordinary' methods and not Grandsire. As stated the Q-set Law only covers bobbed and plained lead end/lead heads: Q-sets having singled leads are merely mentioned as being exceptions to the usual law.

The use of singles produces a six member Q-set, which may be represented by a forward or backward six and marked as follows:

234 + A  
243 - B +ve members: 234-423-342

423 + C  
432 - D -ve members: 243-432-324

342 + E  
324 - F

Either of the +ve or -ve sets constitute a normal three member Q-set.

If the handstrokes and backstrokes of the treble's lead be examined at all positions of 234 and with plain, bob and single lead transits, the following table may be produced:

Backstroke	234	423	342	243	432	324
Handstroke						
Plain:	243	432	324	234	423	342
Bob:	324	243	432	423	342	234
Single:	234	423	342	243	432	324
	P	P	S	PBS	PB	PBS
	B	PBS	BS	PBS	PBS	PB
	S	PBS	PBS	BS	PBS	P

The letters beneath indicate what type of transit is true against any other, between any two or more lead heads (backstroke).

Thus, if L.H.: 423 is produced by bob, preceding L.E. was: 243 and so L.H.: 234 is false with it if plain, preceding L.E. was: 243 also L.H.: 243 is false with it if single, preceding L.E. was: 243

Thus a new Q-set may be set down, which has one member bobbed, one plained, and one singled, and all false against each other. For convenience, the five transpositions may be applied to any set, to produce the others, thus covering any combination of 234 and any transit.

Table of mutually false members of six member Q-set.

Transit:	Plain	Bob	Single
	234	423	243
	342	234	324
	423	342	432
L.H.	243	324	234
	432	243	423
	324	432	342

It will be seen that each horizontal row from the table above contains either two members of a +ve Q-set and one -ve, or two members of a -ve Q-set and one +ve.

It is also interesting to note that a regular octahedron may be constructed, showing the members of any Q-set (normal or singled). A regular octahedron is a solid figure having eight sides, all of which are equilateral triangles. The simplest way of constructing the model is to use two similar nets, each of which is a large equilateral triangle divided into four smaller ones (rather like the formation sign used by the Third Division in the last war), but leaving spare flaps round the edge for joining up. One large triangle should be marked with a large + sign in the middle of its central triangle and A, C and E marked on the apices, the adjoining triangles being similarly marked, with

all A's, C's and E's adjacent, the large triangle now being marked B, F and D at its apices.

The other large triangle has its central triangle marked - and the central triangle's apices D, B and F, the other small triangles marked so as to have all D's, B's and F's adjacent. The large triangle's apices being C, E and A. The two large triangles are folded along the boundaries of the smaller triangles, and stuck together by the flaps, so that on the complete solid, we have the 'top' marked + A, C, E, the 'bottom' - D, B, F and the 'sides' are: A, B, C; A, F, E; C, D, E; A, B, F; B, C, D, and D, E, F. It will be apparent that the 'top' and 'bottom' represent the 'normal' three member +ve and -ve Q-sets respectively, and that the 'sides' are the 'singled' Q-sets dealt with here, each having two apices adjacent to either 'top' or 'bottom'. The letters used in the marking of the solid are those put against the six rows at the beginning of the letter.

I don't know if any of my conclusions are original, and I should be grateful if any more perspicacious person would point out any errors I have made in my researches. If anyone can't follow my instructions for making the interesting little solid, I shall be only too pleased to show them how.—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

### LONDON AREA MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—While we had a good joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Edmonston and Tottenham on Saturday, July 8th, with some 50 ringers present, I feel that more could have been done with fuller collaboration between all the ringing Societies operating in London.

At the very time of our meeting our friends of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths were holding a meeting at Putney. Some of us would have liked to have been with them, but they did not know sufficiently early about our joint meeting and we did not know of theirs.

Full collaboration and inter-Association programming for the London area could make for better and stronger meetings with an advance in ringing standards all round.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD W. ROGERS,

Honorary Secretary.

London County Association.

### RESTORATION APPEAL—ST. PAUL'S, BENDIGO, VICTORIA

Dear Sir.—An appeal has been launched for £2,000 to restore the fine ring of eight at Bendigo (Sandhurst), Victoria. These bells were cast at Whitechapel in the middle of the last century, but due to their hanging at the very top of a brick tower in a frame of rather inadequate design they have always been most difficult to handle and control. Indeed, neither a peal nor a quarter peal has been recorded on them.

The bells are to be removed, lowered some 20 feet in the tower and rehung in a steel frame to the bellfounder's specification and it is anticipated that this very valuable octave will then be one of the best in Australia.

I have been asked personally to recommend this appeal to all your readers in the hope that the very keen circle of ringers in Bendigo and in Victoria may receive help in their campaign.

Please support this worthy restoration appeal. Donations (per money order or bank draft) may be sent to either Mr. Warne Wilson, 18, Smith Street, Bendigo, Victoria, or to my Australian address: 67, Highfield Avenue, Springvale North, Victoria.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

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## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY IN WYE VALLEY

THIS year's tour took place in the Wye Valley immediately after the summer term. The weather was good apart from the first day, but not quite up to traditional summer tour standard.

We started with 16 cyclists and were joined for the first day by two ringers doing it the easy way in a car! From Severn Tunnel Junction we cycled to Shirenewton, a small village near Chepstow, where the bells are not often used. We discovered a broken wheel and the ringing degenerated into an attempt at rounds.

At Chepstow we were joined by the Master's fiancée, who came with us for the week-end. Here we rang rounds on the 10, and other methods up to Stedman Triples. On the ride to Tiddenham we had our first puncture. The ringing here is from the ground floor and was of dubious quality. At Lydney no good ringing materialised and the striking was consistently poor, but on the five old bells at Hewelsfield the standard was better. So we cycled to St. Briavals, where the church and the Castle Youth Hostel are only a few yards apart, to our great relief, but probably not the warden's. We attempted some Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

On Sunday morning most of the party went to church before breakfast, after which we left the hostel in small groups as we finished our jobs. The Master left last; his 'easy job' of wedding a few feet of path turned out to be more difficult than anticipated! We rang at Newland for matins and had the best ringing of the tour so far, including Cambridge Minor and some Spliced Plain and Little Bob. It was a pretty ride through the forest to Staunton, where both the ringing and the local hostelry were of a high standard. From Staunton we went on to Ruardean to ring for Evensong, a marathon ride over the steepest and longest hills of the tour, but with some marvellous views from the top. It was here we had our only accident—one of our members, in her enthusiasm for the hill, hit the kerb and fell off. Luckily she was not too badly hurt, and after we had found an inner tube that could be persuaded to fit the wheel the bicycle was rideable. The night was spent at the Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel.

### ALTAR A BUTCHER'S SLAB

On Monday we left our luggage at the hostel and cycled first into Monmouth, where the ringing was not special. We picnicked at Skenfrith beside, and in, the river before ringing at the very interesting church; the altar stone was originally a butcher's slab. It was here that a past Master was almost killed by falling masonry during a touch of Grandsire Doubles. From Skenfrith on to Garway, an old church standing in a field, with a detached 13th century tower. At Llangarron, the local shop reopened to serve us with ice lollies, and the local pub was visited for quick refreshment. The rise here was good and the general standard of ringing had at last improved; we rang some St. Clement's, Stedman, Grandsire, as well as rounds, and then returned to the hostel (now easier to find!).

On Tuesday morning we left Welsh Bicknor and cycled to Bridstow (a light eight with a mediæval fourth), where the ringing was fairly good. To reach King's Capel it was necessary to cross the river and, rather than go miles round by the road, we decided to trace the existence of a footbridge. We pushed the cycles across two fields and found a miniature suspension bridge, very springy and seemingly unsafe. However, we all survived the crossing, and after another field we came to the church, which has a fairly light six. On these we rang Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, before going on to lunch in Ross.

### QUAINT ENGLISH HOBBY

After lunch we rang at Weston-under-Penyard's fairly light six, and then on to Huntley (another light six), where we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's and Grandsire Doubles. Blaisdon was the next tower and by this time we were thankful that it was so near Huntley; the striking was again shoddy, probably because of the exhausting day's cycling, and we tried nothing ambitious on the nice six bells. From Blaisdon we went to

Longhope, where we met several villagers and also a Canadian, who was staying in the village, and he came to see the 'quaint English hobby' of bellringing.

We rang a variety of Doubles methods and just as we were leaving we were told of a 5cwt. six at Aston Ingham, and so six of us cycled as fast as possible, considering faulty gears and the day's cycling. We rang Grandsire Doubles at the locals' speed and Bob Minor at twice the locals' speed (the former sounding better). The night was spent at the youth hostel at Mitcheldean, where the warden came from a Devon hostel and had met some of the U.B.S.C.R. before.

### A DEVON RISE

From the youth hostel we went to Linton, where there are six bells instead of the five we expected; we had a Devon rise and call changes and some good ringing, including London, on the fine Taylor rehung, bells. At Upton Bishop, the next tower, a rope broke in the first touch; it was replaced with a spare left for such an emergency and we were able to go on ringing. We then went on to Newent (a heavy six, which sound good when rung slowly), and after lunch we again visited Redmanley D'Abitot, where we were met by two local ringers who rang with us in some Kent, Oxford, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and then invited us back for raspberries and ice cream in their delightful old cottage.

After this welcome break we went on to Bromsberrow (a light six), which we found difficult to control, and where another rope broke, so cutting short the ringing time. To the heavy eight at Ledbury, which are in a detached tower, we did not do justice in our attempts at Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major, but perhaps some of it was due to tiredness? From Ledbury on to Much Marcle, where we rang Double Oxford for the first time in the week, and then the Vicar invited us all back to have cider in the Vicarage before going on to the hostel at Rushall, where there was much hilarity, and locking in dormitories, and usual last night agony.

We had only two towers planned for the last day, but we passed Woolhope just as the Rural Dean was outside and so we asked permission to ring. There was an anti-clockwise ring of six, with a mediæval fourth, and we rang for an hour before going on to Hampton Bishop, where there are six bells, rung from the ground floor, behind the organ. We went on from here to Hereford, where our last tower was St. Nicholas', with six bells. The ringing was good, thus making a suitable ending, and then we went on to a marvellous tea laid on by the Vicar. After tea we left on various trains to different parts of the country.

Altogether this was a most successful tour and our thanks are due to the secretary, for arranging it, and to the incumbents at the various churches. J. M. C.

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## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD Summer Meeting At Tanworth-In-Arden

The quarterly meeting of the Guild, held at Tanworth-in-Arden on July 1st, was marked by the absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, and the secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, the former holidaying in the West Country and the latter temporarily indisposed. For compensation the day provided brilliant weather. The summer sun bathing the village green with its magnificent chestnut tree, the facade of 'The Bell' and the fine old tower in a flood of light, provided an environment from which it was very difficult to tear oneself away even for the attractions of the beautiful ring of eight at the disposal of the members.

The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Lee, and the Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, read the lesson. Refreshments were very kindly provided by the Tanworth ringers in the village hall, and the thoughtful gesture that added cooling orange drinks as an alternative to tea was much appreciated.

The business meeting was attended by more than 50 members. The Master presided, and with Mr. F. E. Haynes deputising for the secretary, the business was despatched in a very short time. Miss Mary S. Thorling and Mr. Philip Rophera were elected full members of the Guild, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Yardley. The Master thanked the Vicar, the organist and the local ringers and helpers for their respective shares in building up a delightful afternoon.

After the meeting the bells were kept going in a sufficiency of methods, Mr. J. A. Anderson acting as Ringing Master. Both the beauty of the eight bells in the tower and the hospitality of the 'ninth'—'The Bell' over the way—were adequately sampled, and each appreciated in due measure.

E. C. S.

## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE A. FLEMING

With much regret we record the death of Mr. George A. Fleming, of Winesham, near Ipswich, which took place in hospital on July 8th, at the age of 78.

He had rung 474 peals, mostly for the Suffolk Guild, including the first of Maximus ever accomplished in Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester, York, Little Albion Treble Bob and Little Bob for the Suffolk Guild, also the only one of Plain Bob Cinques, all at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

The cremation was at Ipswich on July 12th. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds (nephew and niece) and their daughter Margaret. Among his ringing friends were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Beecroft, Mr. James Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bulton, Miss Pat Clarke, Mrs. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. Charles Fisher, Charles J. Sedgley, R. Smith and George E. Symonds.

The ashes were interred in Winesham churchyard on July 14th.

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# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 339)

**'Public Appointment of Ringers.**—At the evening service on Ascension Day, 1873, at Over, Cheshire, the following interesting ceremony took place: The Vicar, the Rev. N. Jackson, had been for some time troubled by his ringers. Their refractory temper at length culminated in an act of distinct disobedience. On this, with a spirit worthy of all praise, he summarily dismissed them and forbade them again to enter the belfry.'

A new band was formed, and on this Ascension Day, after they had rung for Evensong, they went to the service, first walking to the chancel steps. Here the Vicar handed to each of them a new Prayer Book, their names written inside. The Vicar said: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. By virtue of my office as Vicar of Over I give thee — authority to ring No. — bell to the glory of God.'

They then retired to a seat 'which had been allotted to them and which henceforth they will be expected to occupy at every service.'

The Rev. F. M. Cunningham, Rector of Witney, Oxon, then addressed the congregation and ringers from the chancel steps. He pointed out that the incumbent has as much control over the belfry as over the prayer desk and pulpit, that every part of the church is equally holy and that, 'if the ringers would shrink from coarse language and from bringing beer and tobacco into their present seat, they must equally shrink from carrying them into the ringing loft,' that all work done in a church is holy work—whether that of the priest, the decorator of the altar, the bellringer or the cleaner. Then he went on to the lessons taught by church bells when rung for various occasions. 'We cannot but feel that there was an example set that evening in the village church at Over which might profitably find many imitators.'

**'Churches of London suspended for not Ringing at the Coming of the Archbishop.**—Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury (A.D. 1396-1413) who, passing by the high street of London did not only look and wait for the ringing of the bells for a triumph of his coming, but took great snuff, and did suspend all churches in London (not only with the steeple and bells but also with organs) so many as did not receive his coming with the noise of bells . . .'

**'Rules and Regulations for ringing The Bells of the Parish Church of Maidstone.** To commence May 29th, 1840.

'This is a belfry that is free,  
And for all that civil be:  
There is no music play'd or sung,  
Like unto Bells when they're rung.  
Then ring your Bell well, if you can,  
Silence is best for every man;  
But if you ring in Spur or Hat,  
You pay sixpence, be sure of that:  
And if a Bell you overthrow,  
Pray pay sixpence before you go.

'The Bells to be rung under the direction of the Minister and Churchwardens, and only by persons properly qualified.

'No admission to the Belfry except by a key, to be left with the Sexton; and no ringing without his knowledge.

'Days of ringing according to the usage of the Parish: Queen's Birthday, Accession and Coronation Days, Assizes, Mayor's Day, May 29th, Nov. 5th, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving Days, Public Rejoicings and Archbishop's Visitation and Confirmation. N.B. To be paid for by the Corporation of the Parish, according to the general custom.

'Bells not to be rung before Eight o'clock in the morning, nor after Ten o'clock at night except on New Year's Eve or great National Events.

'Any dispute between the Sexton and the Ringers to be referred to the Minister and Churchwardens, and nothing to be done contrary to their decision.

'At Fairs, and other Public times, no Strangers (except professed Ringers) to be admitted to the Belfry without leave of the Minister and Churchwardens.

'The Bells to be rung by the usual Persons, for practice or recreation but not after Ten o'clock at Night.'

**Notice by the Editor.**—'In common with other periodicals, we decline to return any communications, whether accepted or not. We request our country correspondents to write very legibly.'

Later, another notice: 'Many of our kind friends seem to be quite ignorant of the mode of working a weekly periodical—they seem to think that their contributions can be immediately attended to and inserted with telegraphic dispatch. We request them to be more patient; reports are inserted as soon as possible, but we reserve to ourselves the liberty of curtailing, weeding and clipping, according to the best of our judgment, and timing as suits us, or rejecting altogether.'

Still another (and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' may agree in general with this one, at least!):—

'We have received several slips about ringing, but they are useless to us unless our friends send the dates and headings of the papers whence taken. We earnestly request our correspondents to write very plainly and intelligibly, particularly the names of persons and places; also to write only on one side of the paper, leaving a good margin at the top.'

**'Disgraceful Ringing at St. Mary's, Ware, Herts.**—We are grieved to hear from a correspondent that on Monday evening, April 6th, 1873, the bells of the parish church of Ware were set a-ringing by a person who had just gained a great will cause, tried in the Probate Court, London . . .'

**Plympton St. Maurice, Devon.**—Easter Tuesday, 1873. Bells reopened after overhaul by Hooper and Son, of Woodbury.

**Change-ringing at Oxford.**—... the University Society has lately [i.e., to April 26th, 1873] succeeded in ringing a peal of 720 changes . . . at Iffley, near Oxford, in the Grandsire Method.

The Society at present consists of about 22 members, most of whom can ring Grandsire Doubles fairly well in the tower, and five or six are tolerably steady at Triples. . . .

**'The Bells of St. Michael's, South Carolina.**—When the British took Charleston in 1780, they stabled their horses in the church and, unhooking the bells, sent them off to London where they were dumped on Tower Wharf and left unnoticed for many years.

'At last the vestry of St. Michael's received a letter bidding them expect their bells by a certain ship sailing from London. The people went in procession to bring up from the ship their beloved bells, which they never expected to listen to again, and with prayers and thanksgivings they were replaced in the tower. The

pious benefactor never made himself known but he is supposed to have been some British officer who was present at the taking of Charleston.'

Time went on and then came 546 days of bombardment of Charleston. Houses and churches were shattered, but St. Michael's spire and its bells remained. However, the people themselves took the bells down and sent them to Columbia to be cast into cannon, but a General, perhaps shocked at the desecration, pronounced them unfit for the purpose and so the bells were set aside for safe keeping, but soldiers broke them up.

The population of Charleston eventually resolved to get a new chime. They did not know from which foundry the broken bells had come. An enquiry made in London showed that the (now) Mears and Stainbank foundry had cast eight in 1759 for this church. The proportions of the metal, sizes, etc., were all entered in the books, and the firm was engaged to turn out a new ring to be as near as possible like the destroyed one, so that the Charlestonians might think they were hearing their old bells. Such fragments of the old bells that could be found were sent to London and put into the new ones, which were duly sent to Charleston and hung in St. Michael's.

**'Bells in Tune.**—The Rev. Canon Bowles, at Bremhill, Wilts, says: 'Here are 6 bells which could be pronounced by every ear a musical peal: but no set of bells are ever cast quite in tune—in general the third is too flat and the fourth too sharp, the effect of which is doubly discordant. The only certain mode of having a peal perfectly harmonious is to tune the bells by a monochord divided into intervals. A peal of bells can thus be brought to musical perfection and anyone, without knowing the reason, would perceive the sweet effect. This mode of after-tuning is never practised, and therefore a peal gives all its discord, often for centuries, as the bells happen to be cast.'

**'Tuning of Bells'**—reproduced from *Gentleman's Magazine*.—'Mr. Gardiner informs us that the tuning of bells is a difficult task inasmuch as some of them do not emit a distinct or homogeneous tone. As all bells utter more sounds than one, they should be so cast that the key note predominates over every other sound, and that the harmonics should be the twelfth or seventeenth above the low note. This combination produces that sprightly ringing tone which everyone admires. But there is a great caprice in bells—they utter all sorts of tones. The tenor of St. Martin's, Leicester, gives out the minor third, which imparts to it a mournful effect. The lively bell at St. George's is in the note A which is not a foundation note. An attentive listener may hear the key note F murmuring a major third below.

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### CANCELLATION

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—The meeting at King's Langley on July 22nd is cancelled. 8591

### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 22nd, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: July 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; August 7th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; August 8th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; August 15th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8563

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Milborne Port (8), July 22nd, Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8536

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Monthly meeting at Whitby (10), Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m.—P. Wishart. Hon. Sec. 8595

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Stanton-by-Dale, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8572

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 8534

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD** and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Swebston, Saturday, July 22nd, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8549

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winkfield, Saturday, July 22nd, Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8532

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 22nd, at Kintbury (6), Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at 'Blue Bull' Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Greystones, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury. 8545

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, July 22nd, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8587

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division. Practice meeting at Heathfield on July 22nd, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Dann, North Street, Punnetts Town, Heathfield.—F. Beeny, Sec. 8538

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, July 22nd, Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. Names for tea to John Chesterman, 'Leacroft,' Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8547

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, July 29th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 8597

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock, Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Sec. 8583

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Holsworthy, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. All visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 8578

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisbrough.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8586

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Bourn, Saturday, July 29th (instead of August 14th), Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8584

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 26th, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 8562

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Saturday, July 29th, Wapley (5), 3 p.m. Service and tea. At Westerleigh (6) in the evening, 6.30.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5. 8593

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Practice, Crondall (6), Saturday, July 29th, 6 to 9 p.m. 8590

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton and Welshpool, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (6 and 8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8581

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Wye, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss Sheila Rogers, Church Cottage, The Green, Wye.—C. T. H. 8575

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 29th, at Benington (near Stevenage). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, then business and evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Harris, 'Buckhurst,' Benington, Stevenage, Herts. 8544

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—Meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Ockenden Manor (3s. each). Names, please, by Wednesday, July 26th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 8592

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Leigh (8), Saturday, July 29th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 8574

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Chapel Allerton (6), Saturday, July 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Espresso Bamboo Cafe, 63, Harrogate Road, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Clark, 114, Wensley Drive, Leeds, 7. 8573

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, N. Kilworth, Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8585

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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham on Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, to Rev. C. E. Beevers, Lopham Rectory, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 8535

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting, Cheswardine (8), Saturday, July 29th, Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. 8467

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 5th, Great Wymondley, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8589

**GUILDFORD GUILD** (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, Aug. 7th, Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Aug. 3rd to G. Mariner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. Further ringing after tea. 8579

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—August: Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, Aug. 7th, Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 8580

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—Dedication of memorial tablet at St. John's to F. Roger Martin will take place in the belfry at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Ringing to follow. All old friends welcome. 8577

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District) and **BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Aug. 12th, Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Bells also available at Cawthorne (6), 2.30 to 4.30, and Hoylandswaine, 7 to 9.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 8582

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 14th, at The Queen Hotel, Chester. Details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8576

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On July 8th the East Grinstead and District Guild paid their first visit to Burgess Hill and held a small but most enjoyable meeting. Ringing on this nice toned but odd struck octave was enjoyed until 5 o'clock, when the party made their way to 84, Park Road, where Mrs. Beresford and Sue served tea on the lawn.

Mr. B. E. Jeffrey took the chair for the business, the main item being future meetings. Burston not being available, it will be Worth and Crawley for the August meeting, and members decided to make their own tea arrangements.

A pleasant surprise awaited the company when they came to pay for the tea, for Mrs. Beresford refused to take anything and suggested that a collection be made and the money put to some fund. A sum of £1 5s. was realised and it was decided to give 10s. to the rope fund, and 15s. to 'The Ringing World.'



## 5,050 STEDMAN CATERS

By JOHN CHILCOTT

(For the 50th anniversary of the augmentation to ten of St. John's, Hillingdon, bells.)  
231456789

214356978	'A'	
412653	5	16
413256		16
314652	5	16
312456		16
316254		16
316452	S5	16
312654		16
314256		16
413652	5	16
412356		16
214653	5	16
213456		16

413265978	'B'	
415362		16
412563		16
412365	S5	16
415263		16
413562		16
314265	5	16
315462		16
315264	S5	16
314562		16
312465		16
213564	5	16
214365		16
215463		16
215364	S5	16
214563		16
213465		16

213465978

213465879	'C'	
312564	5	16
314265		16
413562	5	16
412365		16
415263		16
514362	5	16
512364		S16
514263		16
415362	5	16
412563		16
413265		16
314562	5	16
312465		16
215463	5	—
513462	5	—

(312456789) 'D'

Rounds 4 changes previous.

A=S1 S4 5 9 11 13 14

B=4 6 S8 10 S13 16 17

C=2 S9

D=S4 5 S12

Rung at St. John's, Hillingdon, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1961, conducted by F. W. Goodfellow.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 21st, 1911.—

## RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE

## A big tea party

'A huge success.' This phrase by no means exaggerates the result of 'Ringers' Day at the Festival of Empire,' organised by 'The Ringing World.' It was, we venture to think, the largest ringers' gathering that has ever been held, and, while it was essentially a day for the rank and file of the Exercise, the party was none the less representative in its character.

Ringers travelled from all parts of the country to participate in the unique event, for never before had they had the opportunity as ringers of joining in so large and popular a gathering arranged for their special benefit. To the Crystal Palace they came in ones and twos and larger parties, and when we say that ringers were present from places as far apart as Cardiff and Norwich, as Sheffield and Brighton, our readers will appreciate how widespread was the interest shown in the occasion. A large proportion of those present made it the occasion of a full day's excursion, such as, for instance, the company from Bridgend, in Glamorganshire, who left home on Friday midnight, and departed from London on the return journey at 1 a.m. on Sunday.....

## ST. MARY'S, APSLEY

The last Saturday in June is always considered by the Apsley ringers to be a fortunate day for good weather, and this year when it coincided with midsummer day it was no exception. The party, including visitors (of many years' standing) from neighbouring towers, left Apsley at 6.30 a.m. to reach Amesbury, Wilts, within a few minutes of scheduled time, at 10 o'clock. Here we were met by Mr. J. K. Robbins and another member of his band and rang various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major until 11 a.m., when a move was made to Longbridge Deverill, where hangs a handy ring of eight. Here the key was produced, as arranged, by Mr. W. A. Avery. An enjoyable hour was spent, an excellent course of London being a feature of the ringing.

On to Warminster, where lunch was the first item to be dealt with, and then to the Church of St. Denys, with its 28 cwt. tenor, where Mr. M. G. Knee was waiting for us. Methods rung here included 3 leads of Bristol. A lovely run through the country brought us to Upavon, with its magnificent ring of six and a most homely welcome from Mr. C. Drewitt and the Vicar, who showed us his interesting church. Then to tea in the Village Hall, the caterer being Mrs. F. T. Swatton, and what a tea it was! During the rest needed after this a vote of thanks was passed to the organiser and then the annual photograph. An evening run in the sunshine brought us to Kintbury, 10 minutes before time, but the verger was here and later Mr. R. J. Radbourne. Full use was made of the bells, and later handbells could be heard coming from certain lawns, and it was about 1 a.m. when we reached home.

To those who helped to make a perfect day we should like to mention Mr. W. C. West and Miss Y. L. Eloie.

A. V. G.

## LUTON, BEDS

Several ringing and non-ringing friends joined the ringers of Luton Parish Church on the occasion of their outing into Suffolk on July 1st.

The choice of towers was admirable. First came Long Melford, a particularly lovely village, with one of the most beautiful churches in the country, its tall clerestory windows (a feature of Suffolk churches) giving the magnificent nave an air of dignity and elegance.

We passed on to Lavenham, another delightful spot, and, like thousands before, were charmed by the famous bells, and who could help being impressed by that most imposing tower?

A short ring at Stowmarket preceded lunch, after which the fine octave at Debenham was much enjoyed. The distance from Debenham to Framdsen is not very great, and we were assured that we should have no difficulty in finding our way, but if this assurance was intended as a compliment, events proved that it was entirely undeserved! However, we did manage to get a short 'pull' at Framdsen before going on to Woodbridge, where an excellent tea was dealt with in a most expert manner, perhaps because we do not neglect our practice in this direction!

Refreshed, we set out for the last tower of the day, the very pleasant light ten at Grundisburgh, where we renewed acquaintance with members of the Pipe family. The homeward journey was broken for refreshments, after which the miles soon rolled by, and we reached home in good time.

Due thanks are tendered to incumbents, for permission to ring on some excellent bells, to the local ringers, who so warmly received us, to our driver, for his willing co-operation, and to our secretary, for his efforts in arranging an excellent outing.

A. E. R.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 17th, 1931.—

The ring of twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened with a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912.

## SUMMER-TIME OUTINGS

## ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

Following a well established custom at Eastbourne, the second Saturday in July is reserved for 'the outing.' This year, after the usual multitude of stops to pick up friends from outlying districts, two coaches headed for the newly cast ten at Maidstone. After some delay the bells were set going by one section of the 49 strong party, while the remainder pondered over the regimental standards in the church, or attempted Bach fugues on the organ.

Leaving Maidstone we were soon clambering over the roof of Rochester Cathedral to meet Charlie Norris in its spacious ringing chamber. All ringers were again catered for, although the Ringing Master was hard put to satisfy the demands, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Bromley was the next call, where we rang on the two octaves, meeting at St. Luke's Tom Newman, and at SS. Peter and Paul crowding into the small tower with Percy Spice.

Passing through scenery, which the South-down men grudgingly admitted to be excellent, the coaches reached Westerham, and the day's ringing was concluded. On the green the statue of a Westerham man, General Wolfe, who led the Royal Sussex Regiment over the Heights of Abraham, excited some comment from the Sussex ringers.

After thirsts had been finally quenched, the hole in George's bucket was again investigated, Clementine again laid to rest, and countless men (and their dogs) went to mow an equal number of meadows.

H. R.

## FARNHAM DISTRICT

Both ringing and a day at the seaside were combined in the Farnham District annual outing on July 1st. Bognor was chosen as the seaside destination and on the way the two coaches of ringers and their friends stopped at St. Mary's, Fittleworth, to be welcomed by the Vicar, and St. Nicholas', Arundel, where, in spite of the heat, everybody enjoyed the beautiful bells.

After an afternoon of sizzling on the beach and swimming in the sea the evening was spent ringing the bells of St. Mary's, Walberton, and later St. Mary's, Easebourne. A wonderful day with perfect weather and perfect organisation, thanks to D. W. Wright, the District Secretary.

R. E.

## MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRICT

Ringers of the Melton District held their annual outing to the Newark area on July 8th.

Leaving Melton at 1.45 p.m. the first tower visited was Elston, with a handy ring of 6, then on to North Muskham. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Eydens Cafe in Newark. After tea Winthorpe was visited. Here the ringers were alarmed by the weird noises in the bell chamber. Richard ascended the ladders to investigate, but all he could find was a large wooden frame which was dry and evidently creaked and groaned when the bells were rung.

At Barnby-in-the-Willows we were greeted by a loud bump overhead, which only proved to be a ladder which had fallen over. Balderston was the last tower visited: the lovely kept bellry was much admired and also the grand ring of bells.

Arrangements were made by Mr. R. H. Cook, assisted by the District chairman, Mr. R. E. Manton.

J. A. C.

**FARBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On July 1st, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1. M. Heymann (first 'inside') 2. K. Baker 3. M. Horseman (cond.) 4. J. Fray 5. J. Coombes 6. Rung after the wedding of Patrick Bridges to Barbara Deacon.

**HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.**—On June 25th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Walmsley (first quarter) 1. Ruth Mansley 2. J. B. Clarke 3. J. Martin 4. W. Mansley (first as cond.) 5. D. Harwood 6. A welcome to the Rev. H. F. Doupe.



## QUARTER PEALS

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, C. L. Bell 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, J. W. Blythe 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**LONDON.**—On July 9th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Hilda Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, Freda Greaves 5, K. Newman (first on 10) 6, W. F. Oatway 7, W. G. Wilson 8, B. W. Willgress (first as cond. on 10) 9, M. C. Gathercole 10. For morning service.

**LUDLOW, SALOP.**—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Keene (longest length of Major) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, D. Ferguson 4, J. Baldwin 5, H. Poyner 6, H. C. Lewis 7, J. Taylor (cond.) 8.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Shelagh Coyne (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Barrett 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, P. Dale 4, E. Shuttleworth 5, F. Osbaldiston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.**—On July 1st, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Rolfe 1, Miss J. E. Wright 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, L. Nice 4, M. Rose 5, E. Nice 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, J. Ivings 8, J. Paul 9, L. Sharpe 10. First of Royal for 1, 2 and 5.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Edmund, on July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. J. Marlow (first attempt) 1, D. Trueman 2, R. S. Roberts 3, K. D. Perkins 4, E. Billings (cond.) 5, R. J. White 6. For Evensong.

**OXFORD.**—On June 25th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. D. Edwards 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, H. W. Badger 3, C. C. Clarke 4, C. Coles 5, A. J. Adams 6, E. R. Venn 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,290 Doubles (five methods): G. Skelly 1, Mary Hall 2, C. Brown 3, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, J. Riley 6.

**ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. York 1, Miss S. Feakin 2, G. Wright 3, A. V. Flutter 4, B. Yeomans 5, B. Austin 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, G. Clipston 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. York, and a 70th to Mr. Albert E. York.

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## SUMMONED BY BELLS

By THE REV. A. H. GINEVER,  
Vicar of Waltham St. Lawrence

A WELL-KNOWN poet and writer has recently given us an account of some of his experiences and impressions in life from the early days up to the present in a book titled 'Summoned by Bells.' The title gives you at once a certain clue as to the sort of book it is before you have started to read it; the author is the sort of person who has known from his earliest years the language of the bells, a language which has spoken to him and to which he has responded.

At school, for instance, bells often summon children to their meals and to their duties, summon them to bed and to rise, summon them to the House of God. Bells at all sorts of hours and for all sorts of purposes: bells for freedom and detention; constant companions for young and old; for sorrowing and rejoicing. Later in life the author of the book knows and loves the message and language of the bells as they ring out their invitation to all and sundry to come together for the worship of Almighty God.

To the sensitive mind, to the sensitive soul, how real, how moving is the language of church bells—how deeply they speak to the innermost feeling, directing our thoughts and prayers Godwards, reminding us of the mercies and love of God upon which we are entirely dependent.

How valuable a ministry is that of the bellringer, who faithfully sees to it that the message rings out far and wide, speaking to men and women of spiritual things, reminding them of things we tend to overlook in the busy, workaday world. The inspiration of the bells which summons us to God's presence is beautifully expressed in the famous picture by the French artist Jean François Millet entitled 'The Angelus.' The scene is a peaceful and pastoral one: away beyond the fields is to be seen the little village church, and from its tower issues forth the message to all within hearing, to offer prayer to our Father in Heaven. Two workers stand in the field bareheaded, bowed in prayer, remembering Him Who gives us all.

That is the ministry of bells at its best; that is the valuable language that speaks to the souls of men. It is just as much a ministry as the ministry of the preacher and teacher in church and school.

It is impossible to measure or calculate the deep impression that the language of bells makes on the human mind. It is impossible to measure or calculate the effect of a preacher's message, however simple or learned it may be.

This is shown in a striking and simple story of a lay preacher who was asked at very short notice to take a service and preach at a small country church. 'Look unto Me and be saved' was his text. The address didn't last long but it was long enough to impress considerably a young man in the small congregation. He was a young man seeking to get right with God.

The preacher caught sight of him and looked straight at him and said: 'Young man, you look very miserable, and you will always be miserable if you do not obey our text—but if you obey this moment you will be saved!' He shouted: 'Young man, look to Jesus, look! look! That young man felt there and then the darkness of doubt removed and in its place the light of Jesus breaking through.

That is but a glimpse into the life of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, one of the greatest preachers and exponents of the Christian faith the Church has known. The simple message of the preacher went home—a message heard and obeyed. So can many a simple message of the bells summon a lonely and wandering soul to find Him who is the Saviour and Shepherd of our souls.

*[An address given at the annual service of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.]*

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## TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 ASFORDBY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.			
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 6		
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 7		
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8		
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9		
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.  
First peal in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.			
CECIL W. PIPE .. .. Treble	FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS .. 6		
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 7		
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 8		
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 9		
DAVID H. BUXTON .. .. 5	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'  
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George A. Fleming.

ASFORDBY SURPRISE ROYAL  
—30—14—50—16—1270—38, 14—14, 50, 34—36, 90  
L.H. 12. 1573.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 59 lb. in F.			
JACK PILGRIM .. .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 5		
*NEVILLE WHITTELL .. .. 2	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 6		
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 7		
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor		

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.  
\* First peal of Major.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.			
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5		
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 6		
DERMOTT ROAF .. .. 3	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 7		
*COLIN JOHNSON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. Tenor		

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.  
\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.  
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury.

CHULMLEIGH, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 23½ cwt.			
Parker's Twelve-Part.			
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. Treble	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5		
*DAVID WILLS .. .. 2	NORMAN MALLET .. .. 6		
LESLIE WALTERS .. .. 3	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 7		
DEREK JEWELL .. .. 4	FRANK D. MACK .. Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.  
\* First peal on eight bells. First on the bells since being restored in 1958, and the first since 1931.  
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Preb. E. V. Cox.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.			
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5		
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 6		
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7		
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BROMLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 11, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.			
PERCY J. SPICE .. .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE .. .. 5		
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. 6		
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 7		
MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor		

Composed by F. DENCH (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Canon W. H. Murray Walton) and Mrs. Walton on their retirement.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.			
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. Treble	BERNARD C. MANN .. .. 5		
HARRY R. APPLETON .. .. 2	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 6		
ALISON M. MANN .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. WHITE .. .. 7		
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 4	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor		

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. W. A. Randall, who is leaving Goldhanger to take up the living of Aveley.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
At the Watch Tower,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.			
Middleton's.			
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 5		
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 6		
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7		
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor		

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'  
Rung to celebrate the birth this day of Stephen to Margaret and George Deas.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., July 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF 5024 HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.			
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	*ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5		
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6		
*PETER BERESFORD .. .. 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7		
*JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor		

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county, and for the Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Comprising 1,408 Superlative, 1,280 Bristol, 1,248 Cambridge, 1,088 London: 107 changes of method.			
	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in A.		
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5		
IAN H. ORAM .. .. 2	STANLEY JENNER .. .. 6		
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7		
RALPH BIRD .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor		

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 11).  
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
First peal of Spliced on the bells.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 640 Wembley, 480 each of Bristol and Cambridge, and 320 each of Ashted, Ealing, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford and Yorkshire: with 139 changes of method.			
	Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.		
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5		
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6		
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7		
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor		

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.



# GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ANDREW S. HUDSON.. .. Treble	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY.. .. 6
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. .. 7
IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* 200th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

# HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT.. .. Treble	*EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 5
*JACQUELINE A. DYE.. .. 2	JOHN S. CHETTERBURGH .. 6
†CHRISTINE FOX.. .. 3	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 7
*LYNNE THOMPSON .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

Rung by some of the Sunday service band.

# LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BIGGLESWADE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES.. .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 6
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 3	PETER A. SHARP.. .. 7
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* 50th peal. First in this method.  
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. V. I. Dalby, B.A., R.D., upon his appointment to the prebendal stall of Biggleswade in the Cathedral Church of the B.V.M. of Lincoln.

# OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

## A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*†BARRY CORBISHLEY .. Treble	PETER T. DALE .. .. 5
*DENIS HEAPY .. .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. .. 6
*†HILARY L. HORN .. .. 3	*†PETER W. HORN .. .. 7
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Major.  
Rung to celebrate the birth of twin sons (Andrew and Robert) to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Heapy.

# PENN. STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5152 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.. Treble	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY.. .. 2	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

\* First peal in the method.

# SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*VICTOR DRAPER .. .. Treble	*CYRIL LOW .. .. 5
*MRS. FRANCES LOW.. .. 2	*ERIC COOK.. .. 6
*PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 3	PETER COXALL .. .. 7
*FRED PEARSON .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal in the method.

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# WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RICHARD HOLT.. .. Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON.. .. 2	JOHN M. HALLIWELL.. .. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 7
JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 4	JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

\* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage here this day of Mr. Peter R. Lomax and Miss Nancy Warren, both ringers at this church.

# EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT 5
*DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 2	*CYRIL R. BURRELL.. .. 6
*M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN.. 3	*TOM CHAPMAN.. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th for the Guild.

# FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN GROOM .. .. Treble	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 4
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
FRANK E. CROZIER .. .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

# STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Rosendale and Stamford; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) London and Wells; (6) Alnwick and Newcastle; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne and Hull Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS.. Treble	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 4
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL.. 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
*JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* Most Surprise methods to a peal.

# EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

ANNE J. BULLARD .. .. Treble	ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. 4
*GERALD W. EDWARDS .. 2	†JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE .. .. 3	R. GEORGE MORRIS.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

\* First peal. † 25th peal.

# HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JUDITH A. HARDING .. Treble	*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 4
CHRISTINE M. HOBART .. 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 5
*ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON.. 3	EDWARD G. MOULD.. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

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## BARHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of New Bob, Huntspill, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon and Grand-sire, and five each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3
RALPH BIRD .. .. 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 4

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

## CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Bob Doubles and 20 of Grand-sire; with 24 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Treble	ERIC C. WADMAN .. .. 3
*RUTH BEVAN .. .. 2	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 4

PETER WYCHERLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK

\* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Bevan and Mrs. R. G. Beck.

## CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*GEOFFREY BRIDGES (12) .. Treble	BRIAN R. MANNING .. .. 4
*ALAN H. BRIDGES (14) .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 5
*MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. 3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Minor in five methods.

## DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*TERENCE J. MILSOM .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 4
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 2	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 5
HENRY TAYSON .. .. 3	*ALAN F. LEE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in three Minor methods. The conductor's 25th peal for the Association.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sandra Lewis.

## TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARGARET CHAPPELL .. Treble	ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 4
† ANNE P. SMITH .. .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3	PETER T. DALE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## SWANBOURNE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

*W. DAVID WARD .. .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
*DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in 11 Minor methods.  
Rung on the Feast of St. Swithun.

## DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Bath Branch.)

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*CAROL A. RITCHENS .. Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT .. .. 4
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. 5
*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 3	ALBERT F. BUTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the Rev. G. Evans, Rector of Dunkerton.

## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

CHARLES B. SKINNER .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

## WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS W. WOOD .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 4
DENNIS F. JAINE .. .. 2	GEORGE E. COUSINS .. 5
BRYAN A. ELLSMORE .. 3	FRANK REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

A farewell to Ven. T. B. Randolph, who has taken up his appointment as Archdeacon of Hereford.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

*PAMELA M. BUCKLE .. Treble	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2	ALEC GAMMON .. .. 5
† CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN 3	PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

\* First peal, first attempt. † First in the method.

Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, and as a farewell to John S. Walker.

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**HANDBELL PEALS**

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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE.

**A PEAL OF 6000 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, R. Canterbury, six of Clifford's Pleasure, ten of St. Columb, six of Old and 12 of Southrepps.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Bridges.

Also

*On Sun., April 30, 1961, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents each of Old and Plain Bob Doubles.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4

\*GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY BRIDGES.

\* 25th peal. 25th peal together for 1-2 and 5-6, 3-4 and 5-6.

Also

*On Sun., May 7, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of R. Canterbury, Kennington, April Day, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, ten of Old and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4

GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sun., July 2, 1961, in 2 Hours,*

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. 1-2 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5-6

JOHN A. ACRES .. 3-4 | DEREK M. SAWYER .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

**SOME OF THE OUTINGS****HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD**

For their 1961 outing the ringers of Holy Trinity, Guildford, chose what must prove to be the hottest day of the year. The first tower to be visited on July 1st was St. Mary's. Reading. This well known and beautiful octave provided the ideal beginning to an arduous but enjoyable day. Newbury was reached at 11 a.m. and the ringing of the ten bells on St. Nicholas' was not of the order favourably to impress a critical listener. Being piloted by a very careful driver in a brand new coach was the reason for a late arrival in Marlborough. Here, on the heavy six of St. Mary's, the quality of the ringing improved, ending with a good touch of London.

The afternoon's blistering heat combined with rather difficult handling of the bells to effect an early stoppage to ringing at St. Paul's, Salisbury. The proprietor of the Cups Hotel kindly put bathroom and bedrooms at our disposal for a much needed wash. At Romsey Abbey the long climb to the ringing chamber had its ample reward in the sound and sight (for those sufficiently agile to climb further) of the bells of which Hampshire is justly proud. Here, Ann Cox (who, when in Guildford, frequently gave sterling help with both service and practice ringing) met the party. The last ring of the day was a course of Superlative, which concluded an hour's enjoyment on the fine octave at Alton. The comment, 'I'd love a peal here,' illustrated the general appreciation of the tone, 'go' and audibility of the bells. The only sad note on the outing was the fact that we visited some noteworthy towers and passed through glorious countryside with a far from full coach.

S. G. P.

**ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN**

St. Mary's, Hitchin, ringers and their friends had a prompt start to their outing on June 17th. So successful was it that we arrived early at St. Mary's, Wymondham—the Abbey—and had time to ramble around and admire the grey towers, one at either end of the church, before climbing to ring the lovely, stately octave. Afterwards came St. Remigius, Hethersett, which is tucked away up a leafy lane, and its light eight (tenor 94 cwt.) reminded many of Norton, in Hertfordshire.

Into Norwich, for lunch, then across the market to ring at the famous St. Peter Mancroft. To our shame we broke the stay on the third, and had to ring the back eight only. Later we went to St. Giles', a most enjoyable octave, particularly when rung at a good pace.

During tea the organiser was thanked and afterwards we went to Hingham, the last climb of the day, with a pleasing medium weight octave in a spacious ringing chamber. The time keeping was excellent and this added to the enjoyment of the typical grey churches with long, but worthwhile climbs to large ringing chambers.

J. S.

**ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH**

Leaving Ipswich at 6 a.m. on July 8th the long run to Nottingham, our rendezvous for the day, was started in very unfavourable weather. However, on reaching the first tower for ringing, St. Giles', West Bridgford, the climatic conditions had greatly improved. Our pilots, Messrs. H. Lewin and D. Nichols, were awaiting our arrival and the bells were soon going to Cambridge. We thoroughly enjoyed this easy going eight, but found them rather difficult to hear owing to the efficient way the louvres had been insulated to reduce the sound from annoying people in this very densely populated area. (The people were there long before the bells.)

The next call was St. Mary's, Nottingham—but sad to relate our performance on this noble ten was not impressive, but morale improved by the ringing a beautiful touch of Stedman Triples. A short walk brought us to the very modern Co-op. restaurant, where lunch and tea had been arranged: both good meals, nicely served.

The first tower after lunch was St. Peter's and Fred Salter there with a very cordial welcome. A very pleasant hour was spent on this lively, quick running ten. Whilst taking leave of old friends some of the party became mislaid—detached so to speak, the remainder going on to Basford and Hucknall, putting both these full-toned peals to good account.

All too soon we had to take leave of Nottingham, but previous to moving off Mr. E. Blake voiced the appreciation of the party to John Munnings, for making all the arrangements, and to our two pilots, for their generous and useful assistance during the day. A very pleasant run home on a fine evening brought another successful outing to a close.

G. R. G.

**TALGARTH, BRECON**

The ringers of St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, were joined by ringers from Llanarth, Glasbury, Eardisley, Gilwern and Brecon for their outing to Swansea on July 12th.

Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, the first tower, was reached by 10 a.m., where touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent and Cambridge were scored. Some of the striking, however, left much to be desired. At Neath, where the party rang before splitting up for lunch, some good touches were scored on the easy-going six (tenor 8 cwt.).

In the afternoon and evening three towers were visited—Gorseinon (8), where some good ringing was enjoyed; Sketty, where touches of Oxford Bob, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. After tea in Swansea came the best ring of the day, on the new eight at St. Mary's, Swansea. The bells went well to a touch of Kent T.B. Major.

The outing was organised by the Talgarth captain, Mr. D. H. Bennett, to whom the thanks of all are due.

M. R. T.

**COTTON AND MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK**

The Cotton and Mendlesham ringers' annual outing, along with friends from neighbouring towers, introduced us to part of the Bedfordshire countryside.

Felmersham (8), the first tower, was reached unfortunately behind time, resulting in a clash with a short service. A quick ring was had before visiting Turvey (8).

An excellent lunch was provided in Kempston, after which ringing was continued at All Saints' (8).

The eight at Toddington presented a cracked seventh, which has evidently been in such a condition since the 1920's. Tea was taken in Woburn, before going to Husborne Crawley (8), which proved to be the best ring of the day. The last tower was Barton-le-Cley (8).

A stop was made on the journey home, during which the handbells were rung, to complete an enjoyable day's ringing. Our thanks to Mr. Chilvers, for arranging the outing, and to incumbents, for the use of the bells.

**BROMLEY VICAR RETIRES**

A memorable incumbency comes to an end with the retirement this month of the Vicar of Bromley, Canon W. H. Murray Walton. The ancient parish church fell victim of a direct hit from a bomb and was almost completely destroyed. With great engineering ingenuity the tower was restored and now stands as a dignified campanile slightly apart from the glorious new church which has arisen from the ruins of the old. The eight bells, by Thomas Jannaway, which for some 200 years had been rung by successive generations of Bromley Youths, were destroyed, and in 1946, as almost the first part of the restoration, a splendid new ring of eight was installed by Gillett and Johnston.

The church was completed and a great service of rededication and thanksgiving took place on December 14th, 1958, immediately following which the first peal was rung on the bells. Several peals have been rung since, the latest being on July 11th—a peal of Cambridge, the first of Surprise on the new bells—as a farewell to the Vicar, during whose incumbency these historic events have taken place.

Canon Murray Walton has welcomed the Kent County Association to several annual general meetings and numerous District meetings. He and Mrs. Walton will be living at Long Crendon, Bucks, and ringers will wish them a long and happy retirement.

The ringers who took part in the peal were kindly entertained at the Vicarage afterwards by the Vicar and Mrs. Walton.

Mr. Alan Buswell has had the rare privilege of visiting Brownsea Island and examining the four bells in St. Mary's Church. The bells were cast by John Warner and Sons in 1855 and 1856 and it is believed that they were last rung in 1937.



## LONG LENGTH

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On July 8th, 2.160 Doubles (240 each of Fortune, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rushall, Seighford, Little Aston, Old St. Columb): Julia A. Chandler 1. A. Gammon 2. R. H. Jones (cond.) 3. J. S. Walker 4. N. D. Deam 5. For enthronement of Archbishop of Canterbury.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On July 16th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (54 singles, 3 bobs): M. Angela Canter 1. Philippa J. P. Dixon (first of Minor 'inside') 2. Anne M. Rowson (first of Minor 'inside') 3. J. W. Berry 4. W. A. Smith (cond.) 5. J. M. Ekaine Dixon 6. (2 and 6 have now 'circled the tower' in quarters.) Rung for Evensong.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On July 9th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Wells 1. P. Sappwell 2. J. Smith (cond.) 3. R. Cullington 4. N. J. A. Pumphrey 5. W. J. Dumolo 6. D. Phillips 7. D. Pardon 8. First in method for 1. 2 and 4. Rung for Matins.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On July 9th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1. L. Forster 2. P. Lester 3. Alice E. J. Lester 4. R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. E. Hotine 6. Rung before Evensong, half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. J. Prentice, of Barking.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 27th, 1.263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. K. E. Chilcott 1. Miss J. L. Lavender 2. J. Schofield (cond.) 3. Miss J. M. Winchester 4. Miss E. A. Cooper 5. F. E. Darby 6. E. G. Talbot 7. R. J. Cook 8. F. D. Jennings 9. L. A. Reece 10. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.**—On July 5th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7. 6. 8 covering): Sheila Gasson 1. S. W. Brown 2. Anne Bidwell 3. B. Nulty 4. H. W. Brown (cond.) 5. A. W. Jones 6. J. Nulty 7. E. Jenks 8. First quarter for all except ringers of 2 and 5.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On July 16th, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: L. Coe 1. M. J. Cooper 2. Mrs. B. Holmes 3. H. Wagstaffe 4. A. Keller 5. A. B. Cooper 6. D. Cooper 7. K. Rutland 8. First touch in new ringing chamber.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On July 10th, 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 1. Miss M. R. Page 2. R. N. Marlow 3. H. Roper (first quarter of Minor) 4. L. A. Page 5. H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Harry Prout.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On July 16th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: M. G. Foster (first on eight) 1. Miss I. Inman 2. D. J. R. Martin 3. P. J. Spice 4. I. H. Oram 5. Miss M. E. Kirby (cond.) 6. B. D. Threlfall 7. P. W. Cave 8. Rung for the farewell service to the Vicar, Canon W. H. Murray Walton.

**CHADLINGTON, OXON.**—On June 8th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lewis 1. B. Cooper 2. P. Coveney (cond.) 3. A. Leach 4. W. Lewis 5. J. Harvey 6. Rung for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On July 2nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Kingston 1. Mrs. E. G. Swift 2. C. J. Shepherd 3. E. G. Swift (cond.) 4. M. G. Swift 5. E. J. Briden 6. For the Patronal Festival.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1.296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jillian Outhwaite 1. N. Martin 2. D. Parker (first of Surprise) 3. A. Macve 4. R. Finch 5. D. Manger (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On July 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Webb 1. Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2. E. R. Duffield 3. B. Webb 4. K. Smith (first 'inside') 5. E. Piper (first of Surprise) 6. A. Beckwith 7. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**CORSOMBE, DORSET.**—On July 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Frampton 1. Edna Pannell (cond.) 2. M. Dawe (first quarter) 3. C. Poole 4. J. T. Barrett 5. J. Niles 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the tenor ringer.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—On July 1st, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Purnell 1. M. Bartlett 2. A. Barr 3. M. W. Gilbert 4. P. W. Gay 5. Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. R. J. Gay (cond.) 7. K. E. Pinney 8. Rung as a farewell to P. W. Gay, who is leaving Crewkerne School.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DERBY.**—On June 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1.260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Bridges 1. D. G. Astridge 2. A. H. Bridges 3. G. Bridges 4. D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5. W. Smith (first quarter) 6.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: H. Hines 1. Mrs. K. I. Tebble 2. Miss B. Syrett 3. A. G. Harrison 4. G. Maynard (first quarter) 5. F. C. Roper 6. C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 7. H. B. Fuller 8. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Worsley.

**DORCHESTER, OXON.**—On June 5th, at the Abbey, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles (1. 2 covering): R. Dyke (first quarter) 1. Helen Butler 2. Susan Howes 3. Margaret Thewlis 4. G. McIlhone (cond.) 5. D. Exon 6. Rung for the Abbey Festival. Also on June 26th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Exon 1. D. Skade 2. R. Dyke 3. Helen Butler 4. Susan Howes 5. Margaret Thewlis (cond.) 6. G. McIlhone 7. W. Tame 8. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On June 27th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles (7. 6. 8 covering): C. Cook 1. E. Leigh 2. P. Morse 3. J. Warner 4. E. Jenner (cond.) 5. L. Fox 6. D. Leigh 7. E. Rogers 8. To commemorate the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On July 14th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Black 1. A. E. York 2. M. A. Coleman (cond.) 3. G. Clipston 4. A. Warren 5. Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. M. J. Goodman.

**HOLLAND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.**—On July 15th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: B. W. Fairhead 1. F. B. Lufkin 2. A. Hubble 3. U. W. Wildney 4. J. L. Towler 5. E. E. Davey 6. M. E. Downs (first as cond.) 7. A. G. Semkin 8.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On July 9th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bishop (cond.) 1. W. White 2. Miss M. Thomas 3. J. Gordon (first 'inside') 4. C. Garlick 5. J. H. Napper 6. G. Bishop 7. L. Cox 8.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.**—On July 16th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Burrough 1. Mrs. C. E. Slade 2. Miss S. J. Heasman 3. R. E. Waters 4. B. E. Matthews 5. J. Schofield (cond.) 6. C. E. Slade 7. J. M. G. Anthony 8. First in method for 3. Rung for the annual Marriage Thanksgiving service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On July 16th, 1.440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Mills 1. S. Meredith 2. R. Blackshaw 3. M. W. Harrison 4. A. Larkin 5. B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**IFFLEY, OXON.**—On June 8th, 1.260 Minor (3 methods): A. J. Adams (cond.) 1. C. Bennett 2. Mrs. L. W. A. Bunby 3. Mrs. C. Clarke 4. W. Fenn 5. L. W. A. Bunby 6. Rung for the christening of the grandson of the 3rd and 6th ringers.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On June 28th, at St. Mary's, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Morgan 1. C. F. Jukes 2. D. N. Layton 3. A. Fasey 4. M. Wright 5. A. E. Morgan (cond.) 6. F. E. Jukes 7. F. Preston 8. Rung as part of the Festival of Music and Drama Week. Also on July 2nd, 1.260 Doubles (4 methods): A. Fasey 1. A. E. Morgan 2. C. F. Jukes 3. F. E. Jukes 4. D. N. Layton (cond.) 5. F. Preston 6. Rung for Evensong, also as a birthday compliment to C. F. Jukes and F. Preston, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On July 15th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss T. E. Staples (first quarter) 1. B. T. Cook 2. J. A. Harrison 3. E. A. Harrison 4. M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the completion of the modernisation of the Rectory.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On July 16th, 1.280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds 1. F. Hunt 2. L. Pryke 3. A. R. Knight 4. F. Mortlock 5. R. Chambers 6. M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7. W. Jarvis 8. First of Oxford Major by 2, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to W. Jarvis.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On July 16th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1. Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2. Miss H. Mason 3. G. W. Land (cond.) 4. P. Kirby 5. A. J. King 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss G. S. M. Walsh.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on July 16th, 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1. Miss A. Lowings 2. J. Carrott 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. A. H. Worboys 5. F. G. Richardson 6. J. Fowler 7. A. Gargrave 8. T. East 9. A. J. Salisbury 10. For Matins.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—On July 9th, at the Parish Church, 1.367 Grandsire Caters: R. A. Shekelton 1. J. Saddington 2. Mrs. A. Beck 3. M. Stevens 4. R. Smith 5. G. Doggett 6. H. Myatt 7. P. L. Taylor 8. L. W. Stevens (cond.) 9. E. Briggs 10. For Evensong in thanksgiving for the birth of a grandson to Jack Saddington and the golden wedding of the mother-in-law of Eddie Weaver.

**MERRIOT, SOMERSET.**—On July 1st, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Gay 1. R. Cannon 2. S. Turner 3. D. J. Purnell 4. K. E. Pinney (cond.) 5. P. W. Gay 6. Rung by member of Crewkerne School for Founder's Day.

**OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.**—On July 15th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Plumtree 1. C. J. Hughes (cond.) 2. R. Farnsworth 3. R. Shingleton 4. C. Longden 5. P. Watson (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Swithin.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On July 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Walker (12 years, first quarter) 1. R. Walker 2. K. Sansom (cond.) 3. B. Kercher (first 'inside') 4. K. Tipper 5. W. Davison (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Graham Davison, a ringer at St. Peter's. First quarter by Sunday service band.

**PETERSTOWE, HEREFORDS.**—On July 16th, 1.260 Doubles (Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): M. V. Powell 1. L. H. Colcombe 2. C. Phillips 3. R. G. Powell 4. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A. Williams 6. After Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On July 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1.259 Grandsire Caters: H. A. Mitchell (Bournemouth) 1. Yvonne C. Porter 2. Margaret R. Page (Salisbury) 3. F. E. Day 4. D. R. Bould 5. H. F. Myers 6. S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7. E. G. Bennett (Hatfield) 8. T. G. Myers (cond.) 9. W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On July 16th, 1.344 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-Part): Miss D. Catton 1. Miss J. Rowe 2. D. Belcham 3. G. Blower 4. E. J. Blower 5. R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6. A. J. House 7. W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on July 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Goddard (first quarter) 1. P. Avey 2. A. Reeve 3. G. Blower 4. R. Tomlin 5. D. Belcham 6. A. House (cond.) 7. W. Ward 8. A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Hatch, on their silver wedding anniversary.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On July 13th, 1.260 Bob Minor: D. West (first of Minor) 1. M. Ann Williams (first 'inside') 2. M. D. Atfield (first quarter) 3. D. J. Mundy 4. A. Streeter 5. F. E. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung with birthday compliments to the father of the 5th.

**SEALE, SURREY.**—On July 4th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Martin (first on treble) 1. C. Poyntz 2. J. W. Carter 3. Mrs. Merritt 4. E. Gardner (cond.) 5. W. L. Draper (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, and in honour of the 71st birthday of J. W. Carter.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.**—On July 13th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Edkins (first quarter) 1. P. Copley 2. K. B. Sissons 3. D. Sheppard 4. J. Potts 5. A. Sheppard (cond.) 6.

**STAFFORD, STAFFS.**—On July 16th, 1.280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: F. H. Eley 1. F. R. Wiggins 2. Cynthia Bibby 3. Robert J. Warrilow 4. R. Barlow 5. B. J. Wyld 6. R. K. Mowforth 7. R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. Barlow, leaving Stafford shortly for India.

**STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.**—At St. Ann's Church, on July 16th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Rowe 1. Miss P. Rowe 2. T. Newcombe 3. Miss A. Aldridge 4. W. A. Theobald 5. T. Hawkins 6. M. J. Rowe (first as cond. in the method) 7. L. Green 8. Rung to celebrate the christening of Estelle Harding, daughter of Mrs. J. Harding, of the Southgate band.



**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On July 12th. 1.260 Stedman Triples: P. M. Jervis 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker 3, D. Wight 4, A. K. Fortin (first in the method) 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, C. Tovey 8.

**THRUMPTON, NOTTS.**—On July 5th. 1.260 Doubles (6 methods): R. Blackshaw 1, J. Woolley 2, C. Froggatt 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5.

**TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.**—On July 13th. 1.296 Little Bob Major: G. E. Watson 1, F. E. Crosier 2, Miss S. R. Collins 3, R. A. Webster 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, A. L. Priestly 6, A. Gibbs 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDD.**—On July 9th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, H. W. Impey 2, D. G. Rowlands (first of Minor) 3, F. Bedford 4, F. H. Corke (cond.) 5, E. R. Gotham 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to 1 and 4.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On July 13th. 1.344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Butler 1, Margaret Thewlis 2, Helen Butler 3, V. Fox 4, Susan Howes 5, G. McIlhone 6, A. Howes 7, F. Absolom (cond.) 8. First of Major for all except the conductor. Rung as birthday compliments to Paul Absolom (3) and Helen Butler (20).

**WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On July 18th. 1.260 Doubles (2 methods): M. V. Powell 1, R. G. Powell 2, L. H. Colcombe 3, A. J. Probert 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 16th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Bagworth 1, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 2, M. Barton 3, C. Ottley 4, N. Bagworth 5, H. W. Clark 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Rawlings 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and to celebrate the 210th anniversary of Holt's Original, first rung in this tower in 1751.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.**—On July 16th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mary B. Powell 1, D. H. White 2, Mrs. M. Thirkettle 3, Marjorie Legg 4, M. J. Worrall 5, J. S. B. Powell 6, M. V. White (first of Triples as cond.) 7, D. G. Harris 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 5 and 6. Half-muffled for Evensong in memoriam Prebendary Gerald William Battersby, chaplain to H.M. the Queen—Rector, 1951-1961, who died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on July 14th.

**WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.**—On July 15th. 1.440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Maughan (first quarter) 1, S. Thompson 2, G. S. Deas 3, N. Errington 4, K. W. Cheeseman 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. A 13th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**WILLINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On July 16th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Williams (aged 13 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Percy 2, Janet Percy (13 years) 3, R. Percy 4, H. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. Honeysett (14 years, first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is moving to Salisbury.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On July 10th. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. D. Evans (first in two methods) 1, Hazel Everett 2, G. Upsdell 3, Christine Glastonbury (first in two methods) 4, W. Dare (cond.) 5, N. Lamping 6.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On July 12th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): E. Flintham 1, O. Gatter 2, F. Mack (cond.) 3, F. Bastin 4, S. Sharland 5, J. Smith (first quarter) 6, P. Gatter 7, A. Knight (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and as a 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

**WORCESTER.**—At St. Swithin's Church, on July 15th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bayliss (first of Minor) 1, Susan Jackson 2, J. C. Slater 3, F. C. Pugh 4, D. Beacham (cond.) 5, G. E. Evenden 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival service.

## OUTING

### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

It was dull and showery at 8 a.m. on July 8th, when Sheffield Cathedral band left for their annual outing, but the weather later turned warm and bright. The first stop was at Howden Minster, where some excellent ringing on this fine octave was enjoyed. The next call was the pleasant 6-bell ring at Eastington. Here can be seen a stained glass window showing the ringers in action.

Lunch, taken at an hotel (which shall be nameless) in Beverley, proved to be quite a long and stylish affair, but lacked the real substance and delayed the party's arrival at the Minster. However, an hour's ringing on these fine bells was very much enjoyed; the oscillation of the tower, due to a heavy ring in a slender tower, causes handling to be a bit tricky sometimes.

Kirk Ella, the home tower of Messrs. Perret and J. Rank, founder members of the Sheffield University Society, was next visited. In this beautiful church amid pleasant surroundings the party did not do justice to the fine-toned six. After tea at Beverley, a longish run brought us to Epworth, the birthplace of John Wesley. Ringing here on the light eight was much enjoyed and of a high standard. After the usual call for refreshment, the run home followed, arriving in Sheffield at 10.30. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, and a variety of Minor, Major and Royal, a fair standard being maintained.

Last year the trip was purely for ringers, 320 miles being travelled in private cars, but this year's party included non-ringers, 150 miles being covered, all within the boundaries of our home county, Yorkshire.

Our thanks are extended to incumbents and local companies of the towers visited.

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The new Sunday service band at Bolney, Sussex, have rung their first quarter peal exactly one year after their first practice on open bells. There were six ringers ringing their first quarter peal.

The peals rung by the late Mr. F. W. Burnett at Portsmouth Cathedral totalled 89 and not 39 as inadvertently appeared on page 481.

With the peal of Doubles at Hordle, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell has completed the 'legitimate' Grandshire family from Doubles to Cinques.

The meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Rattlesden and Drinkstone is on September 30th and not as stated on page 474.

The number of changes in the quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Boh Major rung at Bray on July 9th (page 483) was 1,264.

Five peals were scored during a Manchester area peal week between July 17th and 20th. Mr. Robert B. Smith conducted Cambridge Surprise Royal at Stockport.

The visitors to Hodnet on Saturday, July 15th, were not met because the captain did not know they were coming. Please accept his apologies.

Visiting Lechlade Church for Sunday morning ringing on July 16th, Miss H. Mason was able in the evening to complete the band for a quarter peal. The conductor writes expressing Lechlade ringers' thanks to her.

Mr. Bert Luck, the leader of the ringers at Canterbury Cathedral, has received a message of appreciation from the Archbishop of the peal that was rung on the evening of the Archbishop's enthronement. After his long and tiring day, the Archbishop had retired early to bed, and had great pleasure in listening to the bells.

The band who rang the peal at Oldswinford, Worcestershire, would like to associate it with Miles France Lebreton and Annick Roquet of Le Mans, France. The peal, owing to the unfortunate death of Mr. Johnson, had to be rung half-muffled, but was originally intended as a compliment to the above young ladies.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

For over 65 years the name of York has been associated with Rothwell, Northants, belfry, and on July 5th a quarter peal of Grandshire Triples was rung there for the 83rd birthday of Mr. A. J. York and the 70th of Mr. A. E. York. Their loyalty to the tower and Guild over this long period has never been wanting, and they still ring regularly for Sunday service and practice. Mr. A. E. York is the captain of the ringers, a position he has held on and off for the past 40 years.

Mr. F. Preston has completed 50 years as a ringer at Kingswinford, Staffs. Congratulations!

The ringer of the fifth in the peal of Grandshire Triples at Brierley Hill (see page 465) was Mr. C. Frederick Jukes and not as printed. The conductor sends his apologies.

The Rev. R. E. A. Lloyd, Rector of Fulmer, sends the astonishing yet true piece of information: Married at Fulmer Parish Church on July 22nd, John B. Reis to Sally Bell. (Both are ringers.)

Wing-Commander Donald Perrens, D.S.O., D.F.C., who is a master at Eastbourne College, was awarded the O.B.E. in the recent birthday honours list. He is the son of the esteemed librarian of the Central Council, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

The death of Preb. Battersby, Rector of Weston-super-Mare, will be regretted by a very wide circle of people. Weston is the largest civil parish in the Bath and Wells Diocese, and the Sunday morning and evening services were attended by between 300 and 400 people. A memorial quarter is recorded in this issue.

Mrs. Nancy Poore Tafts, the author of 'The Art of Handbell Ringing' and a former editor of 'Overtones,' is in this country and staying until August 15th at The Chantry, Llangollen, Denbighshire. Last year she had a most memorable holiday, hearing some excellent tune ringing by the Norbury and Ecclesfield ringers, the Whites, of Appleton, and the ringers of St. Mary's, Launton.

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## ARCHBISHOP'S 'DEEP APPRECIATION'

A copy of 'The Ringing World' of July 14th, containing a record of peals and quarter peals rung in honour of the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, was sent by the Editor to His Grace. The following reply has been received from the Rev. John Andrew, Chaplain to the Archbishop:

'My dear Mr. Editor,—I am commanded by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury to thank you for your most kind letter of good wishes, and for the copy of "The Ringing World" in which there are mentions of the peals rung when His Grace was enthroned.

'As a great lover of the sound of the bells of his churches, the Archbishop was particularly gratified with this lovely way of greeting, and I think you ought to know how deeply he appreciates this.

'Perhaps a mention in your magazine of His Grace's pleasure and delight may be some recompense for all the kindness of the many teams who took part up and down the country.'

## PEAL OF 32,704 CHANGES RUNG

### Longest Length By One Set Of Ringers

Ringing history was made at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on July 15th, when the longest length ever rung to a peal by one set of ringers, consisting of 32,704 changes of Plain Bob Major, was accomplished in 15 hours 30½ minutes.

The peal was conducted by Mr. Robert B. Smith, of Marple. The band consisted of Bernard F. L. Groves (Maidstone) treble, John M. Jelley (Leicester) 2, Neil Bennett (Ashton) 3, Patrick I. Chapman (Davenport) 4, Barrie Hendry (Birmingham) 5, A. Peter Whitehead (Marsden) 6, Derek Ogden (Manchester) 7, Robert B. Smith (Marple) tenor.

We are sure the Exercise will extend to the band its warmest congratulations. Details and photograph next week.

## DEATH OF MR. ALBERT WALKER

With deep regret we record the death on Friday after a very short illness of Mr. Albert Walker, of 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham. The funeral service took place on Monday at Robin Hood Cemetery.

Mr. Walker, who was 85 years of age, was vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, which he joined in 1897. He had been a College Youth for over 50 years and a member of the Central Council for 28 years.

### Unheeded!

Perhaps it is because of the holidays, but more postal subscriptions are outstanding than usual. Please send remittance today to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE — 30



MR. THOMAS G. MYERS,  
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The promotion of change-ringing in the south-west corner of England has always been a difficult and challenging task. The counties of Devon and Cornwall are both strongholds of call-change ringing, and in most parts of the area this method produces excellent striking. Unlike other parts of the country, the Devon Association of Call-change Ringers exists to promote competition ringing between local bands, and whereas amongst change-ringers the best striking is usually done by mixed parties, it is the reverse with the call-change men. They always ring as a local company, and would be upset with a mixed band. This is all to the good, and through the 87 years since the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was formed the scientific men have always had to try to aim at a high standard of striking. Such is the enthusiasm of the call-change ringers for good ringing that they will always give applause and credit when a scientific band do give a polished performance with the 'tenor-behind.'

In the south-west area of Devon no change-ringer's name is more respected by the call-change men than Myers. During some competitions, in days gone by, when it was known that 'the Myers are listening,' it has put even the call-change men on their mettle! Mr. Thomas G. Myers, of Plymouth, son of the late G. Harry Myers, is very proud of the work which his father, his brother A. William Myers, and himself, have done to attain this reputation.

Tom Myers was born in Plymouth on September 29th, 1906, and learnt to handle a bell as a small boy during the first world war at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. He owes a great deal to his father as, during those war years, there was no 'open' ringing in Plymouth, and he and his brother William were taken up to the belfry by their father, who was also in charge of the turret clock, and given a few minutes' practice each day, between 12 noon and 1 p.m., on a tied bell. After ringing was resumed again Tom mastered change-ringing, and rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples at St. George's, Stonehouse, Plymouth, on July 19th, 1922, conducted by his father. (These bells were unfortunately destroyed during the last war.) At the time, aged 15, he was the youngest to ring a peal in the West of England. His first peal of Major was also rung at Stonehouse on March 16th, 1927, being Plain Bob. On September 21st, 1929, he scored his first peal as conductor—Grandsire Doubles at Meavy, and on June 21st, 1930, he called his first 8-bell peal at Revelstoke, with Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples. Being in the watch- and clockmaking business—he succeeded to the business founded by his father in 1894—he has not always been free on a Saturday, so opportunities for peals have not been too frequent. However, his present total is 196, including two on handbells, of which he has conducted 80.

Many of his peals have been rung for specific purposes, to commemorate national events, and many of them have been in his home tower of St. Andrew's, where hangs a very fine ring of ten, with a 35 cwt. tenor. He rang this bell to a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1926, when he was 19, and took part in the first peal of Royal there in 1927, when his father conducted from the tenor, at the time the heaviest tenor 'turned in' to a peal for the Guild. He conducted Bob Royal from the tenor for the coronation of King George VI on May 12th, 1937, and also conducted the same method on May 24th, 1938, when his brother, A. William Myers, rang the tenor. After the last war Tom conducted two outstanding peals—Bob Royal on November 15th, 1949, to celebrate the bicentenary of the bells (1749–1949), and his father rang the treble, becoming the first to 'circle the tower'; and probably the most historic peal that will ever be rung at St. Andrew's was rung on the patronal festival day, 1957, to commemorate the reconsecration of the restored church after serious war damage in the blitz. On this occasion his brother, A. William, became the second one to 'complete the circle.'

In days gone by, opportunities for ringing peals in anything else than the four standard methods were very few, unless with a band of visitors, so Tom has had to travel to other parts to progress. He is thus very proud of taking part in the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Devon at St. Andrew's on July 13th, 1937, conducted by C. H. Kippin, and it was Tom's first 'touch' of Surprise Royal! The same year was a highlight for the Guild, as he took part in the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, rung by a resident band, both conducted by C. R. Lilley. The first time he ever heard Maximus will always revive pleasant memories for Tom! He took part in a peal of Kent T.B. at St. John's, Croydon, and it was his first attempt for a 12-bell peal. The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on a visit to Exeter in 1947, gave him his first peal of Stedman Cinques. Proudly he remembers it 'as near a perfect peal on 12 bells as is likely to be rung on bells of such weight.'

Another peal which delighted him was a perfect peal of Stedman Cinques at St. John's, Croydon, on June 28th, 1947, composed and conducted by C. W. Roberts. At this tower, too, Tom also rang his first 'touch' of Cambridge Maximus in 1950; this enabled him to complete the Cambridge family from Minor to Maximus, which he has also done in Plain Bob and Stedman. He has twice called peals of Grandsire Caters at Truro Cathedral, and also taken part in the first peals of Bob Royal and Oxford T.B. Royal there, too. His list includes peals as far away as Holy Trinity, Guildford, Newcastle Cathedral, Christchurch Priory, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and St. Patrick's, Dublin. One of his recent achievements, of which he feels justly proud, is being the first Devon ringer to conduct a peal from every bell in a tower. This was accomplished at Bridgerule; and he has rung in all the ringable 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-bell towers in the county.

Tom has had 34 years' unbroken service as an officer for the Guild, and he has been a general committee member since 1927, and secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master of the South West Branch since 1946. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1948, and conducted the first 'officers' peal for the Guild, this being its 1,000th peal. He has been a sidesman and member of St. Andrew's P.C.C. for 20 years, and from 1943–46 he was in charge at Emmanuel, Plymouth. Before he relinquished the captaincy to Mr. J. P. Sims, he had raised the ringing from rounds and call-changes to well-struck Grandsire Triples. He is always teaching people, and the numbers must run well into three figures. In 1960 alone it was 28, of which only two continued into 1961!

Tom Myers is the right man in the right place. An excellent bell-handler and a fine back-ender, he is the best advertisement for 'scientific' ringing amongst the Devon call-change men. He sets a high standard of striking himself and he expects others to follow his example.

APACE.



## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch were fortunate in having a lovely day for their quarterly meeting at Askerswell on St. Swithin's Day. This was the first time the Guild had ever been to visit this charming place, and all were full of praise for the delightful, easy-going and tuneful six. Eight towers of the Branch were represented, with visitors from Isleworth, Yeovil, Hampreston, Wellington and Yetminster. Mr. W. T. Godfrey, of Milford-on-Sea, was warmly welcomed, having been a member of the Branch for some years.

The new Guild Office was used for the first time by the Branch, being conducted by the Rev. O. L. Willmott, and the lesson read by the president, Canon C. Carew Cox.

Tea, served in the school, was generously given by the people of Askerswell, and included fresh Scottish salmon. Members subscribed £2 6s. 6d. towards the cost of a sound-reducing floor for the tower, thus showing their appreciation of an excellent meal.

Canon Cox presided at the business meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Beaminster on September 16th. Mrs. A. Scott was elected an honorary member, and the following young ringers of Askerswell were elected members: Juliet Willmott, Susan Savage, Bill Hansford and Stewart Ascott. Canon Cox proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting so very pleasant.

The Canon briefly outlined the coming celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Salisbury Guild. The Guild festival would be held in Salisbury on May 12th, 1962. There would be a service in the Cathedral and the Bishop would give the address. He urged that a start be made in January to make preparations to make the year really memorable, with peals and quarter peals especially on September 14th, which was the actual date of the formation in 1882. He also suggested that every tower should have a ringers' Sunday either on September 9th or 16th, 1962.

The hon. secretary thanked the Canon for presiding, and said they could not close without mention of the late Preb. E. V. Cox, for his wonderful personality which was always full of fun. When he attended their meetings, a very neatly written card always came with the correct numbers for tea in ample time for due arrangements to be made.

On returning to the tower members listened in the churchyard to part of a tape-recording of the Spliced Surprise peal of Major rung silent and non-conducted at Silverdale last Whit Monday morning. Comments were just full of admiration!

J. T. B.

## Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wyke Regis in fine, hot, sunny weather. The eight bells were available for ringing until 4 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. E. Pratt. Tea was served in the Church Hall by the wives and associate members of Wyke Regis, to a company of 35 members.

The meeting was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The next meeting will be held at Charminster, on the recently-augmented eight bells, on September 16th. Branch practices were arranged as follows, subject to confirmation: July 29th, Preston; August 12th, Piddletrenthide; August 26th, Cattistock; September 9th, Piddlehinton.

Under any other business the meeting unanimously agreed that associate members should be allowed to vote at meetings, and the hon. secretary was asked to inform the general secretary so that the proposal can be put before the Guild committee and the next A.G.M. The hon. secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

## TWO RINGING BRIDES FROM ASH, SURREY



**Dr. G. D. Mackenzie — Miss  
Sylvia Sherwood**

A brief announcement was made in our last issue of two Ash, Surrey, ringers being brides in the church they served with great faithfulness as ringers. The first was Miss Sylvia Christine Sherwood, of East Wyke Farm, who married Dr. G. D. Mackenzie. The daughter of the tower captain (Mr. E. Sherwood), she was by training a nurse. Her husband has a practice at Wem, Shropshire.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length rose-patterned satin brocade dress and a white rose headdress. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Caroline Woodhatch, and the best man was Mr. Jack Marshall. At the reception at the Hog's Back Hotel, the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The honeymoon was spent in Majorca.



**Mr. C. J. Harwood — Miss  
A. E. Goodchild**

The second wedding, the next Saturday, was between two local ringers—Miss Audrey Eileen Goodchild and Mr. Charles James Harwood. At both services the Rector (Rev. H. M. Insley) officiated.

Miss Goodchild, who was given away by her father, wore a brocade dress cut on princess lines, with a pearl headdress. The bridesmaids were her sister, Daphne, Miss Elizabeth Harwood (the bridegroom's sister) and little Miss Carol Baldrey. Mr. A. Knight was the best man.

After a reception at Normandy Village Hall, the couple left for their honeymoon on the Isle of Wight. In honour of the two weddings a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on July 8th (see page 488).

[By courtesy of 'Farnham Herald']

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite a day of almost continuous rain, some 40 ringers attended a joint meeting of the West Lindsey Branch and the Ladies' Guild held at Ouston Ferry on July 15th. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Canon L. D. Ravins), who also gave the address.

Following tea in the Vicarage, the Branch business meeting was presided over by Canon Ravins, and a particular welcome was accorded to Mr. J. Bray, attending for the first time as Master of the Guild.

A reminder was given by the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) to those towers which had not yet sent in their donations to the memorial fund for the late Mr. J. A. Freeman. The Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) reported on the Central Council proceedings, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. A. Richardson).

The ladies thereupon retired to hold their own meeting, leaving some of the gentlemen to ring handbells while others returned to the tower.

M. L. M.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting was held at Reepham (6) on July 8th. In the absence of the Vicar, a short service was conducted by the president, Mr. F. N. Golden. Tea was partaken at Hill House, there being 24 members present.

At the business meeting Mr. C. Goodman suggested that the Association hold ringing competitions to encourage interest and improve striking.

Susan Walker and William P. Callow, of Marsham, were elected ringing members, and the belfry election of Diana M. Price as a N.R.L.M., prior to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft on June 8th, was ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on October 14th at Lyng.

The chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) expressed thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. W. Ford for arrangements made, and to Mrs. H. Vardigans for an excellent tea.

In the evening there was also ringing at Salle.

C. B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## EAST AFRICA CALLS

Dear Sir.—I would be most grateful if you would publish this letter in your admirable paper as an appeal to all Christians and lovers of bellringing.

A new church is nearly completed at Kilifi and will be consecrated by the Archbishop of East Africa on August 25th. The tower, roof and walls are finished, as the enclosed photograph shows, and it only remains to fit the doors and other furniture.

The final cost will be about £3,200, of which we have collected £2,600 locally, and expect to collect the rest before the end of the year. We are a small but growing congregation of about 100 Africans and 20 to 30 Europeans (increasing to 80 in the holidays), and as this church is a memorial to Krapf and Rebmann we have designed it with a reinforced concrete framework so that the tower can take a ring of six bells hung for ringing.

This feature makes it unique among churches in Africa north of the Union, and is a fitting tribute to the two pioneers who opened up the whole of East Africa to the light of Christianity.

Krapf and Rebmann were German Lutherans recruited by the Church Missionary Society. Krapf landed at Takaungu, three miles from Kilifi, in 1843, and eventually founded his mission station at Rabai in Kilifi District in 1846, where he was joined by Rebmann. They aroused world-wide interest by their discoveries of the snow-capped mountains Kenya and Kilimanjaro, and this attracted the great explorers and led to the opening up of these territories to civilisation.

Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, have quoted the following prices c.i.f. Mombasa for a ring of six:—

Tenor (14 cwt.)	..	£590
5th ..	..	£450
4th ..	..	£350
3rd ..	..	£300
2nd ..	..	£260
Treble ..	..	£244

Total: £2,194

Diocesan Guilds may feel that this is a worthy object for a contribution, which should be sent to Mrs. A. Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer, Kilifi Church, P.O. Box 29, Kilifi, Kenya, and crossed 'Kilifi Church Bell Fund.'

Or there may be good bells hanging idle in towers too weak for ringing which could be offered for the cost of packing and transport, or at a valuation.

We believe that Africans will take readily to change-ringing and that a ring of bells will be a great inspiration to the Christian life of this country. And there is at least one expert now in Kenya who could instruct us in the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. P. KELLY,

for Kilifi Church Committee.

Kilifi, Kenya.

## ARCHBISHOP'S COMMENDATION

Dear Sir.—I have been asked by Mr. Paul Kelly to add a word to his letter.

In the last eight or nine years, some 70 or 80 new churches have been built in Kenya. Some of these have been small but very worthy buildings in the depths of the countryside. Others have been larger buildings in the growing towns. The church at Kilifi, which I am to consecrate in August, is unique among them all, and I would warmly commend this appeal from one to whom the inspiration and zeal for this erection has so largely derived. The introduction of change-ringing into this part will be a most welcome thing.—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD

Archbishop of East Africa.

## LEARNING WITH CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sir.—In your issue of July 22nd, 1960, you were kind enough to publish an account of our experiences as learners, entitled 'Learning with the Cambridge University Guild—Beginners' Progress.' Now that we can ring a few methods without 'L' plates, we are sending a further series of misadventures, in the hope that they will amuse your readers, learners and experts alike.

As in the previous account, the remarks in inverted commas were made by instructors and tower captains; the rest is self-explanatory.—Yours faithfully,

G. M. CHAMPNESS,  
R. L. TAYLOR.

## BEGINNER'S PROGRESS, PART II, OR, SO THIS IS CHANGE-RINGING!

'Well, you should be safe on the third, it had a new stay only last week.' But when did it last have a new slider?

'Three over four, five over six, six over three': Fire the bells.

'This is one of the most musical changes': Pity it's a muffled practice.

'Hold up': Then try to pull off hurriedly.

'Shorten your rope at backstroke': Ring your bell down.

'This is all': But the treble is still in third's place.

'Take the second to Grandsire, it's only hunting': Until someone tries to call a touch.

'Fit in for St. Clement's: here, you take the treble': Oh dear, I still can't count.

'Can you two hunt the treble and second simultaneously to Grandsire?': Yes, every single pull.

'But we always raise in peal; catch hold': And after all that it's up wrong.

'Well, we should have you ringing "inside" by Christmas': Happy New Year! Shall I drum?

'You've looked up Plain Bob, haven't you? Take the second': Well, I did know it in theory.

'Keep that tenor up, can't you—it's only 13 cwt.': Well, it feels more like 30.

'It's just like Doubles, with two extra dodges': And two more bells to forget to dodge with.

'You should know the calls by now; I'm not going to tell you what to do': So I didn't do it.

'You two fit in somewhere so that I can stand behind the treble': Usefulness at last!

## 'BLINDED WITH SCIENCE'

Dear Sir.—Mr. Amos' arguments are becoming progressively more absurd. If one accepts his statement that St. Nicholas is Spliced St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, then my next peal of Yorkshire I might as well call Spliced Cambridge, Painswick, Leeds and Newmarket, spliced at the cross-section—to the uninitiated a very fine performance. I would have blinded them with science, which is exactly what Mr. Amos is trying to do.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. FORDER,

Eastleigh, Hants.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1. W. R. Chandler 2. R. J. Brown 3. V. J. C. Dale (first in two methods as cond.) 4. Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

**KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.**—On July 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Kortright 1. Mary Powell (first of Cambridge 'inside') 2. D. G. Yeo 3. L. Derrick 4. J. Brain 5. M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

## ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. Amos for sorting out the confusion I got into when I tried to interpret his letter of June 9th. It is obvious that there are at least three St. Dunstan's Doubles.

The first and original one is that which I gave in the 'R.W.' of June 23rd, and which was first published by Stedman in 1677.

The second is that given by J. Monk in 1766, which has the same plain course as the above, the same single, but a different bob.

The third is that given by the Central Council, and which we both agree is incorrect.

Therefore we both agree that the plain lead or method of St. Dunstan's Doubles is as shown. Mr. Amos rings it with a different bob, but this, of course, does not make it a different method.

The rest of Mr. Amos' letter has been answered many times before. A method is defined entirely and only by its plain course. The use of a different bob does not give a different method. Plain Bob and April Day are one and the same method.

Any alteration in the plain course gives a different method. I agree that the method of Biddenden is a mere variation of the method of Yorkshire, but since the plain course is different, it is a different method.

Cambridge Surprise Major is Yorkshire above the treble and Pudsey below the treble. It is therefore a different method to both.

St. Nicholas' Doubles is Reverse Canterbury above the treble and St. Simon's below the treble. It is therefore a different method to both.

Plain Bob is St. Simon's above the treble and Reverse Canterbury below the treble. Presumably Mr. Amos therefore says that Plain Bob is Spliced St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury!

Mr. Amos is being very helpful in using the title St. George for a method which is the same method as Winchendon, when the same title has been used for a method which is the same method as All Saints' Doubles.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE,

Windsor, Berks.

## FOOTNOTES TICKLE ISOLATED RINGER

Dear Sir,—Isolated as I am from ringing, my solo ringing enjoyment is 'The Ringing World.' I have recently been reflecting on the footnotes to peals, and I am tickled pink no matter which copy of 'The Ringing World' I read! Are there any rules for footnotes?

Picking up a 'Ringing World' at random, one peal celebrates Whitsun and a 70th birthday—curious combination! Another celebrates three birthdays—a 70th, an ordinary birthday (presumably) and a 21st. Why stop at three? Why not include Bill Brewer's, Jan Stewer's and all the rest? There are peals for babies—do they enjoy them? The same father was in two such peals—no sign of either father or mother in another! There was a peal for a couple married in another church several miles away! Two peals for an engaged couple—they took part in one, but neither took part in the other. In one peal we are told it was the conductor's 65th peal-tower in the county. So what? Where is the magic? Someone has a peal for passing his examinations in mechanical engineering. What examinations? What next? Will the 11-plus figure soon? Shall we one day have a peal (as compensation? as consolation?) for someone who fails an examination?

Enough!—although there are others! How crazy can a footnote be?—Yours sincerely,

HUGH FALKNER,

Kingston, Jamaica.

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## LETTERS—Continued

## REDUNDANT BELLS AND THEIR DISPOSAL

Dear Sir,—We have seen in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' an advertisement to the effect that five bells, complete with fittings, are for sale, and that tenders should be in excess of £1,000. Surely such redundant bells should not be offered to any sister church at more than scrap value at the very most, for there must be many churches in this country which have towers suitable for these bells, but which are not exactly wealthy and could ill afford a complete new ring of bells.

There is at least one church in Berkshire, near Winkfield, which would consider building a campanile to support its south wall if it could hang some bells there. In fact a substantial donation has been promised towards a tower if it should contain ringing bells. It would, however, be a far more Christianlike act if redundant bells could be given to sister churches which could use them—what a fine example that would be to non-practising Christians in these days, when so many people who have so much material property would sell something which has been entrusted to them, something which was originally a gift to someone else.

Perhaps at some future Central Council meetings some committee could be set up which could investigate the possibilities of transferring usable rings from closed and redundant churches to places which would see that they are well used for calling people to their church. Such transfers should be made strictly on a non-profit basis, however, for not only would any commercial flavour be unwelcome morally, but we may suffer even more losses than have been experienced in recent years—for example, the famous 'Marlborough' bells from St. Helen's, Worcester, and the pre-Reformation bells at Boughton Aluph, and several others.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE DENZIL.

Brasted, Kent.

## 30 Years Ago

\*R.W., July 24th, 1931:—

Waterford Cathedral bells were opened in July, 1872, and the first peal in Ireland was rung on them the next day.

Oxford Diocesan Guild celebrates its jubilee.

## 50 Years Ago

\*R.W., July 28th, 1911:—

## THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

On Dominion Day, in Three Hours.

At the Church of Our Lady of Rosary (R.C.), A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 Changes. Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt.

A. C. SIMPERS	Treble	W. R. WARNER	5
G. FOSTER	2	M. BENNETT	6
J. BRESSY	3	J. CARRIER	7
G. PEARCE	4	F. JONES	Tenor

Conducted by G. FOSTER.

This is the first peal rung in the Dominion of Canada. Dominion Day in Canada is July 1st, but as it fell this year on a Sunday, the peal was probably rung on Monday, July 2nd.

## INTO WEST SUSSEX

A small party of ringers from various towers in Kent, Surrey and Staffordshire met on June 24th to visit the beautiful countryside of West Sussex and enjoy its bells.

The day started, however, in Surrey on the six bells of Ockley, which are rung from the ground floor. Crossing the county boundary, we arrived at Warnham (an octave recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank): George Francis met us here and joined in a respectable course of Bristol. Among various Doubles methods rung at Itchingfield was St. Nicholas—St. Nicholas is the patron saint of this church, with its wooden bell turret. The spire of the Victorian church of Slinfold houses a six of mixed vintage, which Mears' have rehung and retuned into a most pleasing ring. Due to a large amount of week-end traffic we were late arriving at Billingshurst (8, 12½ cwt.), and our performance of Double Norwich and Yorkshire seemed to suffer as a result.

After lunch, we visited the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Wisborough Green, which possesses a good Taylor six, sounding better outside than in. Our next call was to Kirdford, where the ring of six is rung from a gallery; this was followed by Fittleworth (a light ring of mediocre tone).

The tea break was rather long, as Storrington could not be visited, several of the bells being out of action, but this permitted an extended stay at Washington: unfortunately, this fine Taylor six is seldom rung, but a call here is well worth while. Thakeham possesses a good product of the Croydon foundry, and from here Charlie Skinner led us to Shipley, where the bells hang in a central tower capable of holding 12 comfortably, and thence to West Grinstead Church, with Cecil Longhurst awaiting us: another good Gillett ring here (tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.). To conclude our trip we visited a couple of octaves—the heavy ring at Horsham, and finally Ruspur, where we were pleased to have Ted Coward, of Dorking, stand in a course of Cambridge.

To all who helped towards the success of the outing we extend our grateful thanks.

I. H. O.

## 'OWD BAT-ER' 'BAT-ED'

## (BY YOUNG BAT)

There is something more in attending ringing meetings than merely ringing bells. One important aspect is not only meeting old friends but making new, and new experiences.

The meeting of the Chester Branch at Farn-don on July 8th was somewhat unique, for after ringing at St. Chad's and tea, it was announced that St. Chad's, Holt (Denbighshire), would be available after tea. A number trooped off across the ancient and historic Dee Bridge, dividing Cheshire from Denbighshire and England from Wales, into Dyma Cymru, with its pointed buttresses and water cuts of the 14th century.

On entering St. Chad's, Holt, hanging on to the wall outside was a young bat and inside the church were two more, one in a pew; all created a great amount of interest. Miss Nancy Kempell please note: nice to see you amongst 'the quarters' again. Both churches celebrate the ancient custom of rush-bearing festival.

'OWD BAT-ER.'

## OBITUARY

## MR. A. F. BAILEY

With the passing of Mr. Allen Frank Bailey, the ringing company of St. George's Church, Stockport, has lost a fine conductor and ringing Master, whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Joining the band in 1929, after filling a similar post at St. Thomas', Pendleton, he soon became leader, and by example in regular attendance at practice and Sunday ringing did much to preserve the tradition of earlier days that St. George's bells should ring twice on a Sunday. Except for the wartime ban and a very few unavoidable occasions, this continuity of Sunday ringing has been maintained.

One of the famous Bailey family of Leiston, he learned to ring at an early age, and his first peal (Major) in 1911 was the first ever to be rung by eight brothers. Many similar peals followed, both in the tower and on handbells, culminating later on in Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by six brothers—a feat not likely to be repeated in the foreseeable future.

Wounded and taken prisoner in the first world war, Allen safely returned to Leiston in 1919, and a year or two later moved to Manchester, where he joined the Pendleton band, and rang in numerous peals with the late J. W. Washbrook, Harry Chapman and others. He loved handbell ringing, and gradually got a band together, which practised first in Long-sight, Manchester, and later in Stockport, to which town he moved in 1929 after his marriage. His fine leadership soon produced a band which rang several 'first "in hand" in the method' peals for the Lancashire Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild. Well over a hundred peals followed, ranging from Triples to Maximus, during the 1930's. The second war broke up the band, and he made no attempt to revive it after the war, declaring that he had finished with peals, and he kept his word.

He maintained, however, his connection with St. George's, and did much to hold the company together during the ban and to build up its strength again when ringing recommenced. In 1959 Allen's health began to fail, and it was no longer possible for him to ascend the 82 steps to the ringing room. A rather distressing illness followed, necessitating frequent visits to hospital, but he maintained his cheerful manner even in pain. Visited by friends, and a close reader of 'The Ringing World,' he kept in touch to the end, which came suddenly on July 8th.

The funeral service at St. George's, followed by cremation, was attended by numerous ringers, four of whom rang handbells in the church as the cortege passed from the chancel to the porch, a fitting farewell to one who had done so much ringing with handbells. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Pennington, who is learning to ring, and a short address given by Canon Wilfrid Garlick, the Vicar, in which he said: 'Allen Bailey's physical shape and his character were alike—square.' Surely this sums up the man in few words, for a more honest conductor or more competent general in handling ringers, and modest with it all, would be hard to find.

## PEALS

Tower bells 167, including 11,232 Superlative, Double Norwich and a number of Surprise methods; Plain Bob methods, Major to Maximus; Kent Major to Maximus, Oxford Major to Royal, Grandsire Triples to Cinques; Stedman Triples to Cinques (conducted 19).

Handbells 166, as above, excepting Surprise methods (conducted 117).

Total 333 (conducted 136).

P. L.

**LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.**—On July 8th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Miles 1. S. White (cond.) 2. T. Young 3. S. Walter 4. D. C. Chatfield 5. T. C. Phillimore 6. A wedding compliment to Sylvia Dines and Derek Holness, both local ringers, married this day.

**STALBRIDGE, DORSET.**—On July 12th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bollen 1. Miss I. Down 2. H. J. Ralph 3. F. Priddle 4. P. Sparkes 5. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1 and 2.

## 5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

(In 2 to 6 methods)

By DEREK OGDEN

23456	M	W	H	'A'	'B'
43652	—	—	—	XXVVVVVEXVEWV	PPCCNNLPCRPY
56234	—	—	—	EVE	RYL
42635	—	—	—	VVEZWEZXE	NNRCPRCL
34625	—	—	—	VXVXXVVEVZEV	YYCCPNLYYRN
23645	—	—	—	VEXZWV	NLPCYY

Twice repeated.

C=Cambridge	V=C or Y or N
L=London (No. 3)	W=C or Y or P
N=Lincolnshire	X=C or Y or N or P
P=Pudsey	Z=C or Y
R=Rutland	E=L or R
Y=Yorkshire	

Arrangement 'A' gives the greatest number of variations.  
Arrangement 'B' as rung at Manchester, July 1st, 1961.



## A VISIT TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, KING'S LYNN

By T. A. BEVIS

THE west towers of St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, project stately proportions in splendid dignity above a motley arrangement of grey, brown and red roofs of a royal town and port—like a motor hen caring for her brood—a town which has tasted of fortune and misfortune for over a thousand years.

Looking north, they command a vista of the swirling outfall of a great tidal river—the Ouse—the waters of which tumble playfully through a maze of mist-enveloped creeks, sandbanks and mud: a concoction known as the Wash.

Towering 82 feet above their ancient flint-patterned neighbour—the Guildhall—louvered windows of the large of these two venerable sentinels (the 'twins' are not identical), direct the bells' message over warehouses, docks and river, on which Saxons sailed home with their treasure; westward the bells' voices sound across the rich, flat expanse of marshland—an area containing several remarkable churches.

To the south, the visitor, peering above ornamented battlements, perceives the winding course of the Ouse on its perpetual journey through the low Fenlands in the direction of Ely and beyond to Bedford. The east affords a different view: of Greyfriars delicate lantern tower rising above lofty trees. The wooded slopes of Norfolk's Breckland and the Royal Estate of Sandringham paint a pleasing picture on nature's continually changing canvas.

St. Margaret's Church is an unforgettable fane. Two-hundred-and-forty feet long it has survived cannon, unruly elements and, more recently, witnessed with despair the wild rampages of an angry Ouse in flood. It has unhappy memories of the time in 1643, when a Parliamentary gun aimed a heavy missile which crashed through the roof and spread havoc into the impressive nave. In 1741 the nave suffered once again when the spire of the south-western tower collapsed during a severe storm. Flood water marks on the church walls tell their own story....

### OVER 800 YEARS OLD

The church was founded over 800 years ago by the first Bishop of Norwich, who decreed that it be built in the shape of a cross—a design, which, despite many structural changes, has been retained. Very little remains of the Norman building, and that portion which has been spared—the base of the south-west tower—is exquisite, having a profusion of arches and clustered pillars. The middle stages of this tower were erected in the 13th century and the top storey represents the grandeur which blossomed in the 14th century. Of magnificent dimensions, the north-west tower was almost entirely rebuilt in the 1500's, but one arch displays the enduring handiwork of Norman craftsmen.

St. Margaret's has much to attract the visitor. At one time it was adorned with a central lantern, 132 feet high. If only the incongruous 'stump' of this former lantern could grow.... then, indeed a cathedral-like edifice would be born. An eagle-lectern dates from the 15th century and the high altar is constructed of cedarwood from the Lebanon. The organ is quite 200 years old, but the great glory of the church are four central arches, set at the beginning of a fine chancel clerestory, which has a gallery walk. Ethereal light fills this place and a round east window sparkles like a gem above a gilded reredos.

Here are two of the largest brasses in the land; they perpetuate the memory of Alan de Walsoken and Robert Braunch. Space will not allow a description of them—suffice to add that the brasses are without an equal. One displays an engraving said to be the oldest illustration of an English post-windmill.

The ringer will return to the north-west tower: a few steps lead to a commodious ringing chamber—actually a 'box' constructed within the upcurve of three arches. It is very neat and tidy and wood panelling between the arches has been painted a satisfying pastel blue. The overall effect is creditable and speaks highly of the interest of a youthful team, infused with the enthusiasm of their present leader, Miss Freda Greaves.



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, KING'S LYNN

### 'A NOBLE RING'

There are ten bells—a noble ring—six of which (including the tenor) were cast in 1776 by Lester and Pack, of London. Two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1867, this firm recasting the eighth bell in 1893. Number nine was introduced to Thomas Osborne's melting pot in 1800.

Weights are: Treble 6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.; 2nd 7-2-23; 3rd 8-2-3; 4th 8-2-14; 5th 9-2-0; 6th 12-2-2; 7th 14-3-1; 8th 17-0-10; 9th 20-3-10; tenor 29-2-9. As might be readily imagined, the tonal qualities of this ring are good. The tenor's sonorous vibrations echo along the streets of dockland in the stirring key of C.

Prior to 1776 there were eight bells, the tenor of which turned the scales at approximately 28 cwt.

Several peals have been rung in the tower, five by ringers of St. Margaret's Church. The earliest recorded peal materialised on January 20th, 1746/7; this comprised 5,040 changes of Cathrons Trebles, in three hours and forty minutes. The team who participated were: Jno. Atkins, Jno. Streets, Mes. Atmore, Jno. Parkinson, Joshua Raven, Wm. Moore, Anthony Berry and, in the rear, Char. Hill.

This was followed by another peal by a Lynn company on February 23rd, 1770, the method being 5,040 of Plain Bob Major, in 3 hours and 28 minutes, conducted by Jno. Parkinson.

What a din ensued on November 5th, 1796, when the bells joined in a duet with fireworks and rang 6,000 changes of Plain Bob Major under the conductorship of Jno. Bodham, in 4 hours 10 minutes.

On January 12th, 1894, a peal of 5,024 Bob Major was rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association, in 3 hours 28 minutes, by local bellringers. It was composed and conducted by J. W. Sedgley.

To commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, a peal of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Royal was completed on June 2nd, 1953, the conductor being Norman Harding.

### TABLETS OF REMEMBRANCE

Three tablets affixed to the south wall are to the memories, respectively, of John William Sedgley, who died on May 7th, 1922; William George Curston, died December 19th, 1922; and William J. Eldred, who expired April 5th, 1953. The last named was Branch secretary for the Norwich Diocesan Association for 25 years.

The tower is in possession of an interesting collection of minute books, these recording the activities of local ringing companies from the year 1854. Many quarter peals and long touches have been scored and from year to year strong teams of ringers have usually been available to take part in these. In 1958 St. Margaret's Association comprised 30 persons, including nine ladies.

A name often to be found in later records and one which will always be associated with St. Margaret's Church is that of Tom Greenacre, a loyal gentleman and a pillar of strength to his tower. He passed away quite recently.

Leaving Lynn Regis by way of the fortified South Gate and turning towards Lincolnshire, one enjoys a final glance at the ancient port and its skyline of crazily-tilted derricks busy at their task unloading holds of ships from Scandinavian countries. Above the raucous sounds now muted by the fleeing miles preside those majestic white twins, ever watchful of the turbulent waters of the Ouse.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### Salisbury Branch

Winterslow is a scattered village ten miles from Salisbury, on the line of the ancient road from Old Sarum to Winchester, but not easily accessible by modern buses, and the Church of All Saints is rather 'off the map' as regards ringing. It has a pleasant ring of six (tenor 11½ cwt.) rung from the church porch.

When the Salisbury Branch held their summer quarterly meeting there on July 15th, however, visitors looked in from a surprising number of places, and there were ringers from Romsey, Eling, Catherington and Chippenham, as well as the Rector of Tadley (Rev. K. C. Davis), who took a very short service, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Winterslow. Our visitor from farthest afield was Mr. Dennis Millward, of Buckley, Flintshire, on holiday in the neighbourhood, who thanked the Branch for their welcome, saying that one of the things one gets out of being a ringer is that in every part of the country one can meet friends.

An application was received for membership from the newly-formed band at St. James', Ludgershall, who are anxious to go on to change-ringing. Miss Wendy Bird (of Bishop's Cleeve and Salisbury Training College) was also confirmed as a non-resident member, elected on ringing a peal for the Guild. Preliminary arrangements were given for the Branch outing into Hampshire on October 7th.



## NOTICES

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### BIRTHS

COOK.—On Saturday, July 15th, 1961, to Elizabeth (née Willcox) and Richard James Cook, at 27, Woodstock Road, Carshalton, a son (Alan James). 8608

WHITAKER.—On July 9th, 1961, to Audrey and Philip, of Coleraine, N. Ireland, a son (John). A brother for Gillian and Sarah. 8605

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### MISCELLANEOUS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Tower closed for holidays, for two weeks, commencing July 29th.—E. Buck. 8604

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—Will any visitors wishing to be met at Hodnet please write to Mr. W. Hayward, 8, Eastlands, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Salop. 8601

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### MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Sec. 8583

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Holworthy, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. All visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 8578

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Bourn, Saturday, July 29th (instead of August 14th). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 8562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Crondall (6), Saturday, July 29th, 6 to 9 p.m. 8590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Wye, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Sheila Rogers, Church Cottage, The Green, Wye.—C. T. H. 8575

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 29th, at Benington (near Stevenage). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, then business and evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. 8544

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 29th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Ockenden Manor (3s. each). 8592

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

A week-end Course at Harpur House, near Gloucester, in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Committee.

From Friday evening, September 8th, to Sunday afternoon, September 10th.

Fee, including accommodation and meals, £2 7s. 0d.

Applications as soon as possible, please, to P. M. J. GRAY, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 9, together with 10/- deposit.  
—C. Rouse, Gen. Sec. 8594

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Practice meeting at Turvey (8 bells), Saturday, August 5th, at 5.30 p.m.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec. 8610

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Histon, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 8606

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—August 5th. Brislington (6), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea certain.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 8603

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 5th, Great Wymondley, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8589

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Ribble service 11, from Blackburn at 26 minutes past hour.—John Pilkington. 8600

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Parbold, Saturday, August 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Coxall, 3, Bramble Way, Parbold.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 8611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting at Marston Trussell, Saturday, August 5th. Names by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8609

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting of the South Eastern District will be held at Stutton (6) on Saturday, August 5th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh, by Thursday, August 3rd.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8612

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, August 2nd, to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 8599

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Aug. 3rd to G. Mariner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. Further ringing after tea. 8579

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea cannot be provided as cafes are closed.—J. Seager, Sec. 8580

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Nottingham District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, August 12th. Names for tea by August 9th to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 8607

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL OPEN DAY.—Saturday, August 19th. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 8602

### MARRIAGE OF MISS KATHLEEN KNIGHT

Miss Kathleen Knight, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knight, of Gosport, was married on July 8th at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke, to Mr. Roger Baldwin, of Portsmouth.

Kathleen and Roger are members of Portsmouth Cathedral band. It was at Alverstoke Kathleen learnt to ring and rang her first quarter peal.

Before the service, at which the Rev. Barry Oakley officiated, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. After the wedding breakfast, Kathleen and Roger took part in handbell ringing, and before they left for their honeymoon the church bells were rung to Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples. The honeymoon was spent in Alderney, C.I. H. A. N.

### LINCOLN GUILD TO HONOUR LATE MASTER

At the annual general meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild it was unanimously decided that a memorial to the late Mr. John A. Freeman should take the form of a Master's chain of office. It was also agreed that a suitable wall plaque should be placed in the Ringers' Chapel at Lincoln Cathedral. A special committee has been set up, and it is hoped to have the memorial completed by next April.

Any friends who would like to associate themselves with the Guild may send contributions to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

As many will remember July 1st was a scorchingly hot day in one part of the country. In spite of this, and the difficulty of getting to Barley and Barkway, there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District. The meeting began on Barley's pleasant six, with plenty of ringing for all. Everyone was impressed by the excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Barratt and Mr. and Mrs. Howard in their own homes—normal tea arrangements being impossible—and the only pity was that even ringers' appetites were unequal to the quantities!

The business meeting was held in the churchyard. The following new members were elected: the Misses M. Pine, M. Roden, A. Roden and A. Sanderson, all of Sandon; Miss P. Hannah and Mr. D. Hagger, of Wallington; Miss A. Blackwell, of Hitchin; and Mr. T. Thrussell, of Pinton. Mr. G. Johnson (Stevenage) was re-elected, and Mr. D. P. Jones transferred to non-resident life membership.

The places for the next meetings were not certain and it was left to the secretary to make the necessary arrangements. The District Committee was asked to consider the recent Central Council decision on peals of Minimus. Congratulations were expressed on the progress made by the combined Sandon and Wallington bands. After the meeting ringing continued on Barkway's octave.

J. S.



## OUTINGS

### LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Lincoln was left just after 10 o'clock on June 17th for the first outing, arranged by the Cathedral band's secretary, and after a short stop for lunch Ashton-under-Lyne was reached at 1.20 p.m.

The ring of 12 at St. Michael and All Angels' Church at Ashton, with a tenor weighing 27 cwt., is rather noisy inside, also some of the bells are a little odd-struck, thus making our first touch of Stedman not of the highest standard. After the initial touch of Stedman there followed a half course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and another touch of Stedman, by which time the quality of the ringing was considerably improved. We concluded our ringing here with three leads of Treble Bob Maximus, setting the bells up at backstroke. We were joined at Ashton by the niece of Mrs. G. H. Randles, who was our guide to the Town Hall, Manchester, our next tower.

Here one ascends to the ringing chamber by means of a lift; it was generally agreed that a similar arrangement would not be amiss at our home tower. The bells are a magnificent 12 and easy going for their weight (tenor 43 cwt.), and this proved the best ring of the day. Our ringing was good except for a slight upset in the closing touch of three leads of Bristol on the back eight; but after a fresh start this, too was well rung, and our ringing ended with a fine lowering of the back ten in peal. Other touches were two of Stedman Cinques and another half course of Cambridge Maximus. We had been welcomed at the Town Hall by Mr. Benson.

After a leisurely tea at the Old Nag's Head, the final tower of the day was St. Mary's, Oldham, where we rang from 6 to 7 p.m. We had various reports of these bells—none of them reassuring—and the bells lived up to them. The church has a rather slender tower, in which a 35 cwt. 12 are arranged in four tiers. This is obviously not conducive to easy handling; bells 1, 2, 11 and 12 were the most difficult to handle, and consequently our striking was not brilliant, but we did our best and achieved, among other things, a half course of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Our closing touch was three leads of Treble Bob Maximus.

As one of the company put it, ringing here was a challenge! The acoustics inside the tower are excellent—but they need to be! Some of us ascended to the bell chamber and were somewhat awe-inspired by the 13 ton feat of constructional engineering which constitutes the frame.

On our homeward journey, the highlight was the relating by that popular raconteur, Mr. Chambers, of the 'Horace Saga.' Arriving in Lincoln just after 11 o'clock, we retraced our route round the city, bringing to an end a most enjoyable outing. G. P.

### EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

Once again the second Saturday in July has come and gone, and so the annual outing of the Emmanuel ringers, Plymouth, is now behind us. We were away to a good start just after 7.30, with the good wishes and a wave from our Vicar, the Rev. P. Young. We just squeezed on the 8 a.m. ferry at Torpoint, arrived at Lanivet, just beyond Bodmin, for a welcome cup of coffee, and were speeding over Goss Moor on our way to our first ring at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar. Here the Rev. T. McCabe, assistant priest at Emmanuel, opened the day's ringing with well-chosen prayers. From here to Falmouth for lunch, each going his own way. In the afternoon we rang at St. Budock and St. Gluvias, then back to Falmouth for our usual high tea.

At St. Budock we were met by Miss Pengelly, who has trained a young band here. The Rev. Trevor McCabe said he felt he, too, could welcome us there as it was his church, his home, and the home of his wife (a niece of the ringers' secretary) and where they were married in 1959. At St. Gluvias we were met by the two youngest little ladies who have ever received us in visits to well over 200 towers. They were aged about 13, duly apologised for the absence of the captain, remained with us during the 45 minutes' ringing and one, being a little braver than the other, accepted an invitation to join with us in some rounds.

## FOR SURPRISE CONDUCTORS

### 'A' METHODS

3527486. L.E. 2nds. Bob 4ths.

5,024			
W	M	H	23456
—	—	—	43652
—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	56234
—	—	—	25463
—	—	—	45362
—	—	—	64352
—	—	—	23645
—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	26435
—	—	—	42635
—	—	—	56423
B	—	—	52436
—	—	—	64523
—	—	—	35642
B	—	—	34625
—	—	—	56342
—	—	—	23564
B	—	—	26543
—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	23456

Will go to Corrigan's Nos. 84, 96, 119, 132, 145, 160, 172, 195, 318, 328, 333, 351.

### 'D' METHODS

8674523. L.E. 2nds. Bob 4ths.

5,056			
W	M	H	23456
—	—	—	43652
—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	56234
—	—	—	25463
—	—	—	45362
—	—	—	64352
—	—	—	23645
—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	26435
—	—	—	42635
—	—	—	56423
—	—	—	45623
B	—	—	52436
—	—	—	64523
—	—	—	35642
B	—	—	63542
—	—	—	34625
—	—	—	56342
—	—	—	23564
—	—	—	52364
—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	23456

Will go to Corrigan's Nos. 51, 88, 102, 103, 146, 178, 192, 204, 226, 259, 276, 306, 317, 329, 354.

At tea, Mr. J. P. Sims, the captain, gave the usual vote of thanks, and also a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Budock, Mrs. McCabe's parents, and our usual friends. Mr. H. H. Thomas (hon. secretary) mentioned that Miss Sylvia Sims, the captain's daughter, would be leaving in September to attend Salisbury Teachers' Training College. She was a grand ringer, a 'chip off the old block,' and he felt their loss for two-thirds of the year would be the gain of the ringers of the church she decided to adopt in Salisbury. He called on the Rev. T. McCabe to make the presentation, which took the form of a Parker pen and propelling pencil, and this he did with some nicely-chosen words. Mr. T. G. Myers and Mr. W. G. Lavers, by their request, were also associated with the gift. Sylvia thanked us all and said she would miss us very much. Miss Sims has been ringing about seven years, and can ring Grandire, Stedman and Plain Bob on six, eight and ten bells.

On the homeward journey we rang on the grand eight at Probus and also at Lanhydrock, the church being in a beautiful setting by the mansion house on the estate. All five towers visited have rings of eight, St. Budock and St. Gluvias having had their rings of six augmented since the war.

The Emmanuel ringers have now rung at every 8-bell tower in Cornwall on their various trips which began towards the end of the war, probably a unique record for a band. The total number of towers is now 207, including four where we have rung twice, and we have in the belfry a complete record. H. H. T.

### 'E' METHODS

6482735. L.E. 2nds. Bob 4ths.

5,024			
W	M	H	23456
—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	26435
—	—	—	42635
—	—	—	62534
—	—	—	52436
—	—	—	35426
—	—	—	43652
—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	56234
—	—	—	42563
—	—	—	56423
—	—	—	64523
—	—	—	35642
B	—	—	34625
—	—	—	56342
—	—	—	23564
—	—	—	52364
—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	23456

Will go to Corrigan's Nos. 18, 124, 130, 158, 164, 223, 343.

Will go to all A, D or E methods with F.C.E.s.

B	24365	or any combination of them.
D	32546	
K	53624	
	65432	

The above are one and the same composition adapted to three different Lead Heads; they may not be original. Even so, conductors who have not seen them may find them useful, as they are fairly comprehensive. 'A' is a rearrangement of one I used for York Surprise at Debenham in 1939, so it is not exactly new, and 'D' has been recently used for Truro Surprise by Mr. Ron Noon.

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

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### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The healthy interest being taken by younger members of the Eastern District was demonstrated at the annual meeting held at Howden on July 15th, when there were three nominations for the office of Ringing Master and five for the two vacancies on the District committee. Forty-six ringers, representing 16 towers, were present.

The service was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the Harrop family, who also supply five members of the local band.

Mr. A. E. Sellers, vice-president, was in the chair at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Miss J. Burgess (Hessle), Messrs. F. C. Hobson (Kirk Ella), D. P. B. Mills (Cottingham), W. P. Hudson (Howden) and F. Edkins (Sherburn-in-Elmet).

Mr. A. Sheppard was elected Ringing Master, Mr. S. M. Woodhead on general committee, Messrs. J. J. Taylor and D. Johnson (three years) and K. B. Sissons (two years) to District committee.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks, the Vicar said he would like to invite the general Association to hold a meeting at Howden in the very near future. Walkington (if possible) was selected for the next meeting on September 2nd.



**5,120 WARWICKSHIRE S.M.**By IAN M. HOLLAND  
23456 B M W H

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35264	—		
63254	—		
52436	—		
23564	X		
36245	X		
42563	—	—	
52364	—		
26543	X		
45362	—	—	
64523	X		2
54326	—		
23645	—	—	
42635	—		3
34625	—		
56423	—		
62534	X		
35426	—	—	
23456	—		3

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34256	—	—	
25346	—	—	
42356	—	—	
63254	—	—	
56234	—	—	
43265	—	—	
24365	—	X	—
32465	—		3
64523	—	—	
35426	—	—	
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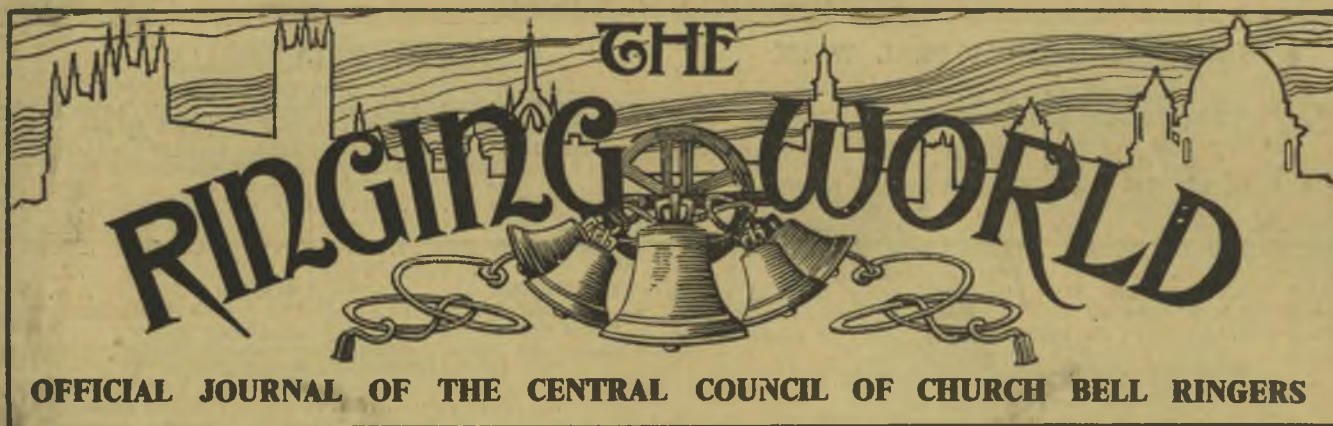
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## ALBERT

'And when the last Great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He'll not ask if you won or lost,  
But how you played the game.'

IT is in the nature of things that generation succeeds generation, and that notable men come and go. Many there are who leave an unmistakable mark upon the period in which they are at the height of their powers, and not a few whose work and example influence to an important degree those who follow. In Albert Walker we find an example of one whose force of character has impressed itself equally upon the several generations through which he had lived. His early ringing career placed him among men who had known Thurstans, Lates and Johnson, and his latter years brought him intimately among the brilliant young men of today. And his impact on the young men of today has been as forcible and as potent as it was upon the elders at St. Martin's 60 years ago, when he dared to assume the office of bob caller and to teach Birmingham afresh the art of conducting Stedman.

His was an astonishing career, full and varied both in its ringing content and in the wide contacts he made with all the notable exponents of the art, and it carried him into the inner fastnesses of all the great ringing centres of the land. His modest home in Baker Street was the resort of innumerable fine handbell ringers, and it was here that were performed so many of those splendid peals of Cinques that helped him to amass the impressive total of five-and-a-half centuries of 12-bell peals. Of Stedman Caters and Cinques he was the arch-exponent, delighting not only in the broad sweep of the majestic music so wrought on 12 bells but also in the intricate opening or turning course or the unexpected twist given to the calling by the ingenuity of Carter. Nowhere can his complete mastery of Stedman be more clearly defined than in a scrutiny of the long and involved turning course in the peal of Sextuples. This intricate and delicate piece of transformation was rung immaculately by those brilliant exponents, and it was called with equal precision and competence by Albert Walker.

But for Albert, in his ringing, as in his daily work, the game was the thing; the game must be played, not too solemnly, perhaps, but with intensity and enthusiasm; and steps must be taken to ensure that the great game should go on in capable hands. He for ever laboured for the encouragement of the beginner, even at times when the learner at St. Martin's might not be sure of a kindly wel-

come; he sought by exhortation and personal demonstration to increase the supply of conductors, and great is the number who have called their first Stedman Caters and Cinques under his patronage and guidance. It can be said that he never neglected an aspiring beginner, nor did he ever make a learner afraid.

And so, at the end, in almost his last conscious thoughts, his mind ran on the satisfaction he felt in his successors; and, honoured by his professional Association, and fresh from the accolade conferred on him by the Central Council, he might well have uttered the noble words of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth: 'I am going to my Father . . . My sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it.' As for 'the marks and scars,' Albert knew that games must be lost as well as won, but no one knew better than he how to turn defeat into victory and despair into triumph.

. . . . .

As the funeral service proceeded in all its beauty and simplicity, amid the circle of close friends, there was a growing feeling of Albert's presence with us; and as the handbells moved off into changes there was a consciousness, as it were, of the scrutiny of his keen and kindly eye. Through the mind ran a procession of intimate pictures of this gigantic little man: waiting with his cigarette and red waistcoat outside St. Martin's tower; trotting round the billiard table with his cue; leaping lightly upon the '39' bus, with the valedictory remark: 'I shall be in "The Baldwin" at half-past nine.' One almost heard again the lively quip or jest that came in humorous aside during the hours of the peal, and the notable occasion when the peal of Cinques had run well into the handstroke and he astonished the chamber with the nonchalant announcement: 'I'm not going to call any more bobs; you know the rest.' And lastly, there is the picture of him sitting in the Tamworth Arms, after peal or practice, beside his loved consort, who is surely among the gentlest and most gracious of all the wives of ringers.

. . . . .

The handbells are running steadily into rounds and another course is completed; there is no more to be done but Stand. And the words of another great Christian soldier spring unbidden to the mind: ' . . . And having done all, to stand.' The committal soon carries from us the frail garment that had for so long sheltered the generous soul: the game has been well and truly played here on earth, and we may well believe that the trumpets sound for him on the other side.

E. C. S.



## A MANCHESTER AREA PEAL WEEK

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	*PETER LAFLIN .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	†ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* 600th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' 100th as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

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

BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. Treble	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 6
PETER LAFLIN .. 2	*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 8
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 4	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 9
BRIAN HARRIS .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

\* First on ten bells. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Alan F. Bailey was remembered with affection.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Castlehall.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	†JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
†EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. 8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 9
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

Rung half-huffled, in the inverted titmuss and handstroke, to the memory of Albert Walker.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENRY TAYSON .. Treble	DON C. EXELL .. 6
†SALLY P. OATES .. 2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 8
MARY HALL .. 4	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 9
CLIFF RICHARDS .. 5	D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

## A PEAL OF 5040 HORNINGHOLD SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*†JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 2	†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
*ERNEST MORRIS .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 9
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 200th peal together. † 100th peal together. First in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Alkmund.

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

GEORGE L. ROOBOITOM .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. 6
DAVID PARKIN .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR .. 7
GEORGE CLIFT .. 3	ROY STEPHENSON .. 8
JOHN F. MURFIN .. 4	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 9
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5	A. RONALD POCKLINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung as a compliment to Miss S. K. M. Knight and Roger Baldwin on their marriage.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

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

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. Treble	GORDON HARRISON .. 6
VERONA N. NAYLOR .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH .. 7
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	BRIAN DAWSON .. 8
E. MARION KEY .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 9
GEORGE L. ROOBOITOM .. 5	ERIC EDGINTON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A compliment to Gordon Harrison and his wife Peggy on their 16th wedding anniversary, and also Gordon's birthday.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	*RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 9
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 5	ERIC SUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

\* First peal on ten bells. First as conductor on ten bells, and of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A compliment to Terry Collins and Ann Pettiford on their engagement.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Augustine.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ANNE M. BROXTON .. Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 5
WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 2	ERNEST W. PENN .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 3	ROBERT W. COLE .. 7
†BERYL M. J. HOLM .. 4	HAROLD E. RAXIER .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXIER.

\* First peal of Major. † First on eight.



HYDE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

IVOR JENKINS .. .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH .. .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. 6
DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 3	FREDK. SHALLCROSS .. .. 7
ALEX RICHARDSON .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FREDK. SHALLCROSS.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

ERNEST G. JONES .. .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. 5
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 6
*BARRY J. DAVIS .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 7
*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Hugh Ramsay and Ann Roper.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 15 Hours and 30½ Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 32704 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5
(Maidstone)	(Birmingham)
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
(Leicester)	(Marsden)
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
(Ashton)	(Manchester)
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor
(Davenport)	(Marple)

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

Umpires: STEPHEN IVIN, DAVID J. MARSHALL (Davenport), JOHN A.

ACRES, R. KINGSLEY MASON, ALAN CATTELL, GEOFFREY M.

BREWIN.

This is the longest length rung to a peal by one set of ringers.

LANE END, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. J. CARTER .. .. Treble	G. A. MOORE .. .. 5
*PETER K. JONES .. .. 2	HARRY CARTER .. .. 6
*DAVID WILLIAMS .. .. 3	ALLEN D. STEELE .. .. 7
JOHN BEARDMORE .. .. 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. MOORE.

\* First peal in the method.

A farewell peal to the Rev. David Craig, curate at St. John's.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol: with 56 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER BERESFORD .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Spliced Major as conductor.

In memoriam Albert Walker.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	REV. GILES GALLEY .. 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 2	*JOHN A. COX .. .. 6
DR. DAVID HEIGHTON .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY C. RIX .. .. Treble	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.

A 21st birthday compliment to E. Jane Langton.

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROGER HARRIS .. .. Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
PERCY STONE .. .. 4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal on the bells.

Rung in grateful memory of the life and work of Albert Walker.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD WHITE .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. 5
VERONA R. NAYLOR .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 6
*HAZEL WHITE .. .. 3	MOLLY TROMANS .. .. 7
ALBERT G. HALL .. .. 4	LLEWELLYN R. HALL .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a tribute to Mr. H. Wyre on completing 50 years as a ringer in this tower; also to Mr. F. Stevens, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., on his retirement as organist after 66 years.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ERIC C. F. ROGERS .. Treble	JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 5
†ANN GEORGE .. .. 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. .. 6
EDWARD C. LEIGH .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. .. 7
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	ROBERT P. SHERLOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the recasting and rehanging of the bells: also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Leigh.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	*JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 6
*CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
*WILLIAM IRVING .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 5
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
ELIZABETH L. CHAPMAN .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
J. KEITH WARD .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

\* 650th tower for a peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Salehurst, the Rev. R. A. Stedman.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

JOHNSON'S.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. Treble	GEOFFREY PRATT .. 5
DERMOTT ROAF .. .. 2	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 6
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 3	GEOFFREY LUCAS .. 7
DONALD MURFETT .. .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* 50th peal, and for the Association.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*JOHN COATES .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	*ERNEST PRESTON .. 7
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 4	COLIN W. REED .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by COLIN W. REED.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First on eight. First as conductor.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5184 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 2	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 6
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	*DAVID W. FRIEND .. 7
*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*JOHN A. H. BETTS .. Treble	BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 5
†MURIEL J. LONGHURST .. 2	*WALTER NEWTON .. 6
MRS. BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 3	HAROLD SMITH .. 7
*MARY COLE .. .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt., approx.
JOHN POTTS .. Treble	†JAMES THORLEY .. 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 2	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 6
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD .. 7
MRS. J. RENDER .. .. 4	*HOWARD SANDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal.

Rung as a farewell gesture to the Rev. G. W. McLane, for his last Evensong at this church prior to taking the living at Goathland, near Whitby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

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

*†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 3	*§JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4	†A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* 150th peal together. † 100th peal together. § 200th on the bells. § 800th peal.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Morris.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 9½ cwt. in B flat.
*BRIAN WARNER .. Treble	ROBERT W. COLE .. 4
RALPH HARRIS .. .. 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
HAROLD E. RAXTER .. 3	BERNARD HUNT .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN W. SAMPSON .. Treble	A. WILLIAM BIRD .. 4
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
*MICHAEL J. PARKER .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal in five Minor methods.

In memoriam George Lee, for many years a regular service ringer at Kessingland and Wrentham.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN LEPPARD .. Treble	JOHN A. HOWARD .. 4
M. PETER HOWARD .. 2	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 5
*DEREK SLATER .. .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Treble	*BRIAN COX .. 4
PETER ADCOCK .. .. 2	LESLIE F. BAILEY .. 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* First peal.

Arranged for Brian Cox, on a visit from Adelaide, Australia, where he is a member of the Cathedral band.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in three variations: (1 to 12) April Day, (13 to 24) Plain Bob, (25 to 36) Grandsire, (37 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3
J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 2	BRIAN C. LAW .. 4

ERIC ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The conductor has 'circled the tower.'

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet, of Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, who was invited Rector of Blaby the previous evening.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JANET M. PERCY (13) .. Treble	MRS. BETTY PERCY .. 4
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 5
†ALAN R. BALDOCK .. 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First 'inside.'

In memoriam F. W. Burnett.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*A. JOHN RODEN (15) .. Treble	†JOHN E. LAWLEY (15) .. 4
†PETER L. BILL (13) .. 2	JEREMY A. TANDY (15) .. 5
*C. ROGER TANDY (17) .. 3	*BRIAN WOOTTON (14) .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam Mr. Samuel Johnson.



WHITNEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In nine variations, being three extents each of Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew. Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington and April Day, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

D. HOWARD THOMAS .. Treble | ROBERT HATCHER .. 3  
COLIN A. LEWIS .. 2 | JOHN HOPE .. 4

A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

First peal in nine variations by all.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of London Bob and Double Court, Hereward and Double Oxford Bob, Double and Plain Bob, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4  
JOHN S. DEAN .. 2 | \*ROBIN J. LEE .. 5  
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal in ten methods.

A birthday peal for Mr. Cyril Perkins, towerkeeper.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Netherseale, York. Bourne, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

\*ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble | IAN H. ORAM .. 4  
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2 | †PHILIP A. CORBY .. 5  
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3 | JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal on six bells, and of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Minor.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 240 Morris's and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

\*WILLIAM PREECE .. Treble | THOMAS BOUNDS .. 4  
†MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. 2 | A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5  
W. CHARLES WILLIAMS .. 3 | JAMES WILCE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal. † 50th for the Guild.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. Hopkins, 30 years schoolmaster, also churchwarden and a ringer.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being seven 240's and 22 extents of Grandsire and four extents each of April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

\*HAROLD BRIDGES .. Treble | ALAN H. BRIDGES (14) .. 4  
†GEOFFREY BRIDGES (11) .. 2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5  
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. 3 | †JOHN KETTLE (13) .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal away from a cover bell. † First 'inside' on tower bells.

† First peal.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES .. Treble | ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 4  
ANN E. PRYKE .. 2 | ALAN R. ANDREWS .. 5  
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 3 | EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Four callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
PAMELA M. BUCKLE .. Treble | \*PETER J. HERITAGE .. 4  
CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN .. 2 | ALEC GAMMON .. 5  
NOEL D. DEAM .. 3 | ROY H. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.  
Rung for the Festival of St. Philip.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,  
IN EAST WING, ST. ANDREW'S VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one extent each of R. St. Bartholomew, St. David's, Litchurch, two each of Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, three R. Canterbury, four Old Doubles, four April Day, ten Plain Bob and 12 Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. 1-2 | DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3-4  
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Alan Bridges.

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On Sun., July 16, 1961, in 2 Hours,

AT MEADOW COTTAGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.  
ALEXANDRA M. DUKES .. 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4

\*MARGARET A. LADD .. 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

\* First handbell peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., July 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT 47, VESTA AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.  
GERALD PENNEY .. 1-2 | WALTER AYRE .. 5-6  
ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3-4 | STANLEY HUCKLE .. 7-8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

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(Selby and District.)

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY (SS. MARY AND GERMANUS),

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in nine methods: 360 each of St. Remigius, St. Osmond, St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, and 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN GRUNDY .. 1-2 | RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3-4  
BETTY MARTINSON .. 5-6

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

First peal in nine methods by all.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On Jan. 15th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1. R. I. Gosling 2. B. R. Manning 3. A. Hodgson 4. E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5. K. Whittaker 6. Also on May 7th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1. S. K. Huson 2. D. F. Roberts 3. E. D. Thomas 4. B. R. Manning (cond.) 5. E. Gibson (first quarter) 6.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On July 8th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Haile 1. W. A. Gray 2. T. R. Taylor 3. Gillian Neal Smith 4. Rev. C. Cousmaker 5. S. A. Scott 6. H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7. R. G. Leale 8. Rung for the marriage of Miss S. Kathleen M. Knight to Mr. Roger Baldwin.

**ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1. J. Smith 2. D. Parsons 3. H. Bristow 4. Mrs. F. Townsend (cond.) 5. Miss J. Aldridge 6. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Chapman (first quarter) 1. Josephine Hardy 2. H. S. Wickens 3. N. J. Davies (cond.) 4. J. R. Cooper 5. G. E. White 6. A compliment to Dr. Ramsey, on his enthronement day.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On July 21st. 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): A. E. J. Lester 1. R. K. Whittle 2. W. S. Girling (first 'inside' in method) 3. H. A. Mison 4. R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. E. Hotine 6. Rung to commemorate the visit of H.M. the Queen to Stowmarket district.

**BARROWBY, Lincs.**—On July 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1. C. Nokes 2. C. McCartney 3. F. W. Pinchbeck 4. P. A. Slight (first as cond.) 5.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On July 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Grace 1. H. W. Dunsden 2. P. Corderoy (first of Minor 'inside') 4. Claude Corderoy 5. R. B. Blond (cond.) 6. J. P. Blond 7. Cecil Corderoy cover bell. A compliment to Dick Mills, of Farnborough, Hants, recently awarded the British Empire Medal.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On May 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Gilbert 1. A. Freeston 2. F. P. Harwood 3. W. B. Dawson 4. F. Leggett 5. W. E. Clarke (cond.) 6. R. Stephenson 7. J. Petch 8. Rung in honour of the election of the new Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor\* and Mrs. T. Balderston. Also on June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Joan Gilbert 1. A. Freeston 2. F. Leggett 3. R. Stephenson 4. R. Brown 5. W. B. Dawson 6. J. P. Morris 7. T. Freeston 8. J. Petch 9. W. E. Clarke (cond.) 10. For the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey, who was a former curate at this church.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on June 27th. 1,313 Grandsire Caters: J. Morgan (first quarter) 1. Sally Oates 2. Mary Hall 3. F. Leaker 4. Doreen Cox 5. A. Cox 6. R. Edwards 7. A. Tyler (cond.) 8. R. Bowden 9. D. Heighton 10. Rung following the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On June 12th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Churchill (first away from tenor) 1. R. Davis 2. R. N. Marlow 3. E. C. Read 4. L. A. Page (cond.) 5. T. Harding 6.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On July 23rd. at St. Dunstan's Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Butler 1. D. C. Brooks (first 'inside') 2. Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3. J. Stockbridge 4. T. C. Phillimore 5. D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On July 11th. 1,260 Doubles (10 callings): P. Toogood (first quarter) 1. Mrs. J. Lloyd 2. R. Watts 3. C. Webber 4. D. W. Lloyd (first as cond.) 5. A. Williams 6.

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On July 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Jose (cond.) 1. A. Locke 2. R. G. Eggins 3. Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4. A. J. Davidson 5. G. Riddy 6.

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 16th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. K. Walklate 1. H. Bridges 2. A. H. Bridges 3. G. Bridges 4. D. G. Astridge 5. J. Kettle (first quarter, aged 13) 6. Conducted by the first five ringers for Evensong.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On July 24th. 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1. H. H. Abrahams 2. Ann Abrahams 3. R. Haines 4. L. A. Page 5. Rev. R. Keeley 6. L. F. Cobb 7. R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): P. Coddington 1. G. A. Dixon 2. P. Burton 3. M. A. Burton 4. T. Smith 5. J. Blaikie (cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On July 16th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss L. H. Smith (first of Stedman) 1. Miss R. C. Russell 2. Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 3. H. Fearn 4. F. E. Haynes (cond.) 5. A. Timmins 6. T. R. Russell 7. R. J. Tingley (first quarter) 8.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on June 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Gibson (first quarter) 1. J. Muntion (first of Triples 'inside' and rung with one arm in a sling) 2. Adrienne Gibson 3. R. Fentiman (first of Triples) 4. W. Parrott 5. D. Herschell 6. F. Oakshot (first in method as cond.) 7. G. A. Cockman 8. For Evensong.

**FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On July 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1. W. S. Girling 2. H. A. Mison 3. F. Borley 4. E. Hotine 5. E. A. Cracknell 6. A birthday compliment to James Horrex.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On July 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Russell (first quarter) 1. Miss M. Easton 2. Miss E. Woolston 3. R. A. Todd (cond.) 4. G. Busby 5. G. Reynolds 6.

**GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Benedict, on July 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Janet Collings (first quarter) 1. J. Blackmore 2. J. Rose (first quarter) 3. M. Rose 4. H. Collings (cond.) 5. C. Scull 6.

**GLOUCESTER.**—On July 22nd. at the Cathedral. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hewitt 1. W. Jones 2. W. Cox 3. T. Pritchard 4. P. Clarkson 5. L. Edwards 6. P. Allen (first as cond.) 7. J. Whiting 8. Rung for the wedding of Patrick, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Barry, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Drinkwater, at St. Aldate's Church, Gloucester.

**HESTON, MIDD.**—On July 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Pocock (first quarter) 1. A. Grant 2. Miss P. Rayner 3. P. Ruch (cond.) 4. M. Hawkins 5. G. Golding 6. R. Sumner 7. S. Porter 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Peter Bettridge, of Heston, and Miss Doreen Nason, of Swaffham, on the occasion of their wedding.

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. E. V. Woodcock 1. W. H. Lewis (cond.) 2. H. A. Price 3. J. R. Williams (first quarter) 4. S. J. Lewis 5. W. Price 6. To honour the enthronement of Dr. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**HULL, EAST YORKS.**—On July 26th. at Holy Trinity Church. 1,256 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: I. Goldthorpe 1. Elaine Richardson 2. K. Goldthorpe 3. R. Warburton 4. J. Singleton 5. R. Gibson 6. D. Johnson 7. J. Rank (cond.) 10. Rung on the back eight.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Hood 1. H. Brown 2. M. Wooldridge 3. S. Brown 4. J. Norris (first as cond.) 5. N. Wright 8.

**LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.**—On July 21st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hicks 1. W. Manning 2. J. Rich 3. A. Sandy 4. J. Benoy 5. A. Chubb (first quarter) 6. W. C. Boucher (first as cond.) 7. G. Hillham (first quarter) 8. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On July 16th. 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Goulter 1. C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2. Miss S. M. Parsons 3. N. R. Waite (first of Surprise) 4. A. Pendlebury 5. Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6. G. R. Drew 7. P. T. Hurcombe 8. For Evensong.

**LENTON, NOTTS.**—On May 16th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Benfield (first quarter) 1. C. Barnes 2. P. Hawcock 3. J. Cree 4. J. Bird (first as cond.) 5. F. A. (Bob) Coney 6. For conductor's 13th wedding anniversary, and Vicar's silver wedding.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on July 19th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Lawley 1. M. D. Fellows 2. J. A. Tandy 3. P. J. Brown 4. P. L. Bill 5. M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6. By Stourbridge Grammar School Society, on the back six.

**LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.**—On July 20th. 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. E. Crowe 1. G. W. Howlett 2. B. S. Thompson 3. G. Walpole 4. W. Bird 5. W. B. Duncan 6. G. C. Galley 7. E. R. Goate (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and to commemorate the 41st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**MILLAND, SUSSEX.**—On July 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Walton (first quarter) 1. B. S. Gambrill 2. K. Sansom (cond.) 3. K. Tipper 4. D. Hughes 5. W. Davison 6.

**NASEBY, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Perry (first quarter) 1. Miss L. Brown 2. F. Lane 3. W. Cropley 4. A. Millward (cond.) 5.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On June 27th. at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4. 6. 8 covering): Miss G. M. Burman 1. Mrs. G. F. Roome 2. T. A. Wooding 3. T. Jennings 4. Miss J. A. Downing 5. Miss V. Dawson (first quarter) 6. G. F. Roome (cond.) 7. B. Hughes 8. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On July 23rd. 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. E. Roberts 1. Miss F. Hankey 2. D. Mundy 3. W. Dunn 4. K. Game 5. A. Streeter (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all the band except the treble ringer. Rung for school leavers' service.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On July 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', St. Remigius', St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss V. Mathews 1. Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2. Miss E. Mason 3. Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5. F. W. Blatch 6. First in 10 methods by all the band and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On July 20th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Drury (first quarter) 1. Janet Real 2. E. Broom 3. R. Netherway 4. F. J. Sage 5. R. F. Shepperd 6. Rung by pupils and old scholars of King's School, Ottery St. Mary, as a tribute to Preb. E. V. Cox.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On July 9th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary S. Thorling 1. V. R. Tallis 2. P. Rothera 3. R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 4. V. H. Nash 5. Pamela M. Turner 6. R. E. Tallis 7. M. A. Lister 8. For Matins. Also on July 16th. 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. A. Lister 1. Pamela M. Turner 2. M. C. Hughes 3. V. H. Nash 4. P. Rothera 5. R. G. Morris 6. R. E. Tallis 7. R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also on July 16th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. C. Hughes 1. R. E. Tallis jun. 2. P. S. Bennett 3. Pamela M. Turner 4. R. Daw 5. J. K. Foot 6. G. Davies (cond.) 7. P. Rothera 8. First in method for all except conductor. For Evensong. Also on July 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer S. Hill 1. R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 2. V. H. Nash 3. Pamela M. Turner 4. R. G. Morris 5. M. C. Hughes 6. For the wedding of Miss P. Hall-Wright to Mr. J. Madeley. Also on July 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary S. Thorling 1. Pamela M. Turner 2. M. C. Hughes 3. V. H. Nash 4. R. G. Morris 5. P. Rothera 6. R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 7. V. R. Tallis 8. For Matins.

**POWERSTOCK, DORSET.**—On July 24th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Hayne (first of Minor) 1. F. Hopgood 2. Betty J. Marsh 3. W. G. Trevett (first of Minor on an 'inside' bell) 4. J. H. Hayne 5. H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Frank Hopgood (July 21st).



**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On July 23rd, at St. Mary's Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill (first of Minor) 1, L. Allen 2, A. Clayton 3, A. Millidge 4, B. Bull 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On July 14th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Miss C. Webb (first of Triples 'inside') 3, J. Harvey 4, W. Simpson 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. J. B. Hurst to this living.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on July 23rd. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, H. O. Chaddock 3, S. Philbrick 4, R. Birch 5, R. S. Long 6, D. Armstrong 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, B. Holland (cond.) 9, R. Price 10. Rung prior to Evensong by members of the local company as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, who celebrated their silver wedding on July 18th.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On July 23rd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Norman 1, K. H. Mildred (first 'inside') 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At Immanuel Church, on Feb. 5th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, Miss C. White 2, D. Woodham 3, M. Linden 4, K. Cherrill 5, C. Wood 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Rea 1, J. Tomsett 2, D. Martin 3, D. Woodham 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, K. Cherrill 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Talbot 8. Also on July 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Shepherd 1, Miss R. Gasson 2, D. Woodham 3, E. Talbot 4, J. Perrett 5, M. Barton 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, J. Tomsett 8.

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—On July 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela M. Turner 1, V. H. Nash 2, J. K. Foot 3, M. C. Hughes 4, J. Corbett 5, R. G. Morris 6, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 7, P. Rothera 8. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On July 25th, at St. James' Church. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Churchill 1, W. G. Gigg 2, J. Brewer 3, E. H. Langley 4, O. F. Morris 5, K. S. Ireland 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, B. Hooper 8. In honour of the Patronal Festival, and also in thanksgiving for recovery to health of the Vicar. Preb. E. Hirst, R.D.

**SUTTON, CAMBS.**—On July 23rd. 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Shipp 1, C. Gimbert 2, M. Ginn 3, D. Murfett 4, G. Thoday (cond.) 5, G. Lucas 6. For Evensong.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On July 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Bailey 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, H. V. Booker 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, H. White (cond.) 6, A. R. Wood 7, K. Leach 8. For the wedding of Mr. R. J. Belmont and Miss C. H. Nares.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On July 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Gocher (first quarter) 1, J. Nelson (first quarter) 2, W. L. Weller 3, K. Burchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, I. Challen 6. For Evensong.

**WELTON, LINCS.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. V. Cade 1, G. A. Dixon 2, P. Burton (first in two Minor methods) 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. A. Burton 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**—On June 29th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naphine 1, J. Pilgrim 2, J. Marjoram 3, W. Newham (first 'inside') 4, C. J. Gibson 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on July 13th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): M. P. Moreton 1, I. Hughes (first as cond. on tower bells) 2, C. D. Emery (first 'inside' on tower bells) 3, C. Simpson 4, R. F. Overington 5, J. V. Clark (first quarter) 6.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On July 22nd. 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, April Day, Kennington, Southrepps Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob): G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, T. A. Wooding 2, R. S. Roberts 3, R. J. Dunby 4, P. Amos 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Sylvia Abrahams to Mr. Anthony Harvey.

**WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On July 18th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Nicoll (first quarter) 1, P. E. Parry 2, R. Algate (first 'inside') 3, M. Owen 4, I. C. Buckland (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Butler (first quarter) 6.

**WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On July 5th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Burbidge (first quarter) 1, C. E. Truman 2, D. Burbidge (first as cond.) 3, R. Hinton 4, J. Linnell 5.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On July 16th. 1,320 Woodbine: F. Yarrow 1, H. Sharp 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Markwell 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to the ringers of the second.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On June 11th. 1,440 Surprise Minor: P. Leggett 1, D. Murfet 2, A. W. A. Leggett 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**WING, RUTLAND.**—On July 11th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. A. Clark 1, G. Dexter (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, T. Crowden 3, P. S. Heath (cond.) 4, C. Hudson 5. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Green, the Rutland Branch president.

**WIRKSWORTH, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 10th. 1960: A. Halls 1, B. R. Manning 2, R. I. Gostling 3, S. K. Huson (first 'inside') 4, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 5, K. Whittaker 6.

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On July 9th. 1,260 Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Dowe 1, D. Cubitt 2, T. E. Spight 3, W. Clover 4, H. Tooke 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six.

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While staying in Norfolk Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide Cathedral band, South Australia, had the pleasure of ringing his first peal. At short notice, the Rector of Bunwell, who is a ringer, placed the bells of his church at his disposal. Mr. H. W. Barrett informs us that Mr. Cox rang very well and he was surprised to learn that it was his first peal.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Tuxford, Notts, on July 22nd, was Mr. William L. Exton's 100th peal in Nottinghamshire.

Messrs. John Leppard and Derek Slater, who rang in a peal at West Hoathly, are the first ringers from this tower to enter the list of peal ringers.

The first peal on the new ring of eight bells at Atherstone, Warwickshire, was an in memoriam peal to Mr. Albert Walker. The method rung was Rutland Surprise Major.

Mr. Brian D. Price informs us that circumstances have changed and he is not going to Radley College. He has accepted an assistant housemastership at the Lord Weymouth School, Warminster, which is next to the Minster Church.

Six local ringers participated in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Edenbridge on July 22nd to mark the 50th anniversary of the installation of the present ring of bells. Thanks are expressed to Mr. E. C. Leigh, who entertained the band to tea.

The band who went to Banwell to attempt a peal on July 22nd would like to convey their sincere thanks to Messrs. W. Rice and W. Day for arranging the wonderful supper in the Bell Hotel afterwards. The sorrows of losing the peal were dissipated by the supper and handbell ringing.

The well known composer of Spiced Surprise and other peals, Mr. A. J. Pitman, of 29, Taylor Avenue, Lillington, near Leamington Spa, has been ordered by his doctor to give active ringing a rest for a while. We feel sure the Exercise at large will join local ringers in wishing Mr. Pitman a speedy recovery to full health again.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

'The Cork Examiner' tells of an extraordinary accident. A Mrs. P. Collins, of Shanadune, Co. Cork, was attending her husband's funeral at Castlehaven when a portion of a church bell broke off and struck her a glancing blow. Her injuries might have been more serious were it not for the bell fragment striking a window ledge before hitting Mrs. Collins.

The band who rang the complimentary quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on July 23rd would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Alf Greenough, who should have made up a Triples' side, but was prevented through indisposition.

'The Irish Bell News' gives in the current issue the life story of Mr. Frederick Bogan, of St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, the Association's new president. Mr. Bogan was taught to ring in 1934 by Mr. Fred Dukes, who was then Ringing Master of St. Finbarre's Cathedral. He succeeded Mr. Dukes as captain in 1937. This is the first time that Cork has provided the Irish Association with its president.

A photograph of the band that rang the longest length of 10.176 Kent T.B. Major at South Wigston, on December 26th, 1901, has been renovated and reframed by Mr. Ernest Morris, to whom the company extend grateful thanks. Two other long peals have been rung in this tower, viz.: 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The peal arranged by the 'Monday' band at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 24th was to have been Stedman Caters. This was requested by Joseph W. Cotton (the popular secretary of the small Midland Counties Guild), as the peal was to be his 800th. Unfortunately, Peter Staniforth was unable to take part at the very last moment, and so, with G. Ronald Edwards acting as witness, the remaining ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples. By a coincidence, it was Brian G. Warwick's 200th peal on the bells, his 150th with Joseph Cotton, and his 100th with A. J. Poynor.

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## CLERICAL PEAL' BOARD UNVEILED

The fourth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in the historic town of Warwick on Saturday last, and advantage was taken of the occasion to unveil a handsome tablet recording the peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910. After the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (the composer and conductor of the peal) had given the history of the previous clerical peals, the Lord Bishop of Worcester performed the unveiling ceremony, which was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters, in which three of the clergy who rang in the peal took part, viz.: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. C. Cox and E. V. Cox, the Rev. C. C. Cox conducting.

The peal band: Rev. G. F. Coleridge 1, Rev. J. F. Hastings 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3, Rev. C. Carew Cox 4, Rev. E. V. Cox 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, Rev. C. D. P. Davies 7, Rev. H. Law James 8, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 9, Rev. H. A. Cockey 10.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

After an interval of several years, the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Haslemere on July 15th. Bishop Dale (the Rector) greeted the ringers, expressed some surprise at the large number of very youthful members, and then bade the company 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord.' Owing to the youth and inexperience of many present a good number of rounds were rung before tea, but Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were managed with the help of visitors from Slough and Hampton.

At the business meeting, which followed Evensong, the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) expressed everyone's appreciation of the most cordial welcome given by the Haslemere captain, Mr. F. Bowden, and his wife. At the conclusion of ringing several who had thoroughly enjoyed Haslemere's beautiful bells voiced regret at having to return to their own 'lumpy' bells on the morrow.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District's quarterly meeting at Ranmore on July 8th was a most successful and enjoyable one despite the relatively small number present, the standard of ringing during the afternoon being well above the average for a meeting. The Association's service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist accompanied the hymns. Tea was followed by a routine business meeting, at which the ratification of the election of five members prior to successful peal attempts was made.

Other interesting items were the notification that the band at St. Martin's, Epsom, had requested a course of instruction and that the matter was receiving attention, and the receipt of a detailed report from Mr. N. Bagworth on the state of ringing in the District. Mr. Bagworth was thanked for his work. The report has been studied by the committee and will be dealt with at the next committee meeting. Suggestions were made for amending the striking competition and these too will be considered by the committee.

The business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had made it such a happy occasion and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. W. P.

## Unheeded!

Perhaps it is because of the holidays, but more postal subscriptions are outstanding than usual. Please send remittance today to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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## LONGEST PEAL BY ONE SET OF RINGERS



The band who rang the 32,704 changes of Plain Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 15th, the longest length ever rung to a peal by one set of ringers.

Standing (left to right): Paul L. Taylor (bell founder), Bernard F. L. Groves, John M. Jelley, Neil Bennett, Patrick I. Chapman, David J. Marshall (umpire).

Kneeling: Barrie Hendry, A. Peter Whitehead, Derek Ogden and Robert B. Smith (conductor).

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

**Treble.**—Bernard F. L. Groves, aged 18 years. Started ringing at Marple, Cheshire, 1954. Rang his first peal at Burbage, Derbyshire, in October, 1956. His peal total has now reached the figure of 306, of which he has conducted 36. His best performance as conductor is probably Bristol Surprise Major at Hyde, Cheshire, when he was 16 years old. Previous long lengths that he has taken part in are Spliced Surprise Major in 10 methods (9,568 changes), 6 methods (13,440 changes) and Double Norwich C.B. Major (10,000 changes).

**Second.**—John M. Jelley, aged 23 years. Commenced ringing at South Wigston, Leicestershire, in 1949, and rang his first peal at South Wigston in 1953. His present total is 453, of which he has conducted 99. Although he has not taken part in any long length peals previously his peals include some fine performances, the best being Scientific Triples. He has taken part in 50 different Surprise Major methods and 31 of Surprise Royal, completing the alphabet.

**Third.**—Neil Bennett, aged 22 years, Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Ashton, where he started ringing in 1954. He has rung about 130 peals, of which he has conducted 15. He is a member of the young 'Manchester band' which, in recent months, has featured in some fine performances of Spliced Surprise Major (16), Royal (6) and Maximus (3). His only previous long peal was 10,000 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Fairfield in 1957.

**Fourth.**—Patrick I. Chapman, aged 29 years. Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and captain of the ringers at Daventry, where he has built up an extremely good Sunday service band. His peal total of 305 includes peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 4 and 9 methods, as well as Superlative Surprise Maximus. On the 4th bell at the Loughborough Bell Foundry he has rung at least 133,000 changes in long length attempts.

**Fifth.**—Barrie Hendry, aged 22 years. Started ringing in December, 1949, ringing his first peal in July, 1953, and his first as conductor in May, 1954. His peal total of about 140 includes peals on all numbers from 5 to 12 bells, all of these being tower bell peals. He now works in Birmingham, where he rings regularly in the peals at the Cathedral. This is his first successful long peal, although he rang in the attempt which went to 28,850 changes, and also in one of 7,000 changes.

His peals of Surprise Maximus include 9 Spliced and Lincolnshire.

**Sixth.**—A. Peter Whitehead, aged 21 years. Has been ringing now for seven years, ringing his first peal in May, 1959, at East Crompton, Lancashire. His total at present is 75 and the peals of Spliced Surprise he has rung in are the same as those in the case of Neil Bennett. This year he took part in the record peal of Spliced Surprise Major (13,440 changes) rung at Norbury, Cheshire.

**Seventh.**—Derek Ogden, aged 28 years, chairman of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association and president of the Manchester University Guild. This was his 200th peal, of which he has conducted 80. During the last 12 months he has been the driving power behind the peals of Spliced rung in the Manchester area. This year he has conducted Mr. Albert J. Pitman's 16 Spliced Surprise Major and also his own compositions of 6 Spliced Surprise Major and 55 Spliced Plain Major. His handbell peals include Belgrave and Yorkshire Surprise Major, which were the first in the North of England.

**Tenor.**—Robert B. Smith, aged 23 years. Taught to ring by Michael J. Pryor (Jock) at Marple, starting in 1955. Rang his first peal, with Bernard Groves, at Burbage, Derbyshire, in October, 1956. [Since then they have rung 171 peals together so that the same performances are included in each of their totals.] Peal total at present stands at 313, of which he has conducted about 40.

Mr. R. B. Smith, the conductor, writes: 'I would like to thank Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis for the composition of 40,320 Plain Bob Major, which is, in the opinion of all the band who rang in the attempt, "a masterpiece." We would commend it to any band who makes an attempt at the extent in the future.'

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir.—I would appreciate it very much if you would allow me, through 'The Ringing World,' to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bob Smith and his band on their gallant attempt to ring the full extent of Bob Major.

Although they did not completely succeed, they did put up a very fine record by bringing the bells round at 32,704, thus giving the ringers in the next attempt something worth fighting for.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN V. HARDING

King's Lynn.



## Book Review

## 'THE ART OF HANDBELL RINGING'\*

This attractive and useful little book is written by an author who has gained an extensive experience of handbell tune ringing not only in her own country but by personal contact with the leading handbell ringing bands in Great Britain.

She is a leading exponent of the art of tune ringing in U.S.A. and chairman of the Publicity Committee of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers to which some 500 teams and individuals are affiliated.

The book includes practical and helpful suggestions on how to arrange music, how to organise and manage a handbell group, and the care and maintenance of handbells and other equipment.

Although actual music scores are not included in the book, the comprehensive bibliography gives a list of all published music scores for handbells and the addresses from which they may be obtained.

The effective way in which the author deals with all aspects, human and technical, of running a handbell team, reflects her experience and dedicated enthusiasm.

The book will be especially useful to those who are about to acquire a set of handbells and embark on tune ringing for the first time. More experienced leaders will also find much valuable information in this clearly and concisely written, and well indexed manual.

\* By Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts. Published by the Abingdon Press, Nashville 2, Tennessee, U.S.A. (112 pages, \$3.)

Copies available at Willshaw's, 16, John Dalton Street, Manchester.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Rochester District

Some 50 members, from 14 different towers, attended a quarterly meeting of the Rochester District on July 15th, held at All Saints' Church, Frindsbury. Good use was made of the ring of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) before and after the service.

In the absence of the Vicar, the ringers' service was conducted by Canon Mitchell, now retired, who gave a most inspiring address. Tea, kindly given by the Frindsbury ringers, was partaken of in the Vicarage School. A short business meeting followed, with Canon Mitchell in the chair, and Mr. A. Dunk acting as secretary, as Mr. T. Barton was away on holiday. One new member (Miss B. Hancock, of Frindsbury) was elected to the Association.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, to Mr. C. Jarrett (captain of the Frindsbury ringers), to those who had kindly given the tea, and to Mr. A. Dunk, for carrying out the secretary's duties.

More ringing followed to 8.30 p.m.

## Gratefully Acknowledged

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE — 31



MR. A. LESLIE BARRY,  
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

In many parts of the country, particularly in the South and West, a ringer's first introduction to change ringing is through Grandsire Doubles and Triples. If there is a ringer in a particular area who is prepared to arrange and conduct peals of Doubles and Triples, a lot of ringers will have a chance of a first peal who otherwise might never get the opportunity. Such a ringer is Mr. A. Leslie Barry, of Gloucester, who has probably conducted more peals of Doubles, with a larger number of first pealers, than any other ringer alive today.

Leslie was born at Stroud, Glos. on October 10th, 1904, and was taught to handle a bell there in 1920 by Hubert Scrivens, who took part in the record peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick the same year. His first peal was in December, 1922, when he rang the tenor at Stroud to Grandsire Triples, conducted by Albert Wright, who conducted the 13,001, also the unfortunate 17,000 odd, afterwards found to be false. Leslie rang quite a lot of peals with Albert Wright, both at Painswick and Stroud. His present total of peals to date is 336, of which he has conducted 210, including Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. He has rung nine handbell peals of Doubles, all of which he conducted, usually from 3—4.

Most of Leslie's peals have been rung in the Grandsire and Plain Bob method, because his peal ringing life has been spent mainly in spade work amongst learners and first pealers. In one year, for instance, he called first peals for no fewer than 40 ringers! On many occasions a peal of Doubles has contained five 'firsts', and sometimes six 'firsts' in Triples and Caters, and he has been very pleased when some of his beginners have scored their 'first as conductor.' Three examples of the fruits of his instruction are called to mind. Many years ago, while working at Tetbury, Glos, he found the local band ringing plain courses of Grandsire Doubles. In six months Leslie had called a peal for them, with five 'firsts'! Again, at Cam, near Dursley, he

helped a similar band, and conducted the first peal on the bells on February 25th, 1931, also with five local 'firsts.' Some 18 years later, on August 18th, 1949, he repeated a similar performance at Cranham.

Two other peals of interest are in Leslie's list. In 1924, at the age of 20, he conducted the first local peal rung by a local band at Stroud for 82 years, and he is very pleased with having conducted the Coronation peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1953, with a representative band of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which included five 'firsts.'

Leslie has been secretary of the Gloucester Branch of his local Association for a short period, Branch chairman, and a representative on the Association's Management Committee. He was honoured by being elected Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from 1953-1955, and has been a Central Council representative since 1953. He is also a loyal member of the A.S.C.Y., and is a regular attender at the annual dinner. At present he is Master of the joint bands at Gloucester Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt.

Leslie takes a keen interest in Trade Union affairs—he is a tailor and is vice-chairman of his branch, and has been region delegate. He plays a fair hand of cribbage in the local league, but apart from a little gardening, he hasn't much time for other hobbies. His grown-up family of two sons and one daughter are not ringers—they regard one ringer in the household as sufficient!

His continuous spade work for his Association in the humbler methods has often brought good and lasting results, and his example in helping beginners for nearly 40 years is rightly appreciated by his fellow ringers.

APACE.

## RINGER — ARTIST

Mr. W. Linter, of Fareham, Hants (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), who was one of the 'missionaries' who took part in the 'Great Adventure' to Australasia in 1934, and who took part in several historic peals on that occasion, is also an artist in oils, who has painted a number of pictures of merit. The story of 'The Great Adventure' was published in a series of articles by the late Mr. Goldsmith as the events happened, in 'The Ringing World,' and later issued in book form. An account is also in Ernest Morris' book, 'Bells of All Nations,' which, although now out of print, can be seen in most public libraries.

Mr. Linter has painted a number of pictures of his ringing friends, and some of these pictures are preserved in their respective belfries. Thus, some years ago he painted a portrait of the late George Williams, which hangs in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, another of Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Winchester Cathedral band for fifty years) hangs in the Cathedral belfry. He also did one of his own father's 90th birthday party which hangs in the belfry of Swanmore Church.

And now his latest picture has been accepted for exhibition and is on view—until August 20th—at the Cumberland House Museum and Art Gallery, Eastern Parade, Southsea. This is of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who recently completed the great total of 2,000 peals. After the exhibition is over this picture will eventually be hung in the tower of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, in which church 'Uncle Ernest' was baptised 72 years ago this month, and where he has been connected ever since.

E. M.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## QUARTER PEALS AND THE LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir.—In reply to letters from Messrs. Bowden and Mann on page 495: First Mr. Bowden. I fail to see how there would be any implied slight on local ringers, as I feel sure there have been many cases where the locals have proudly proclaimed that a peal of something plain has been rung by a local band, but the same local band has not taken umbrage when a visiting band has come along and rung a peal in a complicated method. And, if there was no local band, as in many times the case, there would be no chance whatsoever of hearing the bells.

Mr. Bowden is quite at liberty to pull my leg in quoting G. K. Chesterton, even if G. K. C. is slightly distorting the English Dictionary with his definition.

Turning to Mr. Mann's letter and his comment that it is the thought behind the action. I may say that it was the thought behind my action in writing to the 'R.W.': the thought that people can get misled with regard to the state of ringing in various districts.

I refrain from passing any further comment on Mr. Mann's letter, as, if I say too much, I fear I shall not get my leg pulled, but my neck, for daring to stick it out. What a difference in the tone of two letters on the same subject.—Yours faithfully,

F. HODGSON.

Darlington.

## LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir.—I have unearthed my piscatorial equipment and I am now casting round for bait to catch these scarlet herrings in Mr. Moreton's letter.

With regard to Crayford L.C. I concede all his points, let us in-  
213456 vestigate another little method.  
213465 For example consider Kent L.C.  
214356 This method is not in the C.C.  
142635 Collection. I wonder why? What  
is there to be said for it? Its  
music? Its movement? or perhaps the fact  
that hunting has no connection with it?

Regarding the methods of the 'transient strain' let us consider one of them, Caithness.

This method is Bourne with a modified slow work. Admitted it has two pairs of rows in which only two bells cross, but it has not got place making without end in 3/4, and it has the capacity to bring up all the 'music' of six bells.

As for the points of principle, I find the unofficial rule quoted a little illogical. This is surely a variation of the old theme 'Is a bob part of a method?' If a bobbed lead of Ockley is rung then surely the method of Ockley has been rung just as much as if a plain lead had been rung. Only if Capel was rung would any question of doubt arise.

Of Mr. Mohammed's run making, I can only comment that a record in batting depends on more variables than records in other spheres, particularly in the condition of the wicket.

This should be fairly well known by now especially in the part of the country where we gather they know how to make wickets.

To conclude I cannot agree that to ring even a method such as Tollesbury makes record breaking easy. It is still one more variation to be remembered, another name for the conductor to call.—Yours faithfully,

P. SALTmarsh.

Danbury, Essex.

## GRANDSIRE ON EVEN NUMBERS

Dear Sir.—May that controversialist enter the realms of controversy once again? This time at your invitation, and on the side of Mr. D. J. Hunt. Like Mr. Hunt, I see nothing wrong in ringing Grandsire Major—or Minor or Royal for that matter, having now rung three of Minor and one of Major and shortly hoping to attempt another of Major—a 5.7.28, composed recently by Mr. Ernest Morris.

How much of this scoring of Grandsire on even numbers is due to prejudice and how much to other reasons? I would say a good three-quarters of it is due to prejudice—just as it was at one time with Plain Bob Triples and Caters, and methods of Doubles like St. Vedast, with three blows at lead and 2nds and 3rds places, instead of the more customary two blows, with 3rds and 4ths places: It is time we did break the back of this prejudice; and all the arguing about there are other and better methods is besides the point!

From the first of my taking up ringing (41 years ago now) I can remember having it 'drilled into me' by my tutor (the late Mr. William Rogers, of S. Giles', Northampton, who was a good 10 bell ringer) that it was 'wrong to ring Grandsire on even numbers'—as I have no doubt the same has been drilled into the minds of thousands of others who have not stopped to ask themselves why it should be considered wrong, but took it for granted. They listen to all this biased baloney about 'bad musical qualities,' that it is 'wrong to ring a method with six blows behind at a bob or four at a plain lead,' that much positioning is monotonous, etc., etc., forgetting to ask themselves—Does that affect the truth of the changes? And Are there not times when I have rung consecutive Bobs in other methods causing dodges in 6-7 to a monotony? They listen to all this prejudice nonsense, forgetting entirely where the man-in-the-street comes into the picture on this question of 'quality' of ringing. It is so much bunkum to suggest 'that quality depends on the method you ring'; even many advanced ringers are agreed on that!

I recall going for a peal a year ago when one (whom I have rung lots of peals with) asked 'What are we going to ring?' 'We are going to ring your first 720 of Grandsire Minor in this peal,' we replied! 'Aye, what—me ring that rubbish; not I,' he commented! We assured him we were in earnest, and after a bit of arguing he rang it.

At the end of the peal he looked across the belfry and remarked: 'I liked your Grandsire Minor, it's more musical than I had been led to believe!'

Not long after that, we put him through a full peal of it, and he enjoyed it and asked for more. Since then we have heard the same comment from a familiar name in Lincolnshire, where we went for a peal, but lost it through a broken rope, not long ago.

In conclusion, might I say, being one of the 'wicked sinners,' that I object to Mr. P. I. Chapman's 'judge and jury verdict' about Grandsire on even numbers, printed under his name in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild Report: Mr. Chapman may not wish to ring these methods himself, but if others choose to, may I ask—What business is it of his to say otherwise, Guild Master or no? Let bureaucracy and prejudice be overthrown—we see enough of this in the political world, without having it creeping into ringing! Ringers are entitled to please themselves entirely what they ring in the name of true changes, since it is all voluntary.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

## CHURCH UNITY AT MELBOURNE

Dear Sir.—A delightful thing happened recently at Melbourne. We saw in an air mail 'Ringing World' that every bell should ring for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury—so we rang at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral and afterwards at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was the St. Paul's boys' idea, but we still wonder if there will be repercussions if their authorities discover it. Actually I wouldn't think so, for our two bands are so beautifully integrated that it took me six months to discover which ringers belong to each tower. We rang for the Pope's enthronement; they rang for the Primate of Australia's death. I think this will at least prove we are generous and tolerant down here!—Yours sincerely,

FLORENCE C. BROWN.

St. Kilda, Victoria.

## IRRELEVANT FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir.—Mr. Faulkner's letter on page 511 has drawn attention to the many different footnotes to peals (and quarter peals) that are printed in 'The Ringing World.' Not only do these footnotes occasionally appear irrelevant, but quite often some of the ringers who took part in a peal discover for the first time the supposed reason for ringing when they read the peal report. It is reasonably certain that a number of these footnotes are not composed until the peals have been successfully brought round, and are added as an afterthought in order to suggest that the peals were rung other than for the reason that the band wanted to ring and would have done so in any case.

With regard to the question 'How crazy can a footnote be?' I suggest that a competition be held to find the most original or amusing footnote, with the editor, at his discretion, printing the best entries in Belfry Gossip or in a separate column, not necessarily linking the footnote to the peals or quarters for which they are supposedly rung.—Yours faithfully,

R. I. VAUGHAN.

Merrow, Guildford.

## 'MY WORD'

Dear Sir, do you pay 'postage due' On certain letters sent to you. They must be overweight! I mean the ones we can't unravel They're always postmarked 'Weston Favell' (With Blagrove as the bait!).

Interpreter, step forward, pray,  
We have not got the time to stay  
And read through all these troubles,  
We need a little breathing space  
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But in the meantime can we plead  
For letters easier to read  
And somewhat less abstruse?  
Be lucid in communication  
We have scant time for meditation  
At least, that's my excuse!

Somerset.

J. B.

## A BOB TOUCH IN PERFUME

Dear Sir.—Does anyone know what connection perfume has with ringing?

The other day a lady friend was giving us all in the office a spot of expensive perfume and said it was 25s. a bottle. One of them promptly replied, 'This is a Bob a Touch.'—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. ALBERT WALKER

We deeply regret to report the death of Albert Walker, who passed to higher service at the age of 85, on July 21st after a short illness. He had a sharp attack of bronchitis which affected his heart. His end was peaceful, and his loss is mourned by his wife, Mary, his daughter, Winnie, and his son, Fred, to whom the sympathy of the whole Exercise will be extended.



During his lifetime, Albert suffered three very serious illnesses, and it was due to the loving care and skilful nursing of Mrs. Walker that he was spared to us for so many years. Birmingham will not be the same to ringers without him for he enjoyed a popularity which reached out all over the country. He was always young in outlook, and his ready wit was a tonic to all who came into his company. His efforts to stimulate interest in 12 bell ringing have been written about in this journal many times, but it is true to say that no man did more for 12 bell ringing since change ringing began. His name will go down in history with those of Johnson, Thurstons and Lates.

Many ringers up and down the country will remember with gratitude that it was Albert Walker who gave them the opportunity to ring their first peal of Stedman Cinques. He was ever ready to help and advise budding conductors, and would go to infinite trouble in writing out touches and peals for their guidance. We mourn the loss of a great man, a fine ringer and conductor, and a wonderful friend. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

The funeral took place at Robin Hood Crematorium on July 24th, the service being conducted by Canon Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by F. E. Haynes, F. W. Perrens, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. Shepherd and G. E. Fearn. There was a representative gathering at the ceremony, which included Alderman A. Paddon Smith, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Collins, A. G. Mason, E. Sitch, J. Garner-Hayward, B. D. A. Woolley, E. T. Lloyd, R. C. Ingram, J. Corbett, E. T. Russell, C. Bragg, C. Dale, H. H. Fearn, G. C. Chaplin, C. Skidmore, W. Leeson, J. Bragg, W. E. Box and J. Anderson. Owing to short notice, many who would have desired to attend were prevented from doing so.

A memorial service was held at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, on July 30th, at which Canon Bryan Green paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Walker's sterling qualities as a churchman and ringer. A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's on July 25th. J. F. S.

## LADIES' GUILD ANNUAL MEETING AT BEDFORD

THIS year it was the turn of one of the newer Districts of the Guild to act as hostess for the annual general meeting, which took place at Bedford on July 1st. Once again members travelled long distances in order to be present, including one enthusiast and her husband who started off at 4 a.m., and only one District was not represented, this being due to illness.

During the morning three towers were open, Kempston (8), Bromham (8) and Biddenham (6), and even the two members who were hiking from tower to tower agreed that Miss Rivett had been very successful in her arrangements for the ringing throughout the day.

The committee met at 1.30 p.m., and their deliberations went on too long for some members to get to Goldington (6) for a ring before ringing for service at St. Peter's, Bedford. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Faulkner, deputising for the Vicar, who had another engagement. For the first time for several years there was no address at the service, Mr. Faulkner explaining that he always understood ringers preferred their service without a sermon, but he did extend a very warm welcome to the Ladies' Guild.

Members of the Beds and Northants District had prepared an excellent tea at St. Peter's Hall, where Mr. Edwards, chairman of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association, also extended a hearty welcome to the Guild and a warm invitation to visit Bedford again.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the president, Mrs. J. Staniforth, took the chair. Mrs. Barnett proposed, and Miss Edwards seconded, that the president, secretary and treasurer should be re-elected, and this was carried. The auditor, Mrs. Short, was unable to be present at the meeting as she was abroad, but she had written to suggest that now she had moved to Somerset it might be better to elect an auditor who lived nearer the treasurer. On the proposition of Mrs. K. Lock, seconded by Mrs. Savoury, Mrs. Slade was appointed, a very hearty vote of thanks being passed to Mrs. Short for her work during the past nine years and to her father, Mr. Bailey, who had so kindly deputised when Mrs. Short had been unable to audit the accounts.

The treasurer gave a résumé of the Guild's finances. Although the expenditure in 1960 had exceeded income by just over £7, it was

agreed that the position was not entirely unsatisfactory as this had been caused by an item of expenditure which would not recur.

Two additions to rules were passed. Added to Rule 4 was the sentence, 'Nominations for officers should be forwarded to the General Secretary not later than four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.' The following addition to Rule 9 was also agreed, 'Nominations for representatives should be forwarded to the General Secretary not later than four weeks before the appropriate Annual General Meeting. The sum of £2 is to be paid to all representatives attending a meeting of the Council.'

The details of the 50th anniversary dinner, to be held in London on October 27th, 1962, were discussed at some length, and a sub-committee empowered to make all the necessary arrangements.

The next annual general meeting was fixed for July 7th, 1962, at Darlington.

### TWO GREAT EVENTS

Two events of 1961 were mentioned at this meeting. Several members commented on the success of the gathering at St. Clement Danes' on January 21st, when the peal board, to replace the one lost in the blitz, was dedicated, and when all ten ladies who rang in the peal 35 years previously were present. Inspired by that occasion some of the members had got together to plan the first peal of Royal for the Guild, the outcome being a successful peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, May 20th. Miss Steel congratulated the members of the band, and they in turn thanked Miss Muriel Reay, who had made a special effort to enter the peal in the peal book in time for the meeting.

Mrs. Lock drew attention to the fact that a member of the Central District, the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, had been awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, the second time a member of the Guild had received this honour.

Miss Rivett was thanked for the excellent arrangements she had made for the day, and she and her helpers for preparing and serving tea. Votes of thanks were also accorded to all the incumbents who had given permission for the towers to be open and to Mr. Faulkner for taking the service, and to the organist.

Members then went to St. Paul's, Bedford (10), and to Elstow (6) where ringing continued until 9 p.m.

### MRS. BLANCHE MYERS

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on July 28th, of Mrs. Blanche Myers, widow of the well known Harry Myers, who died in March last year, and mother of Tom, Will and Fred Myers, all ringers at St. Andrew's. The service was conducted by Prebendary Cooper, Vicar, and the Rev. Mr. Warren, assistant priest. The principal mourners were her three sons, Mrs. Lamb (daughter), Mrs. Will Myers (daughter-in-law) and Mr. Lamb (son-in-law). There are two grandsons.

Muffled touches were rung, ringers present being Messrs. W. G. Lavers (Plympton St. Maurice), a vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, H. Milford (treasurer of the Guild), S. O'Shaughnessy, A. Collings, W. Marks and the Misses Yvonne Porter and Joyce Marks, representing St. Andrew's ringers. Messrs. H. H. Thomas (chairman, S.W. Branch of the Guild and secretary of Emmanuel ringers), J. L. Blagg, F. R. Hocking, F. E. Day, representing Emmanuel ringers, A. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), R. Roberts (St. Columb) and J. White (Saltash).

The deepest sympathy of all ringers in the West goes out to the Myers brothers and their sister in the sudden passing of their mother, so soon after the death of their father.

It was very sad that she was not spared to see the photo of 'Tom' and the write up of his ringing career by Mr. A. P. Cannon in 'Personalities of the Exercise' published on the very day of the funeral. How she would have enjoyed reading it! She died in the house where she had lived all her married life, the

business of watch and clock repairer having been founded in the last century by her late husband, and now carried on by her eldest son, Tom. One wonders what she had to put up with in all these years—a husband and three sons all campanologists, no keener in the West Country, but she enjoyed it all. She must have spent many hours sitting in the car outside churches; she must have listened to many debates, but in her capacity of always the listener, she was indeed the centre pin of this great united family of bell ringers. Barely a week passes but that I find myself in Tom's shop for a little yarn, and although I don't think she ever met my wife on more than one or two occasions, she always enquired after her, my son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Such was her character; such was her thought for others.

We mourn her passing very deeply, the passing of one who for nearly 60 years was the patient wife of a ringer, and who had three sons to follow in their father's footsteps. By her understanding she must have done much for bellringing in the West. H. H. T.

### MRS. L. DUKES

We regret to learn of the death on July 7th of Mrs. L. Dukes, mother of Mr. F. E. Dukes, honorary secretary of the Irish Association. Mrs. Dukes, who was in her 87th year, was an honorary member of the Association, and was a regular attendee at Association meetings in pre-war days. Her last attendance at a ringing function was the Central Council reception at Dublin in 1958. All her three children became bellringers.



# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 497)

*How Bells may be Correctly Tuned.*—An extract from Rev. W. L. Bowles' History of Bremhill, 1828, includes: Mr. Lawson Huddleston of Shaftesbury, with many and extraordinary accomplishments, had a kind of passion for bells. To oblige any clerical friend who had 6 bells in his church he would pass weeks and days in the belfry chipping and modulating the sound of every bell till they answered exactly the intervals of the monochord. The bells of the church of Knowle were so tuned by him, those of Shaftesbury and of St. Cuthbert's at Wells. I had often heard of the music of the Colerne bells, a small village about 6 miles from Bath . . . they are perfectly tuned . . . the first he tuned. He went to school there. He also tuned sheep bells to exact musical scale. . . .

*How Bells are Sounded in Russia.*—They are not rung but struck. The clappers alone are movable. Notwithstanding the sameness of the Russian ringing, an accustomed ear easily distinguishes the meaning of the various sounds produced by the numerous bells that usually hang in the smallest belfry. . . . Wedding peals are utterly unknown, and tolling for the dead also; but the bells clang in a particularly mournful manner as the funeral procession approaches the cemetery. On the death of a priest the great bell is tolled all the time they are laying out the corpse. When the archbishop of a diocese is on his way to visit a place, a tremendous clanging and clashing is kept up from the time that his carriage is within hearing of the bells until he has reached and entered the church which he always does before he goes into any other house.

*St. Gabriel's, Pimlico.*—5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. on Tues., 27 May, 1873. 'the first in that method on the bells.'

*Recent Publications on the Subject of Bells.*—List includes: Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers—Ellacombe; Bells of the Church—Ellacombe; The Ringer's True Guide—Beafof; Church Bells and Ringing—Maunsell; The Law of Church Bells—Brown; Plain Hints to Bell-Ringers—Parker; The Bell: Its Origin, History and Uses—Gatty; The Use and Abuse of Church Bells—Blunt; Suggestions on the Devotional Use of the Curfew Bell—from Bell and Daldy; Elements of Campanology—Hubbard; Plain Words about Bells—from the 'Ecclesiologist' (Masters); Ellacombe's Exposure of Warner's Plagiarism of his Chiming-Hammer, in a letter to the 'Builder,' May 4th, 1872; Troyte's Change-ringing; Ditto, abridged as far as six-bell work only, 1872; Wigram's Change-Ringing Disentangled; Sermon on the Dedication of Church Bells—Ellacombe; Sermon on Church Bells—Phillipotts.

*St. Peter of Mancroft, Norwich.*—May the 2d, 1715. Here was rung by the ringers call'd Norwich Scholars, that most Icomparable Peal called Grandsir Bob Triples, it being the 3d whole peal that they have rung, but the first whole peal that ever was rung by any Ringers whatsoever. It has been studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple Changes were first Rung, but now at last it's found out to the truth by John Garthorn one of the said Society and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hrs. 18 mins. . . . 5,040 changes and not one Bell misplaced or out of Course. . . .

Another such peal, August 26th, 1718, and a peal of Stedman Triples, October 25th, 1731—3 hrs. 40 mins. 'Willm. Scott, in his remarks upon the ringing of this peal did Elegantly Sing viz.—

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble, she By Melchior well was Rung that

Beil and call'd the Bobs so free;

Blolfied the 2nd: Palmer 3rd did ring; Ather Rung 4th and was not Loath, but made her for to Sing.

Gardener the 5th did sway: Footer the 6th did play;

the 7th round Cris. Booty bound, and made her to Obey;

the Tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat

did ring her out and turn'd about that Cymbal loud and great.'

'This Ring was made a peal of Ten by an Addition of two Bells, Subscrib'd for by the Gentlemen of ye Parish and was Rung for the first time on the 20th of June 1736.'

'On March the 8th 1737 was Rung a Peal of Grandsire Caters, which for the excellency of its Ringing, Harmonious Changes and ye Number of them was certainly Superiour to anything of its kind ever done in the world. . . . 8 hrs. 13 mins. . . . 12,600 changes, by 9 men. 'The Tenor singly, by a young Ringer, 8,000, then a second rung her to the End of the Peal. . . .

Wed., Nov. 22nd, presumably 1775, 5,170 Grandsire Cinques, 4 hrs. 7 mins. (Presumably the 12 bells were opened June 21st, 1775.—C.R.)

Mon., Mar 16th, 1778, 6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 5 hrs. 22 mins. 'This excelled every attempt hitherto known on 12 bells in England. . . . Tenor C. 41.'

Mon., Jan. 20, 1817, 5,016 Norwich Court Bob Maximus, 4 hrs. 2 mins. ' . . . allowed by Judges to be a Performance which, if ever equalled, can never be surpassed.' The first such peal in England. Two men on the tenor.

Tues., Feb. 13th, 1827: 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 3 hrs. 52 mins. ' . . . the first Peal ever accomplished on these Bells by one Man Ringing the Tenor the whole time.'

Thurs., Jan. 18th, 1844: 7,126 Stedman Cinques, 5 hrs. 17 mins. 'Attracted the notice of the public and is allowed to exceed any other performance ever attempted in England upon Twelve Bells.'

Handbells.—Mon., April 11th, 1831: 2,520 Stedman Triples. 'This astonishing piece of science was accomplished in a very superb style in the scientific principles of hand-ringing, and to preclude all doubt of the Truth that might Have been entertained owing to the difficulty of the process, it was rung in the presence of James Trueman, an impartial Umpire, who was prepared with the requisite documents to ascertain whether it was worthy of record, consequently its truth Cannot Be Controverted. . . .

*The Tower Bells, Bolton.*—Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, have cast the Town Hall tower bells which have for some time been fixed in position. . . . The firm received an order for four quarter bells and one hour bell to weigh seven tons and they succeeded in casting them just six pounds under the prescribed weight. . . . The hour-bell is 1 cwt. 12 lb. heavier than the hour-bell supplied to Leeds Town Hall:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Hour Bell (B sharp)
Tons	—	—	—	1	4
cwts.	7	8	12	8	2
qrs.	3	3	2	2	0
lbs.	—	25	1	11	13

'NOTICE.—We take this opportunity of informing our Readers that we wish to decline opening our columns to reports of mere "round-ringing" and "call-changes." Such performances scarcely deserve the name of ringing; and however clever the ringers of such may think themselves to be, and may be considered by their neighbours, it is only the praise of those who are ignorant of the noble art or who never heard change-ringing proper. Still, we are at the same time free to confess that such simple ringing is very pleasant to musical ears when it is well done and the bells are good for anything and worth listening to.'

*St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich.*—'Whereas by Publick Contribution two smaller Bells were hung up in this Steeple making therein a Peal of Eight on the 5th day of February anno 1725. [the bells are dated 1726] . . . a Remarkable Peal was Rung . . . called the Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all Eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they Rung in 6 hrs. 28 mins. on 1st of Apl anno 1727.'

Mon., Dec. 18th, 1815.—5,040 Norwich Court Bob, 3 hrs. 20 mins.

'This Board was erected by the churchwardens to commemorate the above Display of Genius in the extensive Science of Campanologia.'

Nov. 18th, 1824.—8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5 hrs. 18 mins.

' . . . will long stand as a Master-Piece untouched by the Lovers of the Ancient and Ingenious Science of Ringing'

*New Ring of Bells at Biddulph, Staffordshire.*—'A few years ago the five bells belonging to this church were damaged by fire . . . they have lately [i.e., to July 12th, 1873] been replaced and augmented and were formally opened by a band of ringers from Congleton—Grandsire Doubles. 'Inscriptions:—

(1) My gentle note shall lead the cheerful sound—

Peace to this parish—may goodwill abound.

(2) May all in truth and harmony rejoice To honour Church and Queen with heart and voice.

(3) Prosperity attend old England's shore;

Let Biddulph flourish now and evermore.

(4) With loving voice I call to church and prayer

And bid the living for the grave prepare.

(5) For mercies undeserved this peal is raised So may thy name, O God, through Christ be praised.

(6) To the honour and glory of God. 'This peal of six bells was given to the parish of Biddulph by Robert Heath, Esq., of Biddulph Grange, 1873.'

*Oxford, Magdalen College.*—Tues., July 1st, 1873: 5,120 Kent T.B. Major, 3 hrs. 19 mins. 'There has not been a peal of Treble Bob rung in Oxford for upwards of 30 years, this being the first known on Magdalen Bells.'

*A Substitute for Church Bells.*—Apparently there appeared in some newspaper an article wherein Dr. Ferdinand Rahles, of South Hackney, had suggested using steel bars instead of bells. According to him, they had been introduced into the U.S.A. and Germany, and he suggested that a great demand might come from England and the Colonies. He said that the tone was very pure, distinct and melodious—equal to, if not better than, a bell. They would be comparatively lighter and so would not put such a strain on towers, would be cheaper to hang, would not be liable to crack; and more easily 'set in motion.' Three or four bars, whose weight would not exceed 100 lbs., would cost £11 or £12.

The Editor added a footnote pointing out that if the only object of bells is to make a noise, a 'lot of old frying pans would do, therefore it is vanity to talk of such substitutes.'

*Oxford Society of Change-Ringers.* one of the oldest change-ringing Societies in England, rang its first peal, Grandsire Caters, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Year's Day, 1733.

*St. Giles', Norwich.*—Thurs., April 15th, 1813. —6,272 Treble Bob Major, 4 hrs. 7 mins. 'For bold and regular striking was allowed by all impartial judges to be a masterly and unrivalled Performance.'

*Tablet on wall at St. Giles':—*

'Near to this place John Webster fell.

Beloved by all who knew him well:

The most ingenious noted Ringer,

St. Giles' sixth Bell round did bring her.

He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,

Ceasing the same down dead he fell.

November the 17th, 1670.'

'*UFFCULME.*—By the kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens a Prize Ringing Match will take place on the beautiful peal of bells at the above parish church on Thurs., 31 July, 1873. Prizes £3 10s., £2 and £1, subject to the following Regulations: Entrance fee 3/6 per set. Competent Triers will be stationed in a situation free from communication. Each set will draw a Ticket, numbered, and ring accordingly. The result of each peal will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, and numbered when rung, which will be opened at the finish by a committee appointed. A Time-keeper will be in the Belfry, and the Treble man in each set may remain to see that the bells are rung up to a certain mark . . . will commence precisely at 10 o'clock, and ten minutes allowed for the contesting peals after the bells are up. . . . After the above, 2 extra prizes will be given for Change-ringing to consist of Thirty Doubles. First £1 10s., second 15/-. Entrance fee 2/- per set. Dinner, 1/6 each, will be provided by H. Caunter at the London Inn, adjoining the Brewery, to whom all communications must be addressed. . . .

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### DEATH

MYERS.—On July 24th, 1961, suddenly, at 79, Regent Street, Plymouth, Blanche, widow of George Harry, dearest mother of Tom, Will, Ammel and Fred, mother-in-law of Sam and Barbara, loving grandma of Malcolm and Graham.—Her willing hands will toil no more. 8617

### PERSONAL

.... They ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.' (Acts v. 42b.)

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Bath Branch secretary).—From August 5th the address of Alan F. Lee will be 3, Fernley Terrace, High Street, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath. 8625

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SET of twelve handbells for sale. £20.—Cope, 239, Barton Road, Barton Grange, Kettering. 8613

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Fisherman's Walk, Southbourne. Telephone, Bournemouth 46005. 8091

### MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be held at Blechley on October 7th. All propositions to be put on the Agenda must be received by the general secretary not later than Saturday, August 19th.—M. R. Cross. 8628

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Will anyone else wishing to come on the summer tour at Tring, August 18th to 26th, write at once to D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 8626

COMPLETE YOUR FILES.—Copies are available at 'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford, of back numbers of 1960 and 1959, and a number of other years. Price 8d. post free.

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### MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Histon, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 8606

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting of the South Eastern District will be held at Stutton (6) on Saturday, August 5th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—C. R. Lovett, Hon. Sec. 8612

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 8599

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Aug. 3rd to G. Mariner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. Further ringing after tea. 8579

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea cannot be provided as cafes are closed.—J. Seager, Sec. 8580

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Henlow, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) from 5.30 onwards. Special methods: Single Court and Woodbine. Evening meeting only. A nice, cool tower for summer ringing.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 8630

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Burstwick (6), Saturday, August 12th, from 2.30 p.m. Special methods: Beverley, Surfleet, St. Clement's. Service 4.15. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by August 10th, to Rev. E. E. C. Hollis, The Vicarage, Burstwick, Hull. 8614

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, August 12th. Worth, 3-5 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. Crawley, 6-8 p.m. Names for outing, September 9th, by this date please, to Mr. B. E. Jeffery or myself.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8615

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, August 12th. Brinkworth (6). Names for tea.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 8616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 12th. Great Amwell, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. R. Berry, 12, Hillside Crescent, Stanstead St. Margaret's.—T. J. Southam. 8622

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Redbourn (6), August 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 8619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I. Bradshaw, 11A, Downes Grove, Morecambe.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8631

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brownedge, Saturday, August 12th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley, Hon. Sec. 8632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. Cecil Matthews, 18, Mere Road, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, by Wednesday, August 9th.—T. Templeton, Hon. D's. Sec. 8629

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Watford District of HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Saturday, August 12th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8620

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Evening meeting at Harpole on Saturday, August 12th.—F. W. Hancock. 8621

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, August 12th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 8623

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8) on Saturday, August 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Grey-stones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday please. 8627

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Bells also available at Cawthorne (6), 2.30 to 4.30, and Hoylandswaine, 7 to 9.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 8582

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Savernake, Saturday, August 19th. Names, please, to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8624

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Business meeting and tea to follow. Names, please, by August 26th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8618

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Mary's, Finchley, and Christ Church, Southgate. Times later.—F. J. Matthews. 8633

### JOINT MEETING AT TOTTENHAM

The first joint meeting between the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Tottenham on July 8th, when two rings of eight were available—All Hallows', Tottenham, and All Saints', Edmonton. Both towers were well filled with ringers from all quarters and members of the other active London ringing Societies were present. It gave pleasure to the organisers that the attraction was a success even though, in fact, it was mostly a gathering of known friends and acquaintances.

About fifty were able to attend Evensong, conducted by the Rev. F. C. Clarke, in All Hallows' Church, and partake of a really nice 'birthday' type of tea, very kindly prepared by Mrs. Clarke and her helpers, in the Priory. The 'speeches' were, by arrangement, kept to a minimum, and on behalf of the Middlesex County Association Mr. J. R. Mayne, Master, extended a very warm welcome to all members of the London County Association and requested that kind regards and best wishes be sent to Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association, the man who has done so much for London ringing for so long, who was unavoidably absent through being in hospital. Mr. H. W. Rogers, secretary of the London County Association, suitably acknowledged the welcome and said he would be pleased to convey the message to Mr. Taffender on the following day. He hoped this first joint meeting would be followed by many more.

The ringing comprised courses and touches of several methods to suit all tastes and was under the direction of Messrs. F. Mead and J. R. Mayne. For this pleasant and enjoyable occasion thanks are due to the Revs. F. C. Clarke and S. W. Knight for the use of the bells and the Priory, to Mrs. Clarke and helpers for the refreshments, and to Mr. H. Dutton and Miss G. E. Newcombe for making all necessary arrangements. T. J. L.

The quarter peal in five Doubles methods, rung on July 16th (see page 506), was at Peterchurch, Herefordshire, and not Peterstowe, as reported.



## SOME JULY OUTINGS

### ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

At the early hours of 6.45 on July 22nd, ringers and friends met at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, to set off on their annual outing. More ringers were picked up en route at Houghton Conquest, Maulden, Woburn and Banbury, where a stop was also made for coffee.

Ringing started on the delightful ring of eight at Hampton, Worcestershire, where the bells were already up. Two more ringers, who had motor-cycled from Bristol, joined the party at this tower. Next came the magnificent twelve at the Bell Tower, Evesham, where Kent and Yorkshire Maximus were rung, finishing with Bristol Surprise Major.

After an excellent lunch in Evesham, there was a long drive into Gloucestershire and to the best kept village of Painswick. Grandsire Cinques started the ringing, then followed some well struck Spliced Surprise Major. At Stroud, the party found their own tea and then met at the Church of St. Lawrence. Ringing commenced with an 'unusual' touch of Grandsire Caters. Here, also, the ringing was of a high standard—three leads of Clifton Royal, Yorkshire Royal and Superlative.

Cirencester, with the oldest 12 in the world, was next visited, but time would permit only very little ringing and so when the bells had been lowered a start was made for home.

The whole outing was a great success with very pleasant rides through the beautiful Cotswolds. The weather was perfect, and the bells and ringing good.

Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, thanked those who had made the arrangements—Stephen and Avril Ivin and Bryan Pattison, and Ernie, the driver of the coach, who took part in the ringing. Thanks are also due to all the incumbents and local ringers who met us.

S. P.

### STOURBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

Twelve members of the Stourbridge Grammar School Society and two friends visited Messrs. John Taylor's Bell Foundry, at Loughborough, on July 19th. Arriving at 11 a.m. we were met by Mr. Marcon, who showed us round this birthplace of many fine rings of bells; and we were privileged to see the fine new twelve for Southwell Minster, which were in the tuning shop. The highlight of the visit came when we were invited to tap these glorious bells with wooden mallets; a course of Bob Minimus being brought round on the back four! Our visit ended with six members ringing a quarter of Bob Minor on the back six of the campanile.

On the return journey we stopped at Broughton Ashley (6, 18 cwt.), where a good course of Cambridge Minor was rung on this glorious old ring, and also at Sapcote (6, 9½ cwt.), where we were made very welcome by Mr. M. E. Brown and the Vicar; the latter providing some very welcome soft drinks. Thanks are due to Mr. Paul Taylor, incumbents and local ringers.

M. D. F.

### SOUTH NORFOLK

For their annual outing this year, 40 ringers and friends from different parishes in South Norfolk left Diss at 7.30 a.m. on July 15th for a tour in Essex.

After an hour's ringing on the eight bells at Great Baddow we moved on to Rayleigh, another nice eight.

Lunch was taken at Southend, and the afternoon's programme included Great Wakering (6) and Thorpe Bay, a grand ring of eight. Back to Southend for tea, then an hour's ringing on the ten bells of Prittlewell Parish Church. Our sixth and last tower was Coggeshall, which had been rebuilt since the war. The new ring of eight here were much enjoyed.

On the homeward journey a stop for 'refreshments' was made and Diss was reached at 11.30 p.m. As in former years Mr. William Flatt, Ringing Master at Redenhall, made the arrangements and everyone agreed the outing was one of the best ever. Grateful thanks were accorded to him. We also extend our thanks to the ringers who met and welcomed us.

A. G. H.

### BECCLES, SUFFOLK

Cambridge was the venue chosen by the fingers of St. Michael's, Beccles, for their annual outing on July 22nd. Although half-an-hour late at St. Andrew's, Terry, our under-grad. friend, who had made all the ringing arrangements was patiently awaiting us. The bells were quickly put to good use. St. Bene't's famous bells followed.

After lunch, a short ride brought us to the recently rehung six at Shelford. Back to the city to ring at St. Mary-the-Great, and the fine eight at the Roman Catholic Church.

The last ringing of the day at Long Stanton, followed tea. The Rector, his wife and ringing daughter made us welcome and the light eight were soon going merrily. The best thanks to Terry, incumbents and local ringers.

E. R. G.

### HUNTS DISTRICT

The visit of the Hunts District to the Leicester area for their annual outing on July 1st was most rewarding. The weather was very warm, we rang on good bells and the feeding arrangements were excellent. Regretfully, we were without our Ringing Master, who came to see us off.

The squat tower of Great Glen and its bells reminded us of our own tower, Holywell. At Oadby ringing coincided with a wedding; we enjoyed the ringing in this church, where branches of oak are still festooned in the chancel on May 29th to remember the restoration.

After lunch the two towers of Wigston were visited. The modern, red brick tower of St. Thomas' was climbed and Stedman Triples safely negotiated. There was plenty of evidence of a keen band here: the ringing chamber being in a well-cared for condition. We found, also, a very fine ring of eight at All Saints'. In the heat of the afternoon Triples methods went well, but the fight against Surprise methods was a little exhausting.

Tea at Thurnby was followed by a visit to St. Luke's belfry, approached by an outside staircase, via the roof gutters. At the last tower, Billesdon, we found the rope circle to be a little 'off centre,' but a local band with more experience, no doubt, could get some good music from these.

Once again our thanks are due to Harold Peacock who arranged things, with the help of Julian Pawley, and, of course, the incumbents of the churches, without whose aid no ringers' tour is possible.

B.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### Lewisham District

The summer quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Bromley Common on July 22nd, and was attended by about 40 members and friends.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Appleton, and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

Mrs. Appleton kindly organised arrangements for tea and the Vicar presided at the business meeting at which he was elected an honorary member of the Association. Apart from the usual business, a very warm welcome was extended to several guests, one of whom, Mr. A. V. Jakobsson, had come to England from Sweden, specially to study our form of beltring.

Ringing before and after tea was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Bedfordshire Association held their summer festival at Maulden on July 15th. Members were present from each of the three Districts and visitors came from as far away as Newcastle.

There was ringing on the eight bells until tea, which was prepared in the Church Hall by local ladies. As it was a festival, there was no business, but a short report of the Central Council meeting was given by the two representatives.

The Rev. Mr. Cousins conducted Evensong, then ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

### REDEDICATION SHAROW, NEAR RIPON

The Church of John the Divine, Sharow, near Ripon, was consecrated in 1825 and then had a ring of six bells, which came from the Whitechapel Foundry. This ring was augmented about 1876 by two trebles from Warner's foundry. In 1928 the whole ring was rehung and the bells quarter turned, the timber frame being retained. Since that time the timber frame has decayed and a new cast-iron frame has recently been installed by John Taylor's at a cost of just under £1,000.

On Sunday, July 9th, the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds) visited Sharow to preach at the morning service and to perform the rededication ceremony. The Rev. E. G. Parry, Vicar of Sharow, conducted the service, and Mr. John A. Brown, vice-president for the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, was the organist. The lessons were read by Mr. G. Pearson and Miss L. Chapman, both members of the Sharow company of ringers.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung for about two minutes, in rounds and Queen's, with closed leads, by the local ringers. After the service the bells were again rung in like manner and a number of parishioners responded to the Vicar's invitation to visit the ringing room. The level of the bells has been raised by about two feet and the circle of ropes has been altered and improved.

The ringing room has been skilfully and tastefully redecorated by some of the local ringers and it is now a most pleasant and tidy room. Amongst those present were Mr. Edward Hudson, honorary secretary of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. Arthur Bashforth, a member of the General Committee.

At one time Sharow possessed a very active band of change ringers. In 1875 their leader, Thomas Clarke, was present at the inaugural meeting of the Yorkshire Association; after his death Walter Pick was leader for many years and until the outbreak of war, in 1914, the church had a capable standard methods band.

Since those days there has been little change ringing at this tower and there have been periods when the life of the church in the parish has ebbed to a very low level. The recent restoration of the bells is part of a larger scheme which includes the preservation of the external stonework, the furnishing of a side chapel and a much overdue redecoration of the interior of the church. Due to the efforts of a number of keen churchpeople a very considerable sum of money has been raised for these objects in a relatively short period, and it is hoped that the work will be completed by mid-September.

E. H.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### St. Albans District

A very tuneful, easy going eight, set in North Myms Park and a picnic tea! What more could any ringer wish for. These were the original thoughts for the meeting on July 1st. However, Mother Nature prevented the picnic by creating a storm. Yorkshire, Cambridge, Double Oxford, rounds and standard methods, including a non-U touch of Bob Major, which came round at hand, were rung to the accompaniment of thunder and lightning.

There was no service, and owing to a lack of cafes Hatfield was invaded for tea. A short business meeting was held in the belfry. Mr. G. Dodds being chairman. Kimpton was decided upon for the next meeting and Yorkshire Surprise Minor was proposed as the special method. Members were reminded by the secretary, Mrs. Coburn, that annual subscriptions were due on January 1st each year. Mr. S. Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and local band.

C. M. R.

Mr. Herrick Bowley, Ringing Master of Leicester Cathedral, has been laid off ringing by his M.O. He is able to maintain a watching brief and it is hoped his rest cure will be short and effective.



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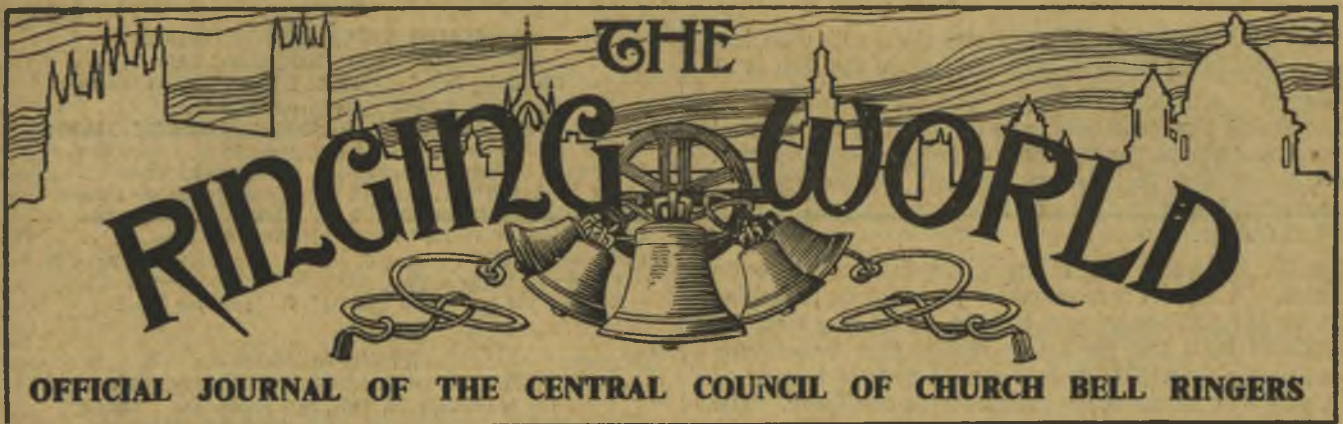
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## CHURCH BELLS & THEIR PRESERVATION

**I**N 1952 the Central Council for the Care of Churches passed a number of resolutions on church bells, which were circulated to all diocesan advisory committees, to give them general guidance on the preservation of old bells. In the report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, published under the title 'Churches and Their Furnishings,' Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston reviews the resolutions in the light of experience gained in the past eight years.

One of the problems not covered by the earlier resolutions, points out Mr. Clouston, is that of the musical properties of old bells; in the eight years there have been a number of cases where bells cast before 1750 were considered not to be suitable musically for retention in a restored ring. In some instances, the other bells in the ring were comparatively modern bells of inferior tone, and the desire of the parish was to have all these recast and obtain a ring on a par musically with a completely new ring. Over the years, there has been a great deal of discussion on the relative merits of various types of tuning, the modern type, based on Canon Simpson's experiments, and the earlier 'old standard.'

For centuries bells were cast largely on a trial and error basis, and it is therefore not surprising that there are many bells which are ancient but are well below any recognised standard of tone. Bells cast in the late 16th and 17th centuries, with a few notable exceptions, are generally too thin, and have harmonics or overtones which cannot be altered to fit in with any special consideration. This is especially so where a bell has had its note sharpened appreciably in the past by chipping the lip. The process, when carried to excess, is extremely injurious to the tone, and there is no known way of rectifying this defect.

In the case of bells cast before 1550, which are uncracked but will not fit in with the others, the recommendation is to preserve them, if possible, for use as single bells. If use as single bells is impossible, they should then remain disused in the church as part of the historic treasures of the church. For those cast in the period from 1550 to the middle of the 18th century, provision is now made for obtaining information on the rarity and archaeological value of the bell, and the opinion of the bell-founder on the musical properties, so that, in *special cases*, an application to recast such a bell can be supported.

When a bell is permitted to be recast and the inscription band on the old bell is not preserved, it is recommended that the old inscription, with any ornamental borders, shields, crosses, etc., should be reproduced in facsimile on

the new bell so that the latter will show the origin of its predecessor and also the date of recasting.

As our church towers get more and more ancient, the structural difficulties in getting them to stand bells swinging in a full circle increase. Fortunately modern methods and materials greatly assist the architect in achieving this aim. In a number of recent cases, it has been deemed advisable to mount the bell frame on a reinforced concrete grillage or girdle, which has the additional duty of holding the tower walls together. Now that every church is in charge of an architect appointed under the Inspection of Churches Measure, it is recommended that the bell-founder should discuss with the architect the problem which each has to face in a particular tower where a frame has to be altered or bells rehung, and that the faculty application should contain a note of the result of such a discussion.

On the problem of preserving ancient bell frames, emphasis is laid on the point that they must be sound and fit for continued use. Some old frames are so decayed in their members and, more particularly, at the joints that, when the bells are swung, there is undue movement which prevents the bells being easily rung. In addition, in extreme cases, this can cause a battering-ram effect on the tower walls. With bells swing-chimed through a small arc a lower standard is permissible than with those swung through a full circle of changes; but even with the former Mr. Clouston has seen some frames which were not safe to carry just the vertical dead load of bells as well as that of the frame itself.

When an ancient frame is unfit for continued use but is worthy of preservation, then consideration should be given to fixing a new frame immediately below it and leaving it disused *in situ*. Where this is not possible, an alternative might be to hoist the old frame to a higher level for preservation. This will, of course, be more expensive, on account of the lifting operation: the design of the tower will largely dictate what can be done.

On the question of the retention of canons, Mr. Clouston comments: 'Virtually all old bells were cast with canons, or loops, on the head of the bell, by which the latter were clamped to the headstock. These give such bells an æsthetic completeness which the modern flat-topped bells lack: where possible, and on all really early bells, they should be retained. They are sometimes ornamented with a moulding or a face, but they are also prone to contain cavities and areas of bad casting. For this latter reason the bell-founders prefer to have bolts direct through the crown of the bell. The ringers would prefer them removed entirely, as this allows the bell to be hung so that it can



be rung in a full circle in a shorter time and with less effort. This latter point is important when the bell is of some size.'

The article also pays tribute to the work of our Central Council, and quotes the statement of policy agreed between our Council and the Central Council for the Care of Churches and the principal bell-founders in regard to bells and bell frames.

Finally, we quote the ruling given in the article on faculties. 'A faculty is required for recasting or rehanging bells, for the addition of new bells to an existing ring, for the sale of bells and for major repairs to a bell frame. Minor works of repairs to frames and quarter turning of bells may be covered by an archdeacon's certificate. The Diocesan Advisory Committee must be informed of the proposals and can refer cases of difficulty to the technical panel of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.'

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	DAVID DARBY .. .. 8
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 9
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. .. 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 10
JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. 5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 11
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. 6	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. .. Tenor

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung to the respected memory of Albert Walker, of Birmingham.

## TEN BELL PEAL

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	*JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 6
JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER .. .. 7
*BETTY A. TESTER .. .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 8
MRS. OLIVE TESTER .. .. 4	*BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. .. 9
*ANDREW J. THOMPSON .. 5	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. T. DYKE.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

\* First peal on ten. First on ten as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar's nephew and his bride (Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Shotter).

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. Treble	JOHN MANLEY .. .. 5
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

*EDGAR A. COLE .. .. Treble	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 2	†ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 6
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. Treble	*EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 5
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON .. 3	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. .. 7
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. James-the-Great.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

### A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ANDREW J. THOMSON .. Treble	*STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
*ROBERT WAKE .. .. 4	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

\* First peal in the method.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 2	ERIC YOUNG .. .. 6
*HAROLD ROBERTS .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	†JOHN W. DYKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First on eight bells.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Dorothy Lawton (niece of the fifth ring) to Alfred R. Harvey.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

PAMELA M. JERVIS .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
E. DENNIS POOLE .. .. 2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 7
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 4	†A. CHARLES TOVEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID P. HILLING.

\* 200th peal. † 80th peal. ‡ First on eight. First as conductor at first attempt.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOAN M. PEACOCK .. Treble	*ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 5
†WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. .. 6
CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 3	*MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 4	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal of Yorkshire. † 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Henry Albert Wilson, Bishop of Chelmsford and president of this Association 1929-1950.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

*GILES B. THOMPSON .. Treble	†ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 5
†GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 2	†EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	†JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 7
†FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First in the method. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor.



## BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
JAMES DICKINSON .. .. Treble	HARRY BARNES .. .. 5
JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 2	JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 6
W. THOMAS TURNER .. .. 3	*DENNIS ELLISDEN .. .. 7
WILLIAM WALL .. .. 4	GORDON RICHINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung for St. James' Day (July 25th); also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar (Rev. C. P. Stannard) and Mrs. Stannard.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

JACQUELINE S. KING .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
*SYLVIA J. HEASMAN .. .. 2	*RICHARD E. WATERS .. 6
†PATRICIA J. LAYCOCK .. 3	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE .. 7
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 4	DAVID J. KING .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal. † First in the method. First on the bells since recasting. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Hugh C. Blackburne, who is leaving for the Norwich Diocese.

## HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	MICHAEL V. WHITE .. .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	MICHAEL R. ROSE .. .. 6
VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. 3	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 7
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cullen.

## STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. Treble	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 5
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 6
*MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 7
JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS .. Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 6
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2 and 4.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

LINDA J. KEW .. .. Treble	*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. .. 5
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 2	W. DAVID WARD .. .. 6
*DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	†J. KEITH WARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Major as conductor.

Rung by Slough Parish Church Sunday service band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 4
ROBERT W. COLE .. .. 2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 5
*ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal of Minor in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katharine Worsley.

## CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

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

## ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 4
*DAVID EAMES .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
*VALERIE MEPHAM .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside'.

A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

## GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYNDIR AND PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*D. HOWARD THOMAS .. Treble	JOHN HOPE .. .. 4
*MICHAEL R. THOMAS .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 3	DANZEY WATKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal.

Rung for Evensong.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., July 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MARILYN M. MARCH .. Treble	ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 4
†MARCUS P. BARTON .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 5
DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside'. 50th as conductor. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung as a compliment to Margaret and Denis Layton on the birth of a daughter.

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# HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

ROGER F. FRY .. .. . Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2	† NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	† GEOFFREY R. DREW .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of seven Surprise. First of seven Surprise as conductor.

## BRISTOL.

# THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PAUL J. DYE .. .. . Treble	† PETER BRIDLE .. .. 4
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	*DON C. EXELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DON C. EXELL.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

## EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

# THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 2	CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 5
MRS. C. N. LEA .. .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

## HOLME-ON-SPALDING-MOORE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

J. I. PORTER .. .. . Treble	C. R. ROBINSON .. .. 4
*MRS. R. DUCKER .. .. 2	H. F. GIBSON .. .. 5
T. W. THIRKELL .. .. 3	R. DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. I. PORTER.

\* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

## STREATLEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

In five methods, being 120 each of April Day and Kennington, 1,080 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,920 Grandsire (including Pitman's 240) and 2,160 Plain Bob; with 18 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JULIA A. CHANDLER .. Treble	ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. 4
*PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 5
ROY H. JONES .. .. 3	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal 'inside.' Longest length for all the band except the conductor. Believed to be the longest length on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Dr. T. B. Shepherd, for 25 years Vice-Principal of Westminster College (Oxford and London).

## WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 3	ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

## MABE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble	ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 4
HELEN HOBBS .. .. 2	CLEMENT W. JOSE .. .. 5
ROGER G. EGGINS .. .. 3	*K. JOHN MOOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT W. JOSE.

\* First peal.

Rung on the eve of St. James' Day. Also as a farewell to Marion Driver, who is leaving her home tower, St. Kea, to join her parents in Trinidad.

## KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

# THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 36, 37, 38, 28, 29, 31, 33). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

DAVID EAMES .. .. . Treble	DAVID W. BRUNNING .. .. 4
*JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 50th peal. First in the method, rung without previous practice (C.C.C. 4D.5).

Rung in honour of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. A. Michael Ramsey, D.D.

## STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

# THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE STOULTON CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 107 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 4
ARTHUR JOPE .. .. 2	NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 5
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

## CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Treble	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 4
† J. MARILYN A. GIBBS .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise Minor on the bells.

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

ROGER L. K. WHITTLE .. Treble	† HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 4
*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 3	ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal 'inside' in four methods. † 50th peal.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gash, of Needham Market.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. .. Treble	ELEANOR ROSE .. .. 4
*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* 70th peal on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. O. Street, of Retford, chairman of the North Notts District for 12 years, who died on July 12th, aged 80.

## HUTTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight different methods, being four extents each of Stedman, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and nine each of Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire.

Sylvia A. Hayward .. Treble	Philip Bedford .. .. 3
*COLIN M. TIFFEN .. .. 2	ROY R. TIFFEN .. .. 4
JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP BEDFORD.

\* First peal of Doubles. First in eight methods by all; average age of the band 17 years.



DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.  
WILLIAM HORNBY .. Treble | VICTOR NEAL .. 4  
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 2 | ROY WORRALL .. 5  
HAROLD WORRALL .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Most Rev. A. Michael Ramsey as 100th Archbishop of Canterbury. This was the second attempt for a peal for this occasion; the first rung on the day was lost owing to a broken rope.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | HUGH E. BISHOP .. 4  
JOHN L. FENNEL .. 2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5  
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3 | IAN R. PANTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

Rung as a compliment to Joe and Mary Roast on the birth of a son; also for the marriage this day of Michael Redhead and Brita Olson.

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAHPNE P. BROWN .. Treble | ALAN G. PAYNE .. 4  
FRANK TAYLOR .. 2 | ROBIN BROWN .. 5  
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

In memoriam Albert Walker.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Syston District.)

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods, being ten extents each of Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

\*ALAN HOLLING .. Treble | †RICHARD N. CLARK .. 3  
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. 2 | †MICHAEL J. COPSON .. 4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

\*STANLEY LEWIS .. Treble | †JOHN COATES .. 4  
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2 | †JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5  
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal on six bells.

EDINGTON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND KATHERINE AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ERIC T. LEE .. Treble | REGINALD F. CROOK .. 4  
BRIAN BLADON .. 2 | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5  
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1802, including older bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND  
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., July 21, 1961, in 1 Hour and 19 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In nine methods, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, and two each of Old, St. Colum and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.  
\*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

\*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal in nine methods.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT 35, FRIDAY STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.  
GEORGE FRANCIS .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3-4

W. LESLIE WELLER .. 5-6

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Syston District.)

On Tues., July 25, 1961, in 1 Hour and 13 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

\*DAVID F. MOORE .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., July 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE BELFERY OF ST. MARGARET'S,

**A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*ERNEST MORRIS .. 1-2 | †B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

\*JOHN A. ACRES .. 3-4 | ‡MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

\* 600th peal for the Guild, and 125th of Plain Bob Major on handbells. † First away from 7-8. ‡ First on eight handbells.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. L. Roper 1, M. W. Sayers 2, J. Sayers (first 'inside') 3, B. J. Davis 4, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 5, J. Wyatt 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Wilfrid F. Moreton.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Gilbert 1, Katherine Gorvin 2, Susan Waterhouse (first 'inside') 3, V. F. Gough 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mephum 6. Also on July 23rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Waterhouse 1, Frances Gilbert (first 'inside') 2, Katherine Gorvin 3, V. F. Gough 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Paine 6.

**ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.**—On July 23rd. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams (first quarter) 1, A. Williams 2, N. Instance 3, R. Hatcher 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, J. Hughes 6. For children's service. First quarter on the bells since being rung.

**AMPNEY CRUCIS, GLOS.**—On July 22nd. 1.260 Doubles (5 methods): P. A. Law 1, Miss M. Wright 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, R. Drewett 4, P. Wakefield 5.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On July 23rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, W. S. Girling 3, H. A. Mitson 4, E. A. Crocknell 5, E. Hotine 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to 6th ringer.

**BATHWICK, BATH.**—On July 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Cooper 1, R. M. Stubbs 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, S. A. Reed 4, G. Hawkins (cond.) 5, K. G. Harrison (first of Triples) 6, H. C. Newman 7, H. Merrett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. White, for 18 years a ringer and tower master, who was interred this day.

**BAUGHURST, HANTS.**—On July 23rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Taylor 1, A. Littlejohn 2, L. West (first 'inside') 3, W. Papworth 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For morning service.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Kirby 1, Miss S. Copping (first quarter) 2, M. G. Foster 3, G. Foster 4, P. J. Spice 5, R. T. Newman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On June 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, C. Cook 2, E. Ashby 3, T. Clark 4, P. Nash 5, J. Rootes 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Also on July 26th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, T. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, H. Hodgetts 4, P. Nash 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. W. G. Eeles, former Vicar for 14 years, passed away in Marseilles and was interred on this day.

**CASTOR, NORTHANTS.**—On June 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Sumner 1, G. Oliver 2, A. Waller 3, A. Foster 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On July 23rd. 720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6. For Evensong.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYS.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Macarthur 1, F. W. Stone 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, Miss H. Mason 4, D. W. Parkin (cond.) 5, D. Gebbett 6, P. Martin 7, A. Bennett 8. Rung for Evensong.

**EALING, MIDDX.**—On July 26th. at St. Mary's Church. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, A. M. Stacey 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, S. Croft 4, F. Ranson 5, M. Gathercole 6, M. Sprackling 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Percy Clark, who was, until two years ago, an active member of the local band; the funeral took place this day. Also on July 30th, at Christ the Saviour's. 1.260 Grandsire Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Tomsett 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, A. Fulwell 3, Squire Croft 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. Ranson 6, J. R. Bagden 7, J. Tomsett 8. For Evensong.

**EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.**—On July 29th. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, M. D.

Pearson 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dorinda M. Mead, ringer, chorister, assistant organist and Sunday school teacher, at this church, who celebrated her birthday on this day.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On July 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (with the 3rd as whole hunt bell): G. Reynolds 1, P. S. Heath (cond.) 2, R. Busby (first quarter) 3, R. A. Todd 4, J. Woolley 5, G. Busby 6. Rung for John Woolley, in honour of his degree.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Spencer 1, Shelagh Fitzpatrick (first 'inside') 2, P. Mary Beach 3, A. Minkley 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, J. W. Tyler 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

**GRIMLEY, WORCS.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Pugh 1, C. Davis 2, R. Bayliss 3, M. Smele 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For evening service.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On July 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, C. J. Garlick 4, J. H. Napper (first as cond.) 5, J. Gordon 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for the induction and also a welcome to the Rev. G. R. Wells and his family to East Hagbourne.

**HAWKLEY, HANTS.**—On July 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: H. DeCombe 1, K. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Walker 4, W. Davison (first 'inside') 5, B. Kercher 6.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Aug. 1st. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane May 1, Jean Warner 2, Mrs. S. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, Lynda Daly 6. In memoriam D. H. Lindsay, honorary secretary of the Church Council and Vicar's warden, who was interred this day.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On July 23rd. 1.260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day. Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Bills 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. For Evensong. Also on July 28th. 1.300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Bills 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, A. D. Leach 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6. A birthday compliment to Miss B. Drury.

**HORSLEY, DERBYS.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Bell 1, C. Bull 2, Miss G. K. Harrison 3, D. J. Naylor 4, D. W. Parkin (cond.) 5, J. Hutton 6.

**KEMPSFORD, GLOS.**—On July 27th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Law 1, R. T. Wakefield 2, Miss M. Wright 3, R. Drewett 4, G. W. Land (first of Minor as cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. First of Minor 1 and 6.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On July 29th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Goodchild 1, Miss Wendy Hussey 2, C. Hagger 3, R. Hazell 4, D. Cornwall 5, J. Camp (cond.) 6. Rung before the wedding of the Rev. C. H. J. Cavell Northam to Miss Pauline T. Howard.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On July 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mollie Walsh 1, Gillian S. M. Walsh 2, A. J. King 3, P. Kirby 4, H. N. Evans (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, G. Milsom 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. C. J. Gurnhill.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on July 30th. 1.059 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): G. A. Oliffe 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, T. G. Still 3, G. W. Mason 4, R. K. Mason 5. First quarter peal on the front five.

**LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.**—On July 9th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Allen 1, M. Smith 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, W. Luff 6.

**LINDLEY, YORKS.**—On July 29th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: F. Linfoot 1, D. Sharples 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, P. Aspinall 4, R. Senior 5, W. Sykes 6, D. Smith 7, D. Roebuck 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Mary Ingle, and as a welcome to Jill, infant daughter of D. Sharples.

**LOCKERLEY, HANTS.**—On July 20th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Franks (first quarter) 1, Mavis P. Coffin 2, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 3, M. J. Pointer 4, C. J. Herbert 5, C. M. White 6. Rung as a compliment to Mavis P. Coffin and C. M. White on the occasion of their engagement.

**MALVERN LINK, WORCS.**—On July 25th. 1.260 Minor (540 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): H. Crisp (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Bowen 2, G. Edwards 3, J. Clements 4, J. Skater 5, G. Evenden (cond.) 6.

**MANCHESTER.**—On July 2nd, at the Unitarian Church Gorton. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Duncan (first quarter) 1, J. Robinson 2, E. M. Quinn 3, G. Rumney 4, B. Rumney (first as cond.) 5, S. Couttes (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 2nd. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Jackson (first quarter) 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, W. P. Blake 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Jennifer Brake (first quarter on covering bell) 6.

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On July 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela M. Turner 1, P. J. Rothera 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, J. K. Foot 4, P. S. Bennett 5, R. E. Tallis 6, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes 8. In memory of Albert Walker and Mrs. M. Taylor, grandmother of the conductor, rung half-muffled.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branson 1, G. Davis 2, L. Brighton 3, A. Waller (first of Minor) 4, F. Sismey 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On July 16th. 1.259 Grandsire Caters: H. A. Mitchell (Bournemouth) 1, Yvonne C. Porter 2, Margaret R. Page (Salisbury) 3, F. E. Day 4, D. R. Bould 5, H. F. Myers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, E. G. Bennett (Hatfield) 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10.

**PRESTON, RUTLAND.**—On July 29th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (with 3rd as whole hunt bell): A. Naylor 1, R. Todd 2, C. Green 3, G. Reynolds 4, C. Hudson (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Rita Parker and John Goodyear.

**QUADRING, Lincs.**—On July 24th. 1.440 Surprise Minor (London and Bourne): J. Thorley 1, S. E. Bennett 2, R. C. Noon 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, E. T. Chapman 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On July 19th. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and St. Bartholomew): Mrs. S. Marchant 1, S. Rayfield 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, P. Negus 4, G. Hawkes 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Hawkes, who is leaving the district.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On July 9th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss E. Hatch 1, R. Goodship 3, P. Avey 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Matins. Also on July 30th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss A. M. Goddard 1, W. F. Ward 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. D. Sandwell 8. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—In All Saints' belfry on handbells, on July 28th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lindsey 1, J. N. D. Chaddock 2, S. Armeson 3, D. Nichols 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5—6. First quarter 1 and 4.

**SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.**—On July 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, G. Brown 2, M. G. Selby 3, S. E. Ludlow (first quarter) 4, J. A. Selby 5, D. R. H. Penn 6, M. C. Homans 7, E. E. Ludlow (first quarter) 8.

**SARRATT, HERTS.**—On July 23rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Bartholomew 1, Miss J. N. E. Chilton 2, Miss M. E. Pettis (first quarter) 3, N. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. Rung for the dedication of ambry in memory of Rev. G. N. Ryley, and processional cross in memory of D. J. Saunders, churchwarden.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.**—On July 25th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cornelius 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, R. Pond 3, R. C. Beale 4, R. Dean 5, R. Welch 6, J. T. Looker 7, J. Senner 8. A golden wedding compliment to the Rev. A. T. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens.



**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**

—On July 26th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1. J. Keyte 2. J. Bendfield 3. I. Harris 4. R. Jarvis (cond.) 5. A. Leach 6. A. Lloyd 7. C. Tompkins 8.

**SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.**

—On June 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Cowley (first quarter) 1. W. Ransom 2. W. Papworth 3. C. Goodger 4. L. Cowley 5. D. Papworth (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on June 27th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Cowley 1. J. Oldfield 2. W. Papworth 3. C. Goodger 4. L. Cowley 5. W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of Dr. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**

—At the Cathedral, on July 23rd, 1.260 Stedman Triples: M. T. Sprackling 1. S. Croft 2. C. H. Rogers 3. C. W. Ottley 4. W. G. Wilson 5. W. D. Grainger 6. C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7. H. W. Rogers 8. Rung on the back eight, for Nave Evensong.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**

—On July 22nd, 1.260 Doubles (in 3 methods): R. Carstairs (first away from tenor) 1. Miss E. Brocklehurst 2. Mrs. J. Gray 3. P. Gray (cond.) 4. R. Brocklehurst 5. Rev. D. Sansum 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also on July 23rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Carter (first of Minor) 1. P. Gray (cond.) 2. R. Brocklehurst 3. J. Laver 4. Miss E. Brocklehurst 5. N. Buckland 6. For Evensong. Also on July 30th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Machin (first quarter) 1. P. Gray (cond.) 2. Rev. D. Sansum (first 'inside') 3. R. Brocklehurst 4. N. Buckland 5. F. Dixon 6. For Evensong.

**STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.**

—On July 28th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wooldridge (first quarter) 1. M. D. Fellows 2. J. A. Tandy 3. M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4. J. C. Eisel 5. P. J. Brown 6. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to the Worcestershire Association's librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**

—At St. Thomas' Church, on July 30th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Nicholls 1. A. D. Fellows 2. M. D. Fellows 3. M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4. R. Smith 5. P. J. Brown (first of Triples 'inside') 6. D. H. Watson 7. P. W. Webb 8. Rung to celebrate the success of the initial stages of the Christian Stewardship Campaign in operation at this church. Also a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' with quarter peals.

**TALGARTH, BRECONS.**

—On July 27th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Chick 1. E. Smith 2. D. H. Bennett 3. M. R. Thomas 4. W. G. Smith 5. M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1. 2 and 5. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

**TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**

—On July 26th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. James 1. Pamela M. Turner 2. V. H. Nash 3. P. J. Rothera 4. J. Corbett 5. R. G. Morris 6. P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7. M. C. Hughes 8. In memory of Albert Walker, rung half-muffled.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**

—On July 23rd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Godfrey 1. Marcia Nott 2. P. Jupp 3. E. G. E. Wannell 4. F. Bye (cond.) 5. Mary Browne 6. For the Patronal Festival (Evensong).

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**

—On July 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1. A. F. Lee (cond.) 2. L. J. Cox (first 'inside') 3. Pat Burt 4. D. J. Barnett 5. D. A. Burt (first quarter) 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to: Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee, 36 years; Mr. and Mrs. P. Young, 35 years; Mr. and Mrs. Burt, 25 years.

**WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.**

—On Aug. 2nd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Burrows 1. Miss V. Hodson (first 'inside') 2. J. Bird 3. Miss D. Green 4. L. Harvey 5. M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the retirement of Mr. H. W. Hawes, 24 years headmaster of Wisbech St. Mary C. of E. School, by ex-pupils.

**5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

By TOM CHAPMAN

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The first peal on the heavy six at Edington, Wilts, was not rung without considerable hard work by all concerned. The diameter of the tenor, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1723, is 53" and therefore weighs, at least 25 cwt. The timber frame, which is supported on beams from the ringing chamber, moves and creaks very considerably, and as the sallies nearly go round the wheels the noise is terrific! There have been two previous attempts by other bands recently, one band ringing a half peal in 1 hour and 50 minutes. The tenor has the unusual habit of being quick both ways!

The peal rung at Downham on May 11th was for the Essex Association. Will Peals Analysis Committee please note.

Another maiden tower has been 'conquered'—Aspley, Nottingham, where the first peal was rung on July 31st. Four of the band were ringing their first peal.

The band at Salford Priors are very grateful to Mr. Raymond Selby, of Cleeve Prior, for his help during recent months. Five members of the local band took part in a recent quarter peal.

A promising young ringer is David P. Hilling, who at the age of 15 has called his first peal—at Stoke Poges. To select Stedman Triples for his first peal attempt as conductor is exceptional and is deserving of a special word of congratulation.

For their summer tour the Universities' Association are making their headquarters at Tring. The party assemble on Friday, August 18th and the 'week' concludes on August 26th. There will be peal attempts at Leighton Buzzard, Stoke Mandeville and Totternhoe.

Mr. A. V. Sheppard, of Cape Town, has had a hectic six weeks seeing Africa. He has been in South West Africa, Angola and Bechuanaland, and is now flying to Uganda. He hopes to be in England in a week or two at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. With him is Mr. Roy Towler, who flies into London on September 2nd for five weeks at Eastbourne. Before the war he was secretary to the North Notts at Retford.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Slough Parish Church's bell-ringers, who scored a 'local' peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Old Windsor on August 1st, desire to express their appreciation of the co-operation of the Rev. T. D. Herbert, Vicar of Old Windsor, and Mr. Derek Stone, belfry captain, for permission to 'borrow' their bells for the attempt. As Slough Parish Church stands adjacent to a hospital, peal attempts are naturally severely restricted, so the ringers are grateful for Old Windsor's 'good-neighbourly' action.

'Ringing Wet' (see page 542) was dedicated to Miss Margaret Ladd by a teaching colleague.

Mr. A. Clayton, of Putney, is entering Salisbury Theological College next week to start his training for the Ministry. We wish him every success.

Correction.—The peal rung at St. Thomas', Oxford, on July 25th (see page 521), should read: 'Rung for the Festival of St. James.' Our correspondent sends his apologies.

For the benefit of those who ring peals on the fine ring at Great Waltham, Essex, the correct weight of the tenor is 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.; not 26½ cwt., as stated in most recent peals.

Probably the most isolated of our readers is Mr. J. F. W. Read, who is at the Chartered Bank of North Borneo, North Borneo, and receives his paper weekly by air mail. He is shortly returning to England to Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.

The first peal on the recast bells of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, was rung on July 29th, conducted by David J. King. There were two first pealers and two others first in the method, including Miss Patricia Laycock, who was home on vacation from Guildford.

The ringers in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on July 31st would like to associate the name of Mr. Herrick B. Bowley, Cathedral Ringing Master, with the peal. He is indisposed and unable to ring for six months. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.', August 11th, 1911:—

## BELLS SOLD TO BUILD A STEEPLE

We have heard before of church authorities who sold their bells to buy an organ, but what a strange working of the mind it must have been that determined the village of Sholfleet, in the Isle of Wight, to sell its bells to build a steeple. They had a tower which was one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in the island, but a hundred years ago they thought they would improve upon this fine pile by crowning it with a steeple. The only way of 'raising the wind' was to sell the bells, and so the bells were parted with. It is not recorded whether this was on the advice of the local builder who wanted the job to put up the spire, but the poet has left his impression of the good folk of Sholfleet of that period in the following couplet:—

The Sholfleet poor and silly people  
Sold their bells to buy a steeple.

And now they are still looking round for means of 'raising the wind,' this time for the purpose of taking the steeple down. The spire has become unsafe, so unsafe, in fact, that there is no time to be lost in removing it if disaster is to be averted, and the Vicar has, therefore, advanced the money for its immediate demolition. The bells have gone, the steeple is going, and the money has got to go. Ah, me, 'tis a sorry world, my masters—at Sholfleet!

## OBITUARY

## MR. P. E. CLARK

Mr. Percy Edward Clark, of 1, St. Mary's Place, Ealing, who died in the West Middlesex Hospital on July 22nd, aged 83 years, was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1924.

Born at Ealing, Mr. Clark was until two years ago an active member of St. Mary's Church, and was also prominent in London ringing circles, being for many years a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. He was from 1913–1943 caretaker of the Ealing Boys' County School, which was attended by Mr. W. G. Wilson and the late Mr. Ernest J. Turner. He was connected with the Ealing Philanthropic Society and was its president and secretary in his younger days. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

## Eastern Branch

The Eastern Branch held its summer meeting on July 15th at Pakefield, where hangs probably the easternmost ring of eight in the British Isles. These bells were soon ringing to suit all tastes and talents under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Miss D. Lidbetter.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. F. L. Grant. Fifty members and friends attended this popular venue, a feature of which is the lavish teas provided. Visitors included a ringer from Sussex.

The business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was supported by Association and Branch officials. Miss M. Kindred, Miss J. McBride and Mr. H. Meadows were elected ringing members.

After discussing various venues, Kessingland was selected for the next meeting on September 16th.

The members heard with regret the news of the death of Mr. George Lee, a pre-war member of the Kessingland company and one who had been a great help to the Pakefield ringers in the early days of their forming a company after the restoration of their church.

The Association president, Mr. Nolan Golden, gave a brief talk on the recent Central Council meeting and also put to the members a subject raised at the last meeting of the Northern Branch, namely competition ringing for the purpose of improving striking. A lively discussion followed and whilst no resolution was forthcoming the matter will go to the Standing Committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the organist, Mr. Peter Kindred of the local band and Mrs. Kindred, who with her friends had arranged the wonderful tea.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE – 32



MR. and MRS. S. J. IVIN,  
Bedfordshire Association.

In a decade when several young ringing stars have proved their ability, there have been very few ringers of his youthful years who have accomplished what Mr. Stephen J. Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Bedford, has done. Successes, which usually do not come until after long years of experience, have been achieved by Stephen before he was 21. In any generation his progress would have been regarded as phenomenal, and 30 years ago would have been practically impossible. When the famous William Pye, then nearly at the end of his wonderful ringing career, conducted the first peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major in 1930, he was known to have said that he would not attempt a greater number of methods. Yet Stephen, even allowing for the fact that peals of Spliced Surprise are fairly common today, conducted a peal of 12-Spliced with a resident band of the Oxford University Society on May 13th, 1958, when he was only 20½ years of age!

Stephen, who was born on December 21st, 1937, at Northampton, learnt to handle a bell, while he was still 10, at Houghton Conquest. His instructor was the late W. Watts, and he learnt change-ringing through the encouragement of the Maulden ringers, and in particular the help he received from C. Edward Jeffries, the well-known Bedfordshire conductor, and also Sid Foskett, of Bedford. Such was his progress that he rang his first peal on August 8th, 1949—Bob Minor at Stagdsen—aged only 11! On August 12th, 1954, aged 16, he scored his first peal as conductor—Bob Major at Maulden. Within another 16 months—on December 29th, 1955, just after his 18th birthday—he became the youngest ringer to call a peal of Spliced S. Major, this being three methods at Maulden.

During this time he was being educated at Bedford School, and later obtained an open classical scholarship to Merton College, Oxford. After completing three years of the four-year course, he decided to resign of his own accord, and is now employed as a semi-conductor technician with Texas Instruments Ltd., the largest manufacturers of transistors in England.

Stephen's present peal total is somewhere over 200, of which he has conducted over 100, and they have included some notable performances. He is particularly proud to have been included in the band which rang eight and nine methods of Spliced S. Major with 'all the work.' rung at Willesden during 1956, when he was still aged only 18. The nine was rung, for the first time, less than a week after publication of the composition, conducted by R. F. B. Speed. Three months before he was 20, he conducted the record length of 14.560 Yorkshire S. Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry in September, 1957. While up at Oxford he did a great deal to further the advancement of the University Society, and twice called peals of 6-Spliced S. Major, with five people 'inside' ringing their first peal of Spliced on both occasions. He was very pleased to have had the honour of conducting a peal of Yorkshire S. Royal at St.



Paul's, Bedford, in which seven of the band were local Sunday service ringers. He has had experience, too, at an early age, of ringing a tenor to Surprise Maximus. Twice he had the pleasure of ringing Yorkshire Maximus at Leicester Cathedral, one of which he conducted, and he has also rung Birmingham Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Maximus, and the same bell to Lincolnshire S. Major. He has the unique distinction, so far, of being the only ringer who has twice conducted an attempt for the elusive 40,320 Bob Major at Loughborough. On one occasion over 29,000 changes was reached when he stopped the ringing, only because he considered that it was not then good enough for a record length. Stephen has the ability to be able to 'sort out' a trip in a difficult method, when he considers it justified, and in his age group he has very few equals in this direction. For the past four years he has been peal secretary for the Bedfordshire Association and, for a term, he was 'non-resident' Master of the O.U.S., whom he also represents on the Central Council.

In the field of composition he has produced some very interesting and original peals, which are frequently rung. He has supplied Shirley Burton's collection, soon to be published, with a lot of first compositions for a particular method, many of which were previously considered unpealable. He has usually found something fresh for all the 'old favourites' in the Surprise Major class, including Cambridge, Bristol and London.

In 1960 he married Avril Thackray, who was then an established ringer of ability. Avril learnt to handle a bell and rang some changes in Bedfordshire, thanks to George Hutchings, of Kempston, but her enthusiasm was really kindled by 'Uncle' Herrick Bowley and the Leicester Cathedral band. She was educated at the Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford, and the Domestic Science College, Leicester, and is employed in the age-old ringer's profession of school teaching. She rang her first peal—Bob Minor—at Biddenham, on January 12th, 1956, and so far has rung 70 peals, 13 of which have been Surprise Maximus. She is particularly proud that one of these peals of Maximus was rung at Southwark Cathedral, and also of ringing a peal of 8-Spliced S. Major at Bletchley, Bucks, in 1959.

Their other hobbies are a delight in motor-cycling, and as Stephen's father is a veteran participant in motor-cycle racing, he is hoping that one day he will lose enough weight to have a try at it himself!

Like many people in all walks of life with a particular gift, Stephen is sometimes inclined to be temperamental, but outside the tower this is usually forgotten, and he is very interesting and informed in any discussion. Ringers of his calibre are still rare, even today, so that his friends forgive his occasional annoyance. To have achieved what he has done, all before his 24th birthday, shows him to be an outstanding and competent ringer who has already made his mark and will continue to give the Exercise the benefits of his genius.

APACE.



**RINGING WET**  
**DEDICATION TO A WELL KNOWN**  
**LADY RINGER FROM KENT**

I ask you to bear with me, stranger, for the  
 saga I tell is true—  
 It will come back again in your memory as  
 you sit down there in your pew.  
 No, it's not the smoke of the battlefield, or of  
 shipwreck's sullen roar.  
 But of wild events that turned my mind in the  
 village church bell tower.

The time was even, snow lay thick, and the  
 pond, they say, was hard;  
 Our bellringers' cottage was cosy and warm—  
 then—sudden a knock was heard.  
 There stood Sexton Blake in a terrible state—  
 he clutches for support on the door.  
 'The woodworm have been in the belfry, and  
 the bells have crashed to the floor.'

'It's Evensong in half-an-hour, and we won-  
 dered if you and your gel  
 Would come to our aid in the belfry, p'raps  
 by hand-ringing a bell.'  
 So Ernie got dressed like the clappers and  
 young Maggie followed tout suite,  
 And in no time at all, in a thick snow fall,  
 were plodding up the street.

Now its nigh two miles if you follow the  
 road, cut by half if you go past the pond.  
 Then up thro' the spinney by Ada Doom's  
 Folly and the village lies beyond.  
 Our valiant three gave nary a thought to  
 the bite of the wind and snow,  
 And turned to follow the woodland path,  
 stepping it out in a row.

But the path was covered a foot or more—  
 familiar landmarks were gone,  
 And by pure mischance our little band started  
 walking over the pond.  
 Now last, but not least, in their footsteps  
 she trod, our Maggie followed in haste.  
 When the strain on the ice, not once, twice, but  
 thrice—she was in it up to her waist.

Both Sexton and father held out eager hands,  
 and soon she was safely ashore,  
 Their pleas to turn back she ridiculed from a  
 stubborn and trembling jaw—  
 'I'll ring those bells if it kills me—we can't  
 let the village down!'  
 So they struggled on in the bitter storm, and  
 presently came to the town.

Oh, the wicked wind had had its way—yes, the  
 skirts of our lass were dry;  
 Oh, the wicked wind and its hidden ice—her  
 skirts were as stiff as a pie.  
 They mounted the stairs with minutes in  
 hand, and she tried not to scrape the walls,  
 But her knee came high and the garment rang  
 like a bell from old St. Paul's.

Both humane men...but ringers first—the  
 thought hit them both like a flash,  
 They twisted the rope round her waist three  
 times—the fluffy bit looked like a sash.  
 Then up to the loft and a good heave-ho; her  
 heels beat a wild tattoo,  
 The villagers entered to music by Bach, and  
 music by Gor-ray too.

Pay heed to my story, young feller-me-lad, and  
 when next you hear the bells chime  
 Think of poor Maggie there kicking her heels  
 and her torso all covered in rime.  
 Oh, yes, she's the village belle all right—you  
 can raise your hat to her name,  
 Her assets are frozen, a fine carillon, but  
 such is the price of fame.

December, 1960.

## KATHLEEN AND ROGER ON THEIR WEDDING DAY



**T**WO popular peal ringers, Miss S. Kathleen M. Knight and Mr. Roger Baldwin, photographed after their wedding on July 8th at the Church of St. Mary, Alverstoke, Hants. Kathleen's dress was of white brocade, while the five bridesmaids were in lavender and pale yellow. The honeymoon was spent at Alderney, Channel

Islands, where there are six bells. The couple will be greatly missed by their fellow ringers at Portsmouth Cathedral, but their loss will be Nottingham's gain, since Roger is carrying out post-graduate research at the University there. Their new home is at Flat 6, Lancote House, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. A report of the wedding appears on page 514.

### THE BELL SONG

By ANTHONY BRODE

Proposals to build an hotel next to Winchester Cathedral have produced fierce local arguments, which included the statement 'I am loath to cross swords with an expert on bells.'

.....

It is all very well for a city to boast  
 Of a castle, a close, and a college,  
 But another hotel is required to play host  
 To the seekers of culture and knowledge.

United in welcoming tourists to town,  
 Divided on matters of siting.  
 Some of us citizens cannot calm down  
 Debating is duller than fighting.

Choosing one's weapons is tricky it's true,  
 When it comes to a fight very few'll  
 Stand up to the damage a ringer can do  
 In a campanological duel.

Recall (if you meet one) experience tells,  
 Whatever the arms you are using,  
 Be loath to cross swords with an expert on bells.  
 The risk is too great of your losing.

[From Hampshire County Magazine, by permission of the author.]

### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Only a small number of members attended the meeting at Chapel Allerton on July 29th due, no doubt, to the peak holiday period. The very fine ring of six bells was raised at 3 p.m., and ringing continued in a variety of methods until 5.30 p.m.

Tea was obtained at a local café, and afterwards a business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. Robert Brown, of Drighlington, was elected to membership.

Mr. J. Gibson thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the Society to visit the tower, and Mr. L. Clarke for his excellent arrangements. In reply, Mr. Clarke said that he was always delighted to have the Society at the tower, but unfortunately some local residents had 'phoned the Vicar's wife and complained about the bells being rung; in fact some of the callers had been most abusive.

Mr. Gibson proposed that the bells should be rung until 8 p.m.; Mr. Slack seconded the motion. Ringing then continued until the Vicar ascended the tower and requested that the ringing should stop. The bells were lowered at 7 p.m.

Next meeting: Rothwell, August 26th.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BELLS FOR EAST AFRICA

Dear Sir.—As one who has had a great deal to do with new and restored rings locally, the following might be of use to Kilifi, Kenya (letter in July 28th issue).

Taylor's estimate is apparently only for the bells. The frame, fittings and erection would be at least another £1,000—the whole cost £3,000 to £3,500. Therefore, one asks, why have a 14 cwt. tenor?

Cut that by half and you pretty well halve your bill, and get just as good a ring. Taylors recently installed a 6-bell ring with a 6 cwt. tenor near here, which is a joy to hear, whilst his own tenor to ten at the Foundry is only about 6 cwt. (not everybody's meat probably).

Offhand one would say that if a church can afford a 14 cwt. tenor, they don't need any help. Cut it to 7 and one would feel more like subscribing. Possibly the idea is to some time add two trebles, but even then 14 cwt. in these days is an outsize.

In the account of the 6-bell peals in the same issue the average weight of the tenors in the 13 towers mentioned is only 10 cwt., ranging from 5 to 16, whilst in 18 8-bell towers it is only an average of 14 cwt., and that includes two of 23 and 26 cwt.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM (Lt.-Col.).

Helford, Helston,  
Cornwall.

## EXTENSIONS OF MAJOR

Dear Sir.—Perhaps some of your readers of the 'R.W.' may be wondering how we obtain these unusual lengths from the well-known composition of Bob Major by E. M. Atkins (Twelve-Part).

The standard block is: W B M H

—	—	—	—	} A
—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	

This can be varied to:

—	2	—	—	} B
—	—	—	—	

or this:

—	1	—	—	} C
—	—	—	—	

Now if we substitute Tenor 4 times 'in,' and 7th 4 times 'out' for any of the bobs 'Before,' this will lengthen the block by 160 changes.

It is only necessary to have two 'A' blocks to reverse 5-6 at the singles—the rest may be composed 'ad lib.'

Singles at \* in first and seventh parts (or these blocks may be inserted anywhere so long as they occur half a peal apart) and single at † in fourth and tenth parts (quarter peal ends) or at three parts distant from the blocks with two singles.

The maximum on this principle is 7,776 changes 2A 10B, substituting the parted tenors for each of the bobs 'Before.'

A peal of 5,248 changes was rung on April 23rd at Leicester as 10A, 1B, 1C, with parted tenors for the 'Before,' in block 'C.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Leicester.

P.S.—At what stage could it cease to be attributed to E. M. Atkins? I doubt if he would recognise some of the variations—or perhaps would not want his name associated with them!—J. A. A.

## LONG PLAYING RECORD OF MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL BELLS—1961

Dear Sir.—I feel sure that all ringers in Great Britain and elsewhere will be pleased to hear of the release this week of a new long playing record of church bells.

The disc has been published by the W. and G. Recording Company in Melbourne, carrying serial No. WG-A-1039 and comprising six tracks at a speed of 33½.

We in Melbourne feel quite proud of this record and we hope that it will bring many sales both overseas and in Australia. Early next year the Cathedral is launching an appeal for £50,000, included in which is an amount for the complete rehanging and retuning of the bells, and also extensive repairs to the fabric. It is hoped that royalties from the sale of these records will augment the ringers' contributions to this worthy appeal.

Featured on the record (Side 1) are Grandsire Caters, call changes on the back eight and Kent T.B. Minor on the middle six, whilst on Side 2 we hear Stedman Triples on the front eight, call changes on the twelve and Stedman Doubles on the 'pretty six' (bells 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12 of the twelve); a total of 45 minutes plus.

This fine sounding ring of thirteen (tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp) is heard at its best, especially in Grandsire Caters, and whilst we realise that the actual ringing is far from perfect; it is faithful reproduction of our Sunday service striking. Close inspection of the written account on the back of the album will also no doubt reveal a few inaccuracies, but we would ask readers to make allowances for these!

May I say that we welcome wholeheartedly criticism of the disc in general and hope that many ringers and non-ringers will be able to purchase one for their collections.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

67, Highfield Avenue,  
Springvale, North Victoria.

## SPLICING DOUBLES

A Leicester reader has asked us about splicing Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson writes it is possible (and, of course, not original) because both Grandsire and Stedman Doubles are real Doubles methods. All the rows of the plain course are made up by changing two pairs of bells from the preceding row. Therefore all the 60 changes are 'in course' or position. That is why to get either 120 of either method you have to have at least two singles. The introduction of a single turns all the rows into 'out of course' or negative or odd rows until the next single change. So if you ring 60 changes in one method (without singles) and then in between two singles ring 60 of the other method you will have all the 60+ rows and all the 60—rows making a true 120. You can have no repetition so long as one of the methods (all 60 changes of it) is between two singles so that it is of the opposite nature to the others.

This leads to another long series of articles on in and out of course changes. Very briefly four. Rounds is considered an even row. If next row is caused by changing 2 (or 4 or 6) pairs of bells then it also is even, and so on. (Even plus even=even: this is an obvious fact when dealing with numbers.) If the next row is caused by changing 1 (or 3 or 5) pairs of bells then it would be an odd row (even plus odd=odd) and the bells would be out of course.

Plain Bob Doubles is not a real Doubles method—you get your odd and even rows mixed up, therefore you can get 120 without singles. But both Grandsire and Stedman will only give you even rows unless you use singles.

## WHY NOT PLAIN BOB DOUBLES?

Dear Sir.—Now that Grandsire Doubles in 240-change blocks in peals is becoming popular, I can see no reason why peals of Plain Bob Doubles cannot be rung on this plan.

I submit one or two examples of 240 blocks by myself, which may be of interest to Doubles ringers who are probably bored stiff with the usual four callings. Of course, eight variations of calling may be obtained from each, by starting from different leads.

240	240	240
2 3 4 5	2 3 4 5	2 3 4 5
3 5 4 2—2	2 3 5 4—1	2 3 5 4—1
2 4 3 5—3	5 2 3 4—4	2 3 4 5—1
4 5 3 2—2	4 3 5 2—3	5 4 2 3—3
P 5 2 4 3—1		P 2 5 3 4—3

All repeated twice.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN PLADDYS.

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P.S.—Each change is repeated once only throughout the 240.—J. P.

## MORPETH'S CURFEW

Dear Sir.—I have always enjoyed reading 'The Ringing World,' but the letter of F. Hodgson, of Darlington, on page 439, made me feel very grateful to him, as he expresses in his last paragraph what really was a tower grab described as a complimentary quarter peal.

At Morpeth, for local or royal rejoicings the bells are rung on the day, not the next day or a few days after, and we have a few peal cards recording such occasions. Other ringers have come to ring our bells and have started pealing through the time of curfew, thus slighting a tradition that means much to Morpeth.

On May 25th, Mayor's Day, the bells were pealing out of our shuttered tower. I stood outside, hoping they would stop for the 8 p.m. curfew. There was no curfew, and on Mayor's Day, too. The next day I was told they continued pealing until 9.15 p.m.

There was no peal in June. Perhaps they have filled their book or 'circled the tower.' In my father's time, peals, though rare, were started at 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. I hope they will now give Morpeth a rest.—Yours, etc.,

J. S. ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

## 5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE

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			3	6 3 4 2 5
X				4 3 2 6 5
				A 2 3 6 4 5
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				5 6 2 3 4
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# A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 529)

**'Prostitution of Church Bells at Ipswich.**—We grieve to hear that the 6 bells of St. Mary Quay, Ipswich, were rung at intervals during the two days of the races held 17th and 18th inst. [apparently July, 1873] Why did not the Vicar and churchwardens do their duty and stop such an abuse? A few years ago the Vicar of Doncaster manfully did his duty in a similar case, and set an example to be followed.'

**Glass Bells.**—... a few years ago Messrs. Powell of Whitefriars made one for a new chapel in Borrowdale. It was the gift of a lady, but she soon cracked it by tolling.'

**Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham.**—July 26th, 1873. First anniversary of opening of the six bells (tenor 17 cwt.).

Johnson Hern, formerly of Norwich, but then of Hurworth, writing on the progress of the Hurworth ringers says: 'We practise on the bells Tuesdays and Saturdays and on Thursdays we meet in the schoolroom and, with black-board and chalk, we have mastered the method of Bob Minor... let me tell any young beginner that change-ringing is not learnt in the steeple but with paper and pencil at home... I would not have troubled you with this long letter but for the hope that, by giving it publicity, other ringers in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, and Devon and Cornwall, may be stimulated to greater exertions, as I am sorry to find that though there are many fine peals in these counties, the noble art of change-ringing is but little and imperfectly known.'

**Handbell Ringing at Birmingham.**—Wed., July 30th, 1873, at second attempt, 5,040 Grand-sire Triples, 2 hrs. 52 mins., in presence of 3 witnesses, one the author (Joseph Spencer), 'the first peal in Birmingham ever accomplished on hand-bells.'

**Bodelwyddan, North Wales.**—Mon., Aug. 4th, 1873, Liverpool ringers, 5,040 Grand-sire Triples, 3 hrs. 7 mins: 'On this new ring of bells from the Whitechapel Foundry and presented by the Lady Dowager Willoughby de Broke.'

**Chimes of Derby.**—'The celebrated chimes of All Saints' Church, Derby, have recently [to Aug. 23rd, 1873] been put into good order by Mr. Smith, church clockmaker... under musical supervision... They now play seven tunes...'

**'East Bergholt, Suffolk.**—On Mon., Apr. 23, 1821, was rung on these bells 120 changes of singles by making the Tenor the quick hunt and the Treble the half ditto, by the following persons: Saml. Orris, sen., Treble; Wm. Bird, second; T. Stollery, third; Thos. Orris, fourth; Sam Orris, junr., Tenor. N.B.—Sam Orris, sen., called the peal.

'(The merit of this ringing arises from the fact that the Bells have neither wheels nor ropes. They are in an ancient cage, in a shed in the churchyard; and are rung by handling the stock, the ringers standing by the side.)'

(The tenor is reputed to be 25 cwt. and the bells are still hung the same and rung as shown above—turning full circle. I have been told that they may be seen being rung any Sunday in the summer months at 6 p.m. East Bergholt, being adjacent to Flatford, made for ever famous by the artist John Constable, attracts many visitors, particularly during the summer, and there is usually an audience for the bell-ringers in spite of the volume of sound! C.R.)

**Prostitution of Church Bells.**—Aug. 2nd, 1873, for two days, prize ringing at Holmfirth, Yorks; prizes £24.

The paper adds a note: 'If parsons and churchwardens have not the pluck to refuse such ungodly uses of the goods of the church entrusted to their keeping, they had much better apply for a faculty to remove and sell all their bells but one...'

**'The Bonnie Bells of Bonnie Dundee.**—For a short time this afternoon [i.e., Aug. 6th, 1873] the two peals of St. Paul's and the Old Steeple will be rung simultaneously to try the effect...'

**Bath Abbey Church.**—New chiming apparatus recently [to Aug. 30th, 1873] erected; ten bells. 'The light and cheerful sounds of the chiming

for service form a marked contrast to the heavy and monotonous tolling of the tenor bell as formerly practised.'

**John Bunyan.**—Extract from Southey's 'Life of Bunyan.'—'He had taken great delight in bell-ringing, an exercise in which it is now difficult to see any harm, but which he began to think a vain and sinful practice, probably from its being connected with the externals of the Established Church; still, he so hankered after his old amusement that, though he did not pull a rope himself, he would go and look at the ringers, not without a secret feeling that to do so was unbecoming the religious character he professed. A fear came upon him that one of the bells might fall; to secure himself against such an accident, he stood under a beam that lay athwart the steeple from side to side, but his apprehensions, being once awakened, he then considered that the bell might fall with a swing, hit the wall first, rebound, and so strike him in its descent. Upon this he retired to the steeple-door, thinking himself safe enough there, for if the bell should fall, he might slip out.'

'Further than the door he did not venture, nor did he long continue to think himself safe enough there; for the next fancy that possessed him was that the steeple might fall, and this so much disturbed him that he dared not stand at the door any longer, but fled...'

**Wrotham, Kent.**—Mon., Aug. 25th, 1873. Visit by the Dartford Society—good change-ringing on the eight bells.

'It is some years since there has been any scientific change-ringing done there and it seemed to give general satisfaction to the local inhabitants.'

**'Pett, near Hastings, Sussex.**—

Here lies George Theobald, a lover of bells,  
And of this house as that epitaph tells  
He gave a bell freely to grace the new steeple  
Ring out his prayse therore ye good peopl.  
Obijt Oo<sup>mo</sup> die Martij Anno Dni 1641.'

**Symbolism of Bells.**—Extract from 'Hone's Mysteries,' etc. 'Bells being made of brass, and being therefore more shrill than the trumpets under the law, denote that God was then known to the Jews only, but now to all the world; that, as they are more durable, they signify that the preaching of the New Testament endures longer than the Jewish trumpets and sacrifices, even unto the end of time, and that they represent preachers which call men to the faith. The bell denotes the preacher's mouth, according to the words of St. Paul, "I am become as sounding brass," and the hardness of the metal implies the fortitude of the preacher's mind according to the passage, "I have given thee a forehead more hard than their forehead." The clapper, sounding the bell by striking on both sides, denotes the preacher's tongue, publishing both the Testaments; and the preacher should on one hand correct vice in himself; and on the other side reprove it in his hearers. The hand that ties the clapper denotes the moderation of the tongue. The wood on which the bell hangs signifies the word of the Cross. The iron that ties it to the wood denotes the charity of the preacher who, being inseparably connected with the Cross exclaims, "Far being it from me to glory except in the Cross of our Lord."

'The wheel that puts the bell in motion signifies the preacher's mind which, connected with the Divine law, passeth it upon the people by constant preaching.

'The bell-rope denotes the humility of the preacher's life. The rope tied to the wood in which the bell hangs signifieth that the Scripture descendeth from the wood of the Cross. The rope being formed of three cords denotes that the Scripture consisteth of a Trinity—History, Allegory and Morality.

'The descent of the rope from the wood to the hand signifies the descent of Scripture from the mystery of the Cross in the preacher's mouth, and that it comes to his hand because the Scripture should produce good works.

'The upward and downward motion of the rope denotes that the Scripture sometimes speaks of high and sometimes low matters, sometimes mysteriously and sometimes plainly. Again, the downward motion signifies the preacher's descent from contemplation to ac-

tion; also the downward motion signifies the Scripture when it is expounded literally; and the upward motion when it is expounded spiritually.'

**Flint, North Wales.**—'A very melodious peal of six bells has recently [i.e., to Aug., 1873] been fixed in the parish church.' Inaugurated by Chester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers Wed., Aug. 20th, 1873.

**Kingston-on-Thames.**—Mon., Aug. 4th, 1873: 'Fine peal of ten... a new fourth bell successfully re-cast and re-hung by Mr. G. R. Banks, church bell-hanger, 103, Lower Kensington Lane, Lambeth.'

**From 'Old Paper'—Effect of Bells on Napoleon.** 'He was riding late one day over a battle-field, gazing stern and unmoved on the dying and the dead that strewed the ground by thousands about him, when suddenly "those evening bells" struck up a merry peal. The Emperor paused to listen; his heart was softened; memory was busy with the past; he was no longer the conqueror of Austerlitz, but the innocent, happy schoolboy of Brienne; and dismounting from his horse, he seated himself on the stump of an old tree and to the astonishment of Rapp, ... burst into tears...'

**'The Old Bells in Durham Cathedral and how they used to be Rung.**—'In the west end of the church and of the north alley over the Galilee door, is a heltry called the Galilee steeple wherein did hang four great bells which were never rung but at principal feasts or at such times as the bishop came to town.

'Every Sunday in the year a sermon was preached in the Galilee from one in the afternoon to three, previous to which at twelve the great bell of the Galilee tolled three quarters of an hour, and rung the fourth quarter till one of the clock, that the people of the town might have warning to come and hear the word of God preached. There were certain officers of the said house who were always charged, whenever the said bells were tolled, to be in readiness to ring them: viz.,—two men of the kitchen were charged with ringing one bell, and four men of the church, who did lye always in the church, were charged with the third bell; and five others were to ring the great bell, viz.,—two of the bake-house, two of the brew-house and two of the kiln. [Arithmetic seems a bit wayward here!—C.R.]

'And in the latter days of King Henry VIII the house was suppressed; and after that time the bells were never rung. In Queen Elizabeth's reign Dean Whittingham perceiving them not to be occupied or rung a great while before his time was purposed to have taken them down and broken them for other uses. When Thomas Spark, the bishop's suffragan, residing at Durham, and keeping home at the same time, did send into Yorkshire for a workman, and caused three of the said bells to be taken down, hung up in the new work called the Lanthorne and made a goody chime be set on the saide bells, which cost him in charges thirty or forty pound, which chime endureth to this day, otherwise the said bells had been spoiled and defaced. But Christopher Hodson, a London bell-founder, got hold of them, and six out of the present peal of eight bear his name and the date of their casting by him in 1693. The two other bells were later, and have the name of Dean Digby and the dates 1780 and 1781 upon them.'

The bell which remained in the Galilee tower, as mentioned in the foregoing quotation, we believe to have been the sanctuary bell, the use of which is thus described in the same work:—

'In the old time before the house was suppressed, the abbey church, the churchyard and all the circuit thereof, was a sanctuary for all manner of men that committed any great offence, as killing of a man in his own defence.

'Certain men did lye in two chambers over the north door for the purpose that when any such offenders did come and knock they were instantly let in at any hour of the night and did run quickly to the Galilee bell and toll'd it, that whosoever heard it might know that some had taken sanctuary.'

[History of Durham Cathedral, 1743.]

**'Clocking.**—The danger of this manner of sounding a bell is mentioned in the volume a number of times.

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# REFLECTIONS ON ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH

By T. A. BEVIS

**H**ENRY IV's heraldic antelope seems about to spring at the visitor to St. John the Baptist's Church, Peterborough. This graceful carving adorns a delightful porch, which has three arches, two allowing processions through the churchyard.

The main body of the church is equally as attractive as the two-storied porch. Of spacious and free flowing dimensions, the building was erected in the 15th century, following complaints from parishioners that they were unable to attend their parish church on account of floods. Much of the material was taken from a chapel, formerly sited near the impressive Cathedral, a stone's throw away.

St. John's has many fine points of interest: lofty curvilinear windows in the south aisle have different tracery designs, no two alike. Beneath the tower are suspended 16th century embroidery, depicting scenes of the Crucifixion. A remarkable chest in the vestry is carved in high relief, showing the Crucifixion—minus the figure of our Lord; it is dated 1569.

Crocketed pinnacles set on octagonal turrets at the angles of the tower lend a pleasing silhouette to the Peterborough skyline. A slender spire was removed many years ago so as not to endanger the tower, the mass of which depends on support from four arches.

## RINGING CHAMBER ONCE WORKSHOP

At one time the eight bells were rung from a stage raised about 12 feet above ground level. The ringers now have a considerable climb to the ringing chamber, in which a stairway has been fixed for them to descend in order to reach the level of ringing activities.

This area, mid-way in the tower, was formerly the church's workshop, complete with bench, etc. An interesting carillon apparatus—not in use—is confined to a corner; this sturdy machine was installed in 1877 and is by Gillett and Bland.

The heavy ring of bells handles well. It was rehung in 1909 by Gillett and Johnston, who also recast the treble and second. The bells were again rehung in 1948.

William Dobson, of Downham Market, Norfolk, cast the original octave in 1808, and inscribed them with his favourite inscription, e.g., the fifth: 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round' (this is given to several fifth bells produced by Osborn and Dobson).

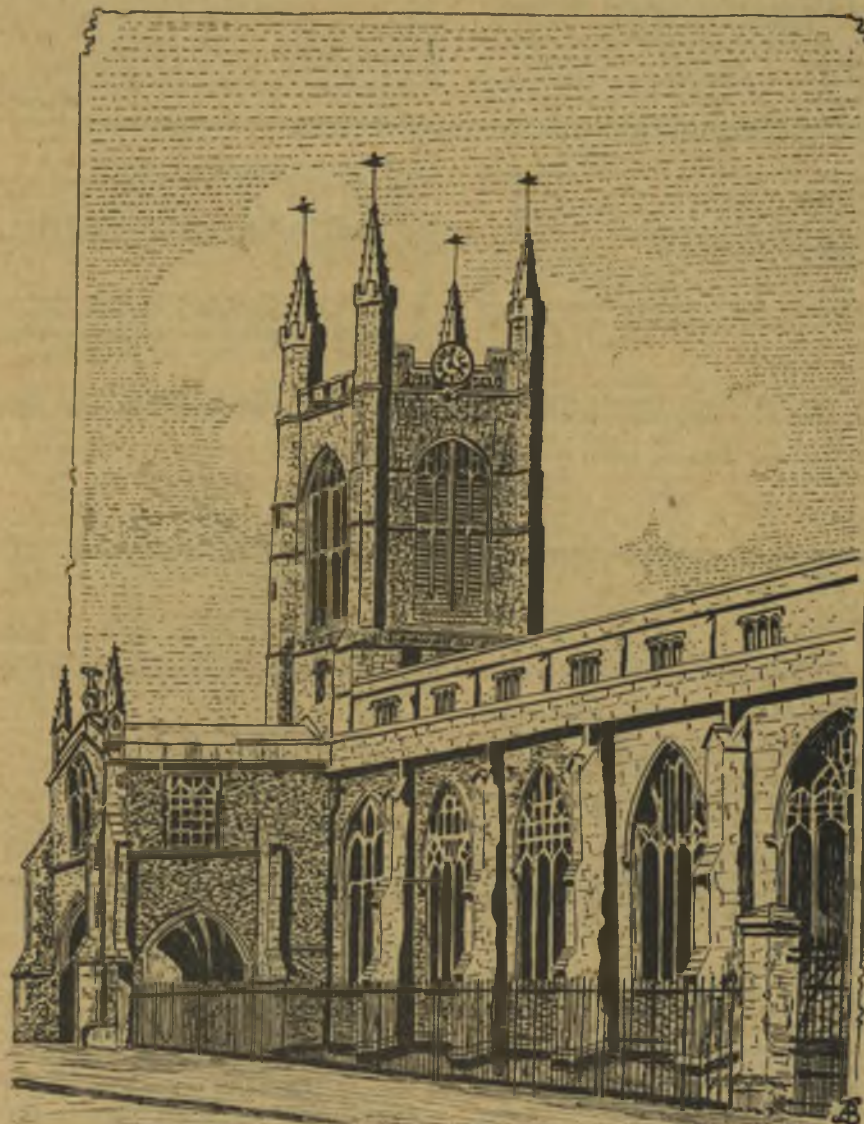
The sixth was donated by William Elliott and French Lawrence, M.P.s, 1808; the seventh by William Strong, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton, and the tenor (26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C) by the Rev. Joseph Stephen Pratt, LL.B., Prebendary of Peterborough Cathedral. There is also a sanctus bell which is regularly used.

## BELL NEARLY LOST

Mr. Herbert Goakes, towerkeeper, explained to the writer that the seventh bell was taken away to a foundry in 1925 and due to unforeseen circumstances remained there for about five years. Eventually the foundry concerned were compelled to inform the Church Authorities that if the bell in question was not recast or removed it would be broken up as it was taking up valuable space. Fortunately at this time a new Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Gibson, was appointed to St. John's and through his timely efforts the long lost bell was at last recast in December, 1930, and dedicated on January 30th, 1931.

St John's Church is Mr. Goakes' second home. A ringer here since 1920, he is widely respected and is indeed a pillar of strength in many directions in connection with church work, and his advice and experience is often called upon. He says that bellringing in Peterborough suffered a severe setback on the departure, some years ago, of Mr. William Rose, a gentleman well known among the campanological fraternity.

Two other stalwarts of St. John's have given an impressive number of years in service to the church; they are Mr. E. Warner and Mr. S. E. Wright, both of whom have rung



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH.

the bells of the parish church for 51 and 50 years respectively.

## SEVEN PEALS

Records testify to seven successful peals, the first, Grandsire Triples, rung on April 8th, 1920, conducted by Frederick T. Cooke. This was the thirteenth attempt by a local team, and it materialised following a 'snap decision' after a hard day's work by all concerned.

Tom Tebbutt conducted a peal of Stedman Triples on June 16th, 1920. Several years elapsed before the next achievement, this being a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 27th, 1947, conducted by Ernest E. Whitmore.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells occurred on April 8th, 1948, this at a service of dedication after the rehanging of the bells made possible by the gift of Herbert J. Amies and Minnie J. Amies.

This was closely followed by an extent of Grandsire Triples on May 27th, 1948, conducted by William Rose.

Frank Warrington took the helm to a peal of 5.088 Kent Treble Bob Major on March 3rd, 1949, and on May 12th, 1949, 5.040 Grandsire Triples was rung under the conductorship of William Rose.

The bellringers of St John's benefit through the munificence of a legacy bequeathed by Matthew Wyldboare who, 200 years ago, had the misfortune to be lost in the nearby Fen-

lands (a common occurrence in those days), but was guided to safety by the sound of Peterborough bells. A team meets each year on March 15th when the bells are rung to perpetuate his memory.

## CITY'S BELL FOUNDER

Peterborough's only bell founder, Henry Penn, whose earliest work (1703) is to be found at Holcot, Northants, was entrusted with the task of casting the four largest of the ten ancient bells of Peterborough Cathedral, into 'a tunable peal of ten, adding a little metal it required.' He was permitted to take the other six bells as his honorarium for 'founding, hanging and framing.'

Five of Penn's bells have been sold and the survivors are not allowed to be rung in the traditional manner, due to the opinions of a legion of architects as to the alleged insecurity of the fabric. The present five (tenor 30 cwt. in D) were rehung and quarter turned at a cost of £300 in 1899, and have been rung only once since that time—on the occasion of a wedding.

There is no documentary evidence as to the precise spot of the Peterborough foundry; it is strongly believed that it was situated on the east side of Bridge Street, adjacent to the River Nene.

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## Peterborough Reflections—Cont.

### DEATH AFTER ACQUITTAL

Penn had an unfortunate end in that he suffered a seizure while mounting his horse at St. Ives, following his acquittal from the Assizes, in connection with alleged inferior workmanship in the eight bells supplied to that town. It was recorded that Penn's death was no loss; he was a vile man and gave trouble whosoever he was concerned...

Judging his existing bells, Henry was a good founder, and one cannot help feeling a sense of pity for him. He sent several bells from Peterborough to Huntingdonshire, and yet it was meanly recorded in the burial register of St. Mary's Church, Huntingdon: '1729, Henry Penn, stranger, July 23rd.'

A Mr. Stanley, of Peterborough, in 1835 cast a small treble for Holme Church. He was an ironmonger and occupied a shop in Long Causeway. This experience did not whet his appetite so it may well be that the bell at Holme is unique.

Another Peterborough citizen has been directly and indirectly concerned with bells. He is Mr. Jack Belt, rope maker, who retired last year at the age of 84. Mr. Belt has produced bell ropes for Messrs. Snowdens, who specialise in tent-making. His ropes protect works of art in Burghley House, and they ring the bells at several churches in the district.

To conclude: the saddleback tower of St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, contains a ring of six bells (tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A). The adjoining parish of Woodstone and Stanground each have a ring of six bells (tenors 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A flat, and 12 cwt., F sharp, respectively)—all ringable.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

The July meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild was held at Shelley on July 1st. The six bells were kept ringing in the afternoon to various methods up to London Minor, and proved of value to a number of learners present, as well as testing the ability of others of a higher standard of proficiency.

At 5 p.m. the ringers adjourned to the school, where the local ringers had kindly provided cups of tea, and the sandwiches had to be shared out for the benefit of those who had forgotten to bring some.

Mr. P. Birkett presided at the business meeting, and Mr. R. Senior read the minutes of the last meeting, deputising for Mr. D. Smith, the secretary, who was away on holiday.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and continued until 9 p.m. About two-dozen ringers attended and 13 methods were attempted: on the whole a very satisfactory meeting. F. L.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A joint meeting of the Chertsey District and the Ladies' Guild was held at Thames Ditton on July 22nd. Some 50 ringers attended on a glorious afternoon, the ladies being well represented by the Farnham District contingent. Ringing up to Cambridge took place before the service, which was taken in the absence of the Vicar by the Rev. G. S. Archibald, Vicar of Chertsey and a ringing member of the Guild. The day being the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the sermon was on that theme—a refreshing change from 'bellringers' sermons.'

After a splendid tea, laid on by Mrs. Hawthorne and helpers, the two brief business meetings were held. Further ringing, which included Double Oxford. St. Clement's and Cambridge, took place till 8.30.

## JAN GATES, OF PARRAMATTA

Miss Jan Gates, aged 22, is featured in an article in 'The Parramatta Mail' of June 14th, entitled 'Her Song—The Sound of Bells.' Jan has been learning to ring for five years at All Saints', Parramatta, and her ambition is to ring a peal—so far she has rung two quarters. Her instructor is Mr. Bob Ferris, the newly-elected chairman of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers.

Jan works as a colour and interior decorator for a Sydney firm. Trained at the National Art School, she advises on furnishings, tiles and colours for various stores, hotels and clubs.

# MEMORIES OF OUTINGS

## ST. PETER MANCROFT

May 27th, 1961.

Norwich, Dereham, Swaffham, Lynn, Towers we know, now an outing to begin Memories on passing; thro' sunshine and shower  
On our way to visit Sutterton's tower.

Flat, fertile land, the land of the Fens, Roads that are straight where once there were bends,

A village small, winding stairs to the spire, Bells calling for service, 'for sermon' and 'fire.'

On then to Lincoln the Church of St. Giles, 'St. Peter at Arches' now built in new style; One church demolished, the new one renamed, A fine ring of bells, for a city world-famed.

Now, to the Cathedral, rising high on a hill, A ring of twelve with Great Tom hangs there still:

Our Lady's tower, where the 'Lady's bells' hung.

Destroyed 1834, were for Lady's Day rung.

A chapel for ringers to the right of the door, Painted records on the wall, date to 16 one 4, Peals and touches rung, records tell the story, And add an odd page to the majesty and glory.

280 feet high a spire crowned tower St. Wulfram, of Grantham, where we spent an hour:

Rhymed belfry rules, made two centuries ago, Make history for ringing, just to let us know:

'If any overthrow a bell,  
As chance that well he may,  
Because he minds not ringing well  
He must his sixpence pay.'

St. Mary and St. Nicholas', ring of eight, Spalding's Parish Church, with a spire great; A Sanctus bell on the Nave gable rings To summon the people to church for 'sacring' (sacrament).

One verse more before we go. From Grantham's records quoting:

'And when the bells are down and ceased  
It should be said or sung  
May God preserve the Church and King  
And guide us safely home.'

## ELLAND, YORKS

Once again the weather was fine for the annual Whit Monday outing of the Elland (St. Mary's) ringers when, with other ringing friends and members of the congregation, we set off for Nottinghamshire.

Our first call was Rotherham, where Mr. N. Chaddock had everything ready for us. Here we rang Cambridge. Superlative and Bob Royal, whilst the non-ringers watched the annual Whist Schools' procession through the town.

From there we went to East Retford for lunch and a ring on the ten bells there. Some fast ringing on the light eight at Sutton-on-Trent was enjoyed, and at Newark we did justice to the fine ring of ten.

Tea was taken at Newark, and afterwards, whilst the ringers were in the tower, the rest of the party made their way to Kelham and were shown round the College Chapel. The last tower of the day was Mansfield, voted the best of a very good lot. Methods rung were Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Stedman, Grand-sire, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich.

F. L.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—On July 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Yates 1. M. Kitching (first 'inside') 2. R. Guest (first quarter) 3. N. Bishop 4. G. M. Brewin (cond.) 5. P. Plowright 6. Rung to mark the visit of the Rev Mr. Pearson, from South Africa. The treble bell is dedicated to the memory of his father, a former Vicar of this parish.

## ST. GILES', LINCOLN

It was soon after 9 o'clock on the morning of July 22nd that 'Trottie's' splendid new coach found itself fully loaded with a party of ringers and friends from St. Giles', all eager to discover what lay in store for us at the seven towers we were to visit during the day.

Our first ring was at Ilkeston, and the eight were soon tapping out touches of Spliced and Stedman. Here we seemed to have coincided with market day and, as the stalls are sited immediately below the church, tension soon arose in the area as the changes rang out. One unfortunate stallholder had to reckon up a list of items five times before he achieved success: another was heard to remark: 'Those bells!' A short journey brought us to the light eight at West Hallam, where the tightness of the circle seemed to bring out a friendly and light-hearted atmosphere.

A longer ride to Melbourn followed—the intervening journey being used for the hasty devouring of sandwiches. Once the idea of ringing in the choir stalls had been mastered our visit was much enjoyed, and we were all impressed by the solid splendour of the Norman work in the church; its tranquil setting was also much admired. Barton-under-Needwood presented an unexpected problem. We reached within a mile of this village before we discovered that it was necessary to negotiate a railway bridge limited to a three-ton load before we could gain our destination. Our driver, after a brief glance at the weighty mob behind him, refused to risk anything, and so an eight-mile detour made us a little late in arriving at Barton. Here we were very pleased to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. E. Colley and son, who had been anxiously awaiting our arrival. Our lateness necessitated a curtailment of our stay, but it was long enough for all those who wished it to have a ring.

Tea at Lichfield was the next item on the agenda. During this meal, which was much enjoyed, we were joined by the Master and secretary of the Shropshire Association, Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner, whom we welcomed as old friends. The ten at the Cathedral, as had been anticipated, proved the highlight of the day's ringing. Their weight gives them a sonorous quality which is well matched by their easy 'go.' Tamworth, our next tower, was our second ten. Again ringing was very much enjoyed, and ranged from Surprise Royal to rounds. Our last tower brought us back into Derbyshire, and was at Sawley, which has another light eight, where we peacefully concluded our day's ringing at 9 o'clock.

The homeward journey was, as usual, somewhat disturbed by the customary sing-song, led by the back-seat chorus. The old favourites were dredged up from the depths of our memories and emerged with variations both in tunes and lyrics from last year's versions. So ended another St. Giles' outing, and once again we found ourselves saying 'the best yet.' Thanks are due to our organiser, Mr. J. L. Millhouse, and to those who allowed us to ring at the different towers, for another memorable day. C. D.

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MYERS.—The family of the late Mrs. Blanche Myers wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind letters of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes, and the bellringers for their muffled ringing. 8664

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be held at Blechley on October 7th. All propositions to be put on the Agenda must be received by the general secretary not later than Saturday, August 19th.—M. R. Cross. 8628

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers coming up as freshers this year are invited to write to the secretary, Miss J. Atkinson, 22, Saltney Way, Wilford, Nottingham. 8636

WAREHAM, DORSET.—Ringers holidaying in this area will be welcome at the Major practice held monthly, every Monday, i.e., August 28th, September 24th, etc. Usual practice night Thursday, 7.30. 8651

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices, Saturday, August 18th and Saturday, September 16th, both 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8671

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## MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, August 12th, Worth, 3-5 p.m. Make own tea arrangements. Crawley, 6-8 p.m. Names for outing, September 9th, by this date please, to Mr. B. E. Jeffery or myself.—C. A. Bassett. 3, Pendril Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8615

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Dursley (8), Saturday, August 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—B. T. Cooper, Sec. 8653

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 12th, Great Amwell, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. R. Berry, 12, Hillside Crescent, Stanstead St. Margaret's.—T. J. Southam. 8622

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Redbourn (6), August 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 8619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, August 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Birchall, 157, Bluebell Lane, Huyton.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 8652

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Watford District of HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Saturday, August 12th, at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8620

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6), Saturday, August 12th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 8623

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8) on Saturday, August 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Grey-stones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Bells also available at Cawthorne (6), 2.30 to 4.30, and Hoylandswaine, 7 to 9.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8665

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Barton-le-Clay, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. onwards.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8643

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 16th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 8649

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch ringing meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Saturday, August 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special welcome to visiting ringers to the Lake District. Names for tea by August 17th, to J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland. 8647

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8655

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Joint meeting with North Forest, Ruardean, August 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 8663

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton, August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. D. Price, 11, High Street, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Special method: Yorkshire Surprise Minor.—M. A. Coburn. 8642

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Lockington, August 19th. Bells from 4.30 p.m.—C. W. Hall. 8640

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, August 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 u.m.—Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen. 8661

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.—Open Day, August 19th. Ringing: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m.; St. Nicholas' 1 to 4 p.m.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 8646

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on August 19th. Ringing 3 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Several subscriptions are overdue, mainly unattached members.—F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor. 8650

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at East-hampstead on August 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method: Hereward Bob. Combined practice at Sonning on September 2nd, at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Major.—B. C. Castle. 8641

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Overton-on-Dee, Flint (6), on Saturday, August 19th. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. 8638

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Rickingham Superior (6), Saturday, August 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8660

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Northallerton (8), August 19th (jointly with the CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION). Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Barbara Wilson, 224, High Street, Northallerton, by Thursday, 17th.—Edward Hudson Hon. Sec. 8645

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Gaywood on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held, D.V., on Saturday, September 2nd, at Eydon. Committee meeting in the school at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Rt. Rev. H. V. L. Otter-Barry. Tea tickets at 3s. each, c.w.o. may be obtained from Mr. A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, before August 26th. Towers open for ringing: Brackley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Croughton and Chacombe 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after tea; Moreton Pinkney, Lois Weedon, Culworth, Sulgrave, Helmdon and Byfield 12 noon to 3 p.m. and after tea; Eydon 3 p.m.; Middleton Cheney and Cropredy 6.30 to 7.30; Banbury 7 to 8; Adderbury 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffis. 8644

## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 544)

'New Bells.—Mr. James Barwell, bell-founder of Great Hampton Street, Birmingham, has been selected out of four competitors to supply a new peal of eight bells to the new church of St. John, Bradford, Yorkshire. The bells are the gift of Mr. John R. Cordingley, one of the Churchwardens of the parish, and will weigh, in the aggregate, upwards of 3 tons 6 cwt.'

Waterford, Ireland.—Sept. 11th, 1873, the Waterford Society of Change-ringers rang at the Cathedral Church, Waterford, 2,520 Grand-sire Triples—1 hour 36 mins (tenor 20 cwt.). 'The ringers have been only a little more than 13 months learning, and have made great progress under the efficient tuition of Mr. C. Lee of London.'

Helmingham, Suffolk.—'This beautiful peal of bells were the gift of the late Earl of Dysart and opened June 10th, 1815, and cast by Mr. Thomas Mears, Whitechapel, London.'

New Bells at Bradford.—Opened Sept. 10th, 1873—13 bells, by Taylors, Loughborough, 'the largest that has been cast in Europe':—

No.	Dia.	Note	Weight cwt. qrs. lbs.
1	2' 6½"	E	7 3 2
2	2' 9"	D	8 0 11
3	2' 9½"	C sharp	8 2 17
4	2' 11½"	B	9 0 22
5	3' 3½"	A	12 2 22
6	3' 5½"	G sharp	13 3 23
7	3' 9½"	F sharp	18 3 14
8	4' 2½"	E	24 1 14
9	4' 8"	D	33 0 19
10	4' 11½"	C sharp	41 2 9
11	5' 7"	B	59 2 0
12	6' 5½"	A	87 0 0
13 extra bell	3' 7½"	G	15 3 25



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2314567890E 5 6 14 19

31425678E90 A

412356	—	2
216354	—	3
213465	—	S 2
314265	—	2
415263	—	3

2145638709E B

213465	—	—
314265	—	2
412365	—	2
413265	S	2
312465	—	2
215463	—	—

41256378E90 B

413265	—	—
316254	X	—

2314567890E C

A—1, 3, 4, S7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 20, 21.

B—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 16, 17.

C—2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18.

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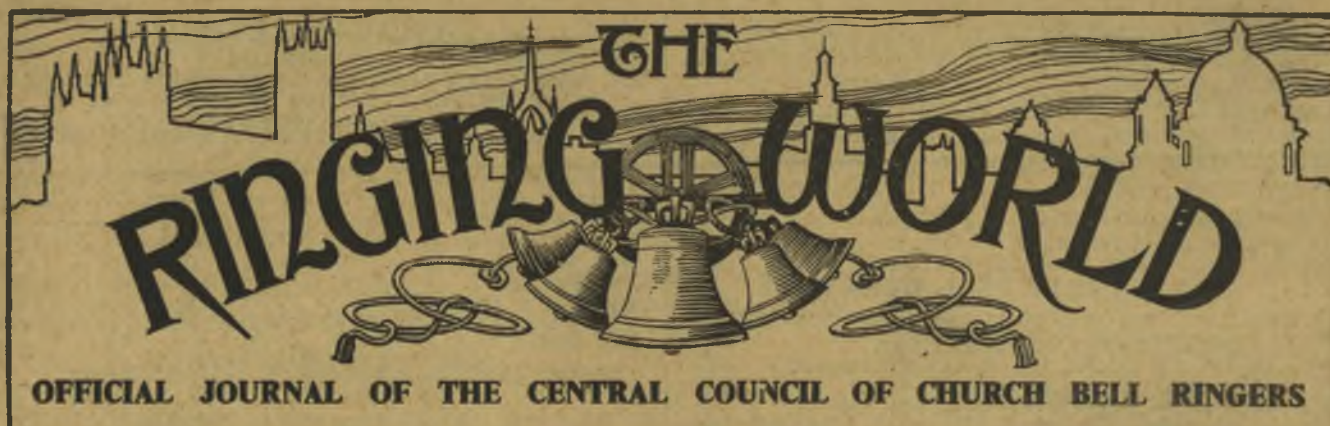
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## THE RECORDING

**I**T all germinated in Australia. Wendy Nichols, a Sydney ringer, in order to interest her pen friends in Guildford sent coloured photographs of Sydney and Melbourne scenes, the annual ring at Parramatta, and ringers at Maitland and St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney. Accompanying the films was a tape-recording; personalities of ringing in New South Wales were introduced, names became a reality, and the Australian accent, strange to many English ears, was made familiar in a most friendly manner. But it did not end there: there was a request that the recording and transparencies should be returned with an appropriate greeting on the reverse side of the tape.

Guildford ringers felt that such an opportunity should not be missed. With Stanley Ponting as chief technician, and the Editor to do the connecting links, a programme lasting nearly half-an-hour was devised, so as to give our Australian friends some idea of a typical English tower, not making great pretensions but fulfilling its duty by Sunday service ringing.

The recording started with the Guildford Chimes heralding the striking of 9 a.m. These chimes, which were composed in 1843 by George Wilkins, are regarded by some as the most musical combination yet devised for eight bells. The broadcast opened with fraternal greetings to all ringers in Australia and New Zealand, and the wishing of every success to the recently-formed Australia and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers.

There were special greetings to Bob Ferris, the chairman of the Association, Tom Goodyer, secretary and Ringing Master, to George and Di Pipe, of Melbourne, who on their recent visit to England did much useful propaganda on behalf of Australian ringing, to Monica Collins, once a ringer in Guildford, whose name is inscribed on a marble peal tablet in the ringing chamber, recording a memorial peal to Alfred H. Pulling, who was for many years the conductor at Holy Trinity and the greatest ringer Guildford has produced. Finally, there was a sincere 'Thank you' to Wendy Nichols for devising such a friendly link, and mention of the coincidence of the films and recording from Australia arriving on the Editor's birthday.

These brief introductory greetings over, a short description of Holy Trinity Church followed. The Editor told of a ringing chamber adorned with peal tablets, both marble and wood, and the two earliest peals painted on the walls. The church was the third on the site, the story runs. On April 23rd, 1740, Guildford Fair Day, the steeple fell,

crashing through the roof of the nave. Three of the six bells were broken. The news of the catastrophe was told the sexton, who replied: 'It can't have happened, I have the key of the tower in my pocket!'

The rebuilding took 23 years. So impoverished was the town that a special Act of Parliament was promoted for permission to sell the rectory and church lands. The replacement of the bells was even longer, but on May 29th, 1769, in honour of the augmentation of the ring of bells from six to eight, a peal of Grandsire Triples of 5,040 changes, composed by the 'ingenious' Mr. Holt, was rung by the youths of the town. That peal is recorded on a large mural tablet; a similar tablet, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1813, also by youths of the town, is painted on the opposite wall. What remains a mystery is how these youths of Guildford were taught Grandsire at a time when travel was difficult and there was no evidence of change-ringing having been practised in other Surrey towns.

Personal introductions of various members of the Guildford company followed. The bells were then heard in a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by Harold A. May. We in Guildford are interested to hear what those 'down under' think of the touch. That morning there were just eight ringers—the chance was taken and Guildford think they have given Australia a reasonable standard. Whether it is sufficiently good to hold the 'ashes' we know not!

The next part of the programme came from the Saxon Church of St. Mary, where the bells are also rung by the Holy Trinity Society. There was another brief description of the church from the Editor. The tower was built about A.D. 1030, and the ascent is by steps carved in solid chalk, followed by walking across a beaten earth floor to the ringing chamber. This might well be likened to a box. In the centre of the circle is a large clock case, and much of the ringing in this tower, with its bells dating back to 1750 from the Whitechapel Foundry, is by ear. The circle runs anti-clockwise. There then followed an extent of Grandsire Doubles.

There were still a few more feet to be recorded, so an adjournment was made to Trinity belfry. Those who had dodged the first interview were roped in to make their contribution. Among them was Anne Garnett, who had spent a year of her life in Australia when she was 15 and before she became a ringer. The handbells were then produced, Grandsire Triples was rung, and it was left to Stanley Ponting to wind-up the message. In it he extolled the recording of bells and individual speech of members as a means of drawing ringers in distant parts of the world



together, and expressed the hope that the Guildford recording would be the forerunner of other inter-Continental messages.

Last week in 'The Ringing World' we recorded the initiative of Melbourne Cathedral band in producing a record of their bells. The programme is comprehensive with Grandsire Caters, call-changes, Kent T.B. Minor, Stedman Triples and Stedman Doubles. It promises to be a valued addition to recorded ringing.

### A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,184 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative; with 104 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 21½ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 7
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

FYLINGDALES, ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sun., July 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 3	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on the treble bob principle. † First of Surprise.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.

On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 5
WILLIAM G. WILSON .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 5
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 2	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 5
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WILSON .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 5
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 3	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 4	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 10
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung as an appreciation of Albert Walker's services to the St. Martin's Guild.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	†PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 8
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	†REV. GILBERT THURLOW .. 9
*CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 4	WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 10
†DAVID CUBITT .. .. 5	BERT GOGLE .. .. 11
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 6	II. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal, and on his 15th birthday. † First of Little Bob Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus. First peal on the 12 bells.

A silver wedding compliment to Nolan and Iris Golden.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 9
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 10
*PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Albert Walker.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 10
BASIL JONES .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Maximus on the bells.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the death of Charles Jackson, eminent ringer and steeplekeeper at this church for 50 years.

### TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

No. 3 version.	
HENRY H. FEARN .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

In memoriam Albert Walker.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

PETER D. WARREN .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 8
FRANK W. PERRINS .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Albert Walker.



LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,  
**A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

K. PETER JONES .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 6
ALAN D. STEEL .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 8
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 9
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 5	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., Aug. 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., July 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

PETER BORDER .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 NORTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
VERNON GREEN .. .. 3	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5
JOHN GILDEN .. .. 2	BASIL JONES .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* 150th peal for the Guild. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the seventh.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Grappenhall Branch.)

On Wed., July 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN R. BIBBY .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
MRS. E. M. DANIELS .. .. 2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 3	WILLIAM BIBBY .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., July 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Cave's variation.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.

CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. Treble	DON C. EXELL .. .. 5
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
*PETER BRIDLE .. .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 7
*PETER E. PARRY .. .. 4	PAUL J. DYE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Patrick J. Bird and Mary J. Clarke on the eve of their wedding.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 7
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ADRIAN SEMKEN .. .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
HARRY J. MILLATT .. .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

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

Rung as a farewell to the people's churchwarden, Mr. C. H. Jackson.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.  
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*ERIC HARDON .. .. Treble	JOHN MCTEAR .. .. 5
GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. 2	HARRY BYROM .. .. 6
GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. .. 3	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. .. 7
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

\* First peal. First on the bells since they were recast in 1959.

Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's One-Part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 6
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. .. 3	*CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 7
FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS .. 4	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* 500th peal.

Rung for Miss Sarah Parsons, of Grundisburgh House, on her 100th birthday.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 2	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. BAKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

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FAIRFIELD. BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

# A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.  
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 5  
\*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 2 FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 6  
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 3 BASIL JONES .. .. 7  
JOHN GILDEN .. .. 4 WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. Tenor  
Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

# A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.  
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Treble GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5  
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2 GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6  
GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 7  
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. .. 4 BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor  
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

# A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.  
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Treble REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 5  
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 2 HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6  
JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 3 \*ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 7  
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4 \*BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Tenor  
Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* 130th peal together. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.  
Rung on the 75th anniversary of the first peal in the tower—August 2nd, 1886.

ACTION, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

# A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.  
\*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT Treble \*ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 5  
†DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 2 WILFRID G. WILSON .. 6  
†GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. 3 DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7  
†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 4 W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor  
Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.  
Rung to mark the 21st birthday of Gillian A. Neal Smith.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

# A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.  
ALICE TALBOT .. .. Treble GEORGE STOCKER .. .. 5  
DOROTHY PEARCE .. .. 2 GEORGE DAVIS .. .. 6  
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3 GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. 7  
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 4 REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. Tenor  
Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.  
Rung by Bucklebury ringers and close friends to the memory of Stella Davis, who died in a road accident on June 11th, 1960.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

# A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.  
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Treble JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5  
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 2 GEORGE W. BISHOP .. .. 6  
\*JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 3 EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 7  
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 4 \*STANLEY T. LEACH .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

# A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.  
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH Treble A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5  
\*ALAN KIRK .. .. 2 ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6  
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 7  
ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 4 CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. Tenor  
Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.  
\* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.  
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Nolan Golden (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) and Mrs. Golden.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

# A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.  
RONALD BIRCH .. .. Treble DAVID S. LOCKWOOD .. 5  
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 2 GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 6  
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 3 BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 7  
JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 4 RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor  
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

# A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.  
WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. Treble WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 5  
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2 BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 6  
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 3 FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. 7  
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. 4 JOSEPH E. STRETTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.  
40th peal on the bells as conductor. 150th peal on the bells.  
The ringers of treble, 2 and 5 rang their first peal in this tower in 1905, 1906 and 1912 respectively.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

# A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.  
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble \*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5  
\*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 2 \*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 6  
\*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 3 PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7  
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4 ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY (C.C. No. 4).

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

# A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.  
ERNEST WHITING .. .. Treble LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 5  
\*PAULINE ADCOCK .. .. 2 ALBERT G. HARRISON .. 6  
†CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 3 WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. 7  
HARRY B. FULLER .. .. 4 ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.  
\* First peal of Major away from the treble. † First on eight bells.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden on their silver wedding anniversary.

WARWICK.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

# A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.  
ROGER HARRIS .. .. Treble JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 5  
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2 L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 6  
FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. 3 J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. 7  
COLIN SWEENEY .. .. 4 RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.  
Rung for the wedding of Rosalind Margaret Bishop and John Paul Partridge.

WEST MALLING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

# A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.  
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. Treble \*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 5  
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2 HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6  
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3 TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7  
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4 A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. H. Hicks and E. J. Ladd.



**PEAL RINGING AROUND ASHFORD, KENT**

ALL FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SELLINDGE, KENT.

*On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

*JOSEPHINE HARDY .. .. Treble	†GILES THOMPSON .. .. 4
*PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 5
†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 3	†DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

*On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*JOSEPHINE HARDY .. .. Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 4
*PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 5
GILES THOMPSON .. .. 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

\* First peal in five methods. First in five methods as conductor.

STOWTING, KENT.

*On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PETER CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	GILES THOMPSON .. .. 4
PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 5
JOSEPHINE HARDY .. .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal.

BURMARSH, KENT.

*On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

MRS. R. WRATTEN .. .. Treble	GILES THOMPSON .. .. 4
*ANNE RAYNER .. .. 2	PETER F. T. SMITH .. .. 5
PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

*On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Treble	PETER F. T. SMITH .. .. 4
PAUL BATCHELOR .. .. 2	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 5
GILES THOMPSON .. .. 3	†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

SMARDEN, KENT.

*On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

JOSEPHINE HARDY .. .. Treble	PETER F. T. SMITH .. .. 4
GILES THOMPSON .. .. 2	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. 5
VIOLET I. E. RELF .. .. 3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

\* 150th peal—all rung in Kent for the above Association.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents of 720.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN F. WRIGHT .. .. Treble	WALTER WESTON .. .. 4
ELEANOR ROSE .. .. 2	J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. A birthday compliment to Beverly Musson, daughter of the conductor.

STRENSHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 21 variations, consisting of two extents each of Chase, Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints', Marchington, Rushall, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Costessy, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old Bob, Besthorpe and Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES HAYTINGS .. .. Treble	MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 4
FRED HAWKES .. .. 2	ERNEST W. PENN .. .. 5
ARTHUR HALLING .. .. 3	ALAN HAWKES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTYN HAWKES.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1923.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawkes, who were married at this church on July 25th, 1936.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., July 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 callings).

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*†JILL M. LANE .. .. Treble	*STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3
†DAVID J. TUBBS .. .. 2	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. 4
*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor	

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

\* First peal of Doubles in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Stedman.

DEEPPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.***A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being one extent each of London, York, Primrose, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON .. .. Treble	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. 5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to mark the dedication of the new organ.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

TREVOR CROSS .. .. Treble	†BERNARD GROVES .. .. 4
*DAVID PUTNAM .. .. 2	JOHN COLEMAN .. .. 5
†MONTY GILBERT .. .. 3	†MARTIN HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in six methods 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.

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## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 32 extents (eight callings) and five 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*NEIL RIDLER .. .. Treble	†HERBERT BATES .. .. 4
*JULIE LEITHBRIDGE .. .. 2	†HORACE E. SEAGRAVE .. .. 5
*ELIZABETH SMITH .. .. 3	*JOHN R. SEAGRAVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. SEAGRAVE.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles. First on the bells.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Smith.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*DEREK STEER .. .. Treble	*RICHARD J. PARKER .. .. 4
ROGER LEIGH .. .. 2	*ROBERT BOLT .. .. 5
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 3	*ERIC J. F. WALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

\* First peal. First of Doubles on the bells subsequent to recasting  
and rehanging.

## DANBURY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Wells Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. .. Treble	PETER J. CAME .. .. 4
THOMAS R. ROAST .. .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung for the birth of a son (David Peter) to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. G. Roast; also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Roast and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. G. Roast.

## MARSH BOLDON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 480 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Grandsire, 240 of Northrepps, 120 each of Fortune and Rev. St. Bartholomew, and 1,200 of Plain Bob.

PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. Treble	*†NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 3
*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. .. 2	ROY H. JONES .. .. 4
JOHN S. WALKER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

\* First peal in ten methods. † 20th peal.

## STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and ten each of St. Simon's (four callings), St. Martin's (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

*JOHN E. CLARK .. .. Treble	JOHN L. QUEEN .. .. 3
JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. .. 4
	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY V. QUEEN.

\* First peal. First of Doubles in five methods by all. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John P. McDermott, jun.

## SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two variations, being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 of April Day. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN HOLLING .. .. Treble	†AMY WARNES .. .. 4
*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. .. 5
MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. 3	†ALFRED G. COPSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal of Doubles on tower bells. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal, first attempt.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## LONG LENGTH

**ABERDARE, GLAM.**—On Aug. 7th, 4,620 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Thomas 1, George Kerley 2, Geoffrey Kerley 3, F. Rowsel (cond.) 4, J. Owen 5, W. Harford 6, D. Kerley 7, H. Clatworthy 8. Intended to be Parker's Twelfth-Part, brought home at the end of the eleventh, owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers. Rung for the wedding of Geoffrey Hopkinson, a ringer at this tower, to Ann Griffiths, a former ringer.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Wells 1, J. Smith (cond.) 2, P. Sapwell 3, R. Cullington 4, D. Phillips 5, W. Dumolo 6, N. J. A. Pumphrey 7, D. Pardon 8. For Matins.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Aug. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and April Day): K. Robinson 1, M. R. A. Kirk 2, A. Holling 3, M. W. Brown (cond.) 4, M. J. Copson 5, R. R. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Kirk.

**BARNWOOD, GLOS.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Hayward 1, G. Clark 2, Peggy Clark 3, P. Newland 4, D. Williams 5, P. Cole 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Florence Read.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Hutton (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Gallini (first quarter) 2, S. Bailey 3, G. Piper 4, I. Smith (first as cond, and 'inside') 5, G. Prodder 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss G. Moppett, of the local band.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: May Wingrove 1, Gwen Reeves (first of Minor 'inside') 2, H. Wingrove (cond.) 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, Dorothy Fletcher 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield (covering) 7. Rung for Evensong, and to celebrate the birthdays of M. Wingrove and G. Reeves.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On July 23rd, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: J. Banks (first away from tenor) 1, Christine Lansley 2, P. Gaisford 3, R. Purnell (cond.) 4, F. Box 5, Juliet Finn (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all the band.

**BURSTWICK, EAST YORKS.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,320 Spliced Minor (600 Burstwick, Little and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 St. Clement's and Childwall): I. Campbell 1, J. Singleton 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, G. Pybus 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6.

**BUSHLEY, WORCS.**—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. P. Brett (first quarter) 1, Nadine Price 2, Christine Halling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, A. Halling 5, R. Liddell 6.

**CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.**—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: W. Cox 1, H. Edwards 2, D. Ferguson (cond.) 3, B. Gadd 4, P. Keene 5, D. Teague 6.

**CLITHEROE, LANCS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Gower 1, P. Jenkinson 2, Miss P. Bourn 3, Miss R. Parkinson 4, V. J. C. Wood 5, M. Washbrook 6, C. Wignall 7, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**COSSINGTON, LEICS.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,800 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): A. Clark 1, Amy Barnes 2, A. Holling 3, M. J. Copson 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carroll 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Sahisbury 8. For Matins.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. DeCombe 1, B. Gambrell 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, J. Clarke 5, B. Kercher 6. A tribute to the late F. W. Burnett, of Portsmouth.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilda Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Y. Parker 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. A. Michael Ramsey as Primate of England.

## QUARTER PEALS

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): R. H. Mills 1, W. W. Wright 2, D. P. Treble 3, P. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Andrews to the parish, and for the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wright.

**FARNINGHAM, KENT.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia E. Fairman 1, A. Bates 2, M. G. Foster 3, Maria E. Kirby (first of Minor as cond.) 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, D. G. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. W. Kirby, mother of the conductor.

**GULVAL, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wood 1, G. Werrel 2, V. G. Wood 3, Miss M. Christopher (first quarter) 4, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5, P. Foot 6. For Evensong, and a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Douglas E. Pett, who was inducted on August 2nd.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Hutton 1, Miss L. Gallini 2, Miss V. Mephram 3, S. F. Buckland 4, I. Smith (cond.) 5, I. Holland 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Levens 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. L. Bell 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service on Feast Sunday. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. Levens (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Davey 3, D. Papworth 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On July 23rd, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith and D. Bradley 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin and B. Mills 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. Rung for Evensong.

**KINGHAM, OXON.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, A. Lloyd 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Leach 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On July 30th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, C. Hughes 2, B. Downes (cond.) 3, Mrs. W. Earle (first 'inside') 4, R. Smith 5, T. Earle 6, J. Crampion 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hazel Everett (first of Triples) 1, N. A. James 2, Penelope J. Welch 3, A. Hartley 4, N. W. H. Simon (first of Triples) 5, J. W. Goodfellow (first of Triples as cond.) 6, R. Harvard 7, M. Bennett 8. Rung for the new Archbishop.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Aug. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. P. Smith (first 'touch on ten') 1, W. T. Grice 2, L. Mannerling 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, L. Head 5, F. Leeson 6, T. A. Cross 7, M. L. Howe 8, B. F. L. Groves 9, F. A. Hogan 10. For Evensong.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): C. Boulton (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Brake (first in three methods) 2, Mary Powell 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Smith 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, P. J. Heritage 3, Elizabeth A. Miller 4, N. D. Deam 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Capey. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia A. Chandler 3, Helen Williams 4, P. J. Heritage 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vaughan. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. Smith 1, R. H. Jones 2, P. J. Heritage 3, N. D. Deam 4, J. S. Walker 5. Conducted by the four 'inside' ringers in succession. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen Mother, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Mrs. Helen Williams and Mrs. P. N. Rimmer.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: D. C. Brookes 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, L. Allen 3, A. S. Bishop 4, I. Hughes 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 4th.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Erin Triples: W. Ellis 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, D. Bolcham 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, Miss V. Hester 8. For Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's, on July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Manley 1, Jennifer Davies 2, Dr. D. Niblett (cond.) 3, Patricia Heather 4, P. Wilkinson (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, F. Sage (first of Caters) 6, F. Lewis 7, R. Diserens 8, N. J. Diserens 9, V. Cherrill 10. A farewell to Janet Secker and Peter Wilkinson, who are leaving Reading.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Freda Hankey 1, A. Streeter 2, J. H. Euston 3, K. Game 4, A. J. Bull 5, A. T. Shelton 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, G. Olliver 9, Joan Hanning 10.

**SIDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Aug. 6th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: R. J. Klima 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. H. Fryer 5, L. R. A. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. C. Sheehy 8. Believed to be first quarter in method in Australia, certainly in N.S.W. Rung on Education Sunday.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. B. Crowe (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Edwards 2, B. G. Brinkley 3, J. O. Kerley 4, C. K. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, J. Crawley 6. Rung for the wedding of Malcolm Golding to Carol Throssall, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Panton.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—On June 25th at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Bullen (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. Tester 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, Miss B. Tester 4, F. I. Hairs 5, B. V. Collison 6, C. A. Tester 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhalgh 1, J. Cunliffe 2, J. Rigby 3, F. Brownlow 4, T. Smith 5, J. Ashcroft 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Halsall 8. Rung after evening service on Sermon Sunday.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On July 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Glastonbury 1, R. C. Lucas 2, G. Kerley 3, D. Kerley 4, N. Lamping 5, W. Dare (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Rev. Gifford Warren and Miss Sylvia Ronicle.

**WOOLTON, LANCS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. S. Bennett (cond.) 1, N. F. Ashworth 2, N. A. G. Rowe (first quarter) 3, V. D. Jenner 4, J. H. Wilton 5. Rung after the downfall of a Surprise practice. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. F. Ashworth 1, Miss W. Kenyon 2, N. A. G. Rowe 3, J. H. Wilton 4, D. Lyon 5, V. D. Jenner 6, E. L. Humphries (cond.) 7, Mr. Richardson 8. First quarter Stedman for all except 7 and 8. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Finding that the company had met short a peal attempt at Farningham, Kent, Mr. Albert Bates, now 77, kindly offered to stand in for a quarter peal. An enjoyable quarter followed, which was Miss Maria E. Kirby's first of Minor as conductor. Mrs. K. W. Kirby, mother of the conductor, was delighted with her birthday quarter, which was only achieved through Mr. Bates' kindness.

Congratulations to Mr. Cecil W. Pipe on his 500th peal, which was called by his younger son, Roderick.

The first peal on the 12 bells at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, was rung on August 5th. The Rector, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, rang the ninth.

A very successful peal week was arranged by Mr. W. Eric Critchley in Yorkshire, during which seven peals of Surprise were rung, including two of Spliced four and six methods.

Two noted ringers and their wives have peals in this issue in honour of their silver weddings—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bibby, of Frodsham, and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golding. We would all like to join in with the best wishes.

When the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held their meeting at Manaton, high up on Dartmoor, such was the importance of the occasion that the lady organist closed the village shop in order to play for the service.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Nottingham, had an unusual 21st birthday compliment. She took part in her first peal in honour of the occasion and it was also the first peal on Aspley bells. To capture a maiden tower for a 21st birthday falls to very few ringers.

Mr. J. B. M. Pattison writes from the C.E.R.N., European Organisation for Nuclear Research, Geneva, where he finds life very enjoyable and the laboratories lacking practically nothing in perfection. Alas, there is no proper ringing to be had!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Recently Mr. R. Fisher, of All Saints', East Meon, who at 94 must surely be one of Hampshire's oldest ringers, fulfilled a long felt ambition by ringing at the local practice at Winchester Cathedral, when some of the younger members of his band also attended. Having learnt to ring when East Meon bells were rehung in 1890, Mr. Fisher still rings regularly on Sundays. His age exceeds the combined ages of the seven youngest members of the band.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Hordle, Hants, on July 14th (see page 503) should read Christine M. Harbott.

The City of Bristol Festival of Ringing will be held on October 28th. Programme includes a civic luncheon, lecture, Cathedral Evensong and ringing, available in most towers in the city.

Seventeen ringers from the East Riding of Yorkshire concluded on August 5th an eight day cycle tour of Lincolnshire and adjoining counties, during which 340 miles were covered and 36 towers visited.

St. Clement's Triples has come to the fore at Sydney, N.S.W., with a quarter rung at St. Mary's Basilica on August 6th. This is believed to be the first in the method in Australia.

Mr. Frank C. Price arranged during July a peal tour of Norfolk. Peals rung included Stedman Cinques at St. Peter Mancroft, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Yorkshire and Plain Bob, in which S. Parkman Shaw III had the honour to be the first American male to ring a tower bell peal.

When 'Tired' wrote to 'The Sydney Daily Telegraph' asking for a law to prevent church bells ringing for more than five minutes, because when he came off night duty and settled down to sleep on Sundays the bellringers start the day's performance, another reader replied. 'The worst offenders are the power-driven lawn mower louts.'

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## A SWEDISH VISITOR

At the church at Skarpnacks, near Stockholm, Sweden, is a ring of four bells with a tenor weighing about two tons. The bells, which have wheels but no stays, sliders or ropes, are rung for Sunday and other services by being rotated; they are counter-balanced to make ringing much easier, but it is not surprising that two men are needed to manage the tenor by gripping the wheel. It can safely be said that nowhere else on the Continent, since there have been no reports of any ringing on the ring at Rotterdam, has any attempt been made to introduce ringing on something approaching our own style. East Bergholt is no longer unique!

Earlier this year an approach was made through the British Council to Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, for a programme to be arranged to enable the leader of the ringers, Mr. A. V. Jakobsson, to study change ringing during a visit to this country, in order to introduce it in his own tower. It was not then known how the bells were rung, but a copy of 'Hints for Beginners' was sent out and from this it emerged that while the differences from our own bells were too great for direct assistance to be offered, a programme could be compiled to let Mr. Jakobsson see various aspects of English ringing and perhaps obtain some ideas on how our system could be adapted for his own bells.

The tour began on Friday, July 21st, with a visit to Crayford to see how the bells are hung and for a demonstration of raising, lowering and bell-handling. On the following day Mr. Jakobsson attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, where he replied in excellent English to the welcome extended to him and showed a number of photographs of Skarpnacks church, which aroused great interest. The bells, incidentally, are hung in the open at the top of the tower, the architect having decreed that they should not be covered in, despite pleas to the contrary.

On the Sunday he watched the ringing for Matins and Evensong at St. Mary's, Battle, Sussex, where one of his sons was on holiday. Monday, July 24th, found him at Crayford again for handbell ringing. He took part in rounds on 6, 8 and 10, and performed very creditably on 5-6 for several courses of Original Minor. Tuesday was spent visiting the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and being present at the College Youths' practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, and on Wednesday, 26th, his last full day in England, he attended the Cumberlands' practice at St. Olave's, Hart Street.

Mr. Jakobsson appeared to enjoy his visit very much and would, I am sure, be pleased to see any ringers visiting Sweden; especially those who fancy their chances of turning Skarpnacks tenor in to, say, Double Bob Minimus, the figures of which he took back with him. Here indeed would be the ideal place for four-bell enthusiasts.

E. A. B.

## THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The Southern Branch visited North Lopham for their summer meeting and some 40 ringers made full use of the pleasant eight. The Rector, Rev. C. E. Beevers, conducted the service and gave an interesting address.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Nolan Golden presided over the business meeting. It was mentioned that a proposal had been made in one of the Branches to consider holding a ringing competition as a possible aid to improving striking.

During the evening a visit was made to South Lopham with its fine tower, and much interest was shown in the six bells, which have not been rung in living memory. It is hoped that it may be possible, some time in the future, to restore these to ringing order again.

Next meeting Thetford, Saturday, October 21st.  
C. F. W. P.

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MR. WALTER F. JUDGE,  
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Oxford Society of Ringers, serving the city of Oxford, has been in existence for well over 230 years, and has included amongst its members several well known and excellent ringers. Since the first war, the name of Mr. Walter F. Judge has gradually come to the front, and through the brilliance of his conducting and performances he has ensured for himself pride of place amongst the Society's many ringers.

Walter was born into a ringing family on November 16th, 1895, at Kidlington, a few miles north of Oxford. His father, the late Harry G. Judge, rang the treble to the 17,024 Double Norwich at this church in 1899, when Walter was only three years of age, and two of his three brothers also became ringers. The cottage in which he was born was on the boundary of the churchyard, and was 'open house' to all ringers, including the Rev. F. E. Robinson and James W. Washbrook, though he was too young to have had the pleasure of ringing with these famous characters. His father taught him to handle a bell, and he rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—at Kidlington on November 6th, 1912, conducted by the then George Hollifield junior. During the first war he served with the Oxfordshire Yeomanry and Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry), and was in France with the B.E.F. from 1914-1919. After the war he rang his second peal—Stedman Triples—on July 16th, 1919, conducted by his brother William, and his first peal as conductor was Grandsire Triples on December 30th, 1922. Both of these peals were rung at Kidlington, the latter being his fourth peal.

Walter's peal total to date is about 578 (including one handbell peal), and of these he has conducted 350. These include two existing record lengths, namely 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton, Berks. in 1932, and 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1946, which he also conducted. He has conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and Yorkshire from Major to Maximus, and his list includes 135 of Stedman Triples (conducted 91), and 55 of Stedman Cinques (conducted 32). Like many an older generation ringer, he prefers ringing Stedman to any other method, especially when it is well struck Cinques.

It is, however, in the field of Spliced Surprise Major that Walter has shown his skill and ability as a conductor. He has conducted peals in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22 and 25 methods. The 25 methods was the record at the time, until surpassed by the Lincolnshire men with 32, and later the Yorkshire men's 53 methods. Walter is capable of calling most methods from any bell in the 'circle,' and although so competent as a Surprise and 12 bell conductor, he is pleased to call a peal of Grandsire or Plain Bob for a beginner. He recalls with pleasure the peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Exeter in 1949, a ring of bells where one needs a little more ability than the blue line and ropesight.

Walter is not one to forget those Oxford worthies of days gone by, who have helped him along the road to success. He will never forget such men as the late Francis E. Taylor, Victor Bennett and Dick White, who in his younger days were such a steadying influence on his rather impetuous nature. It was good to know such men, and he gratefully acknowledges a great deal to many others, especially William C. Porter and Frederick A. H. Wilkins, who have been most loyal over the years.

Naturally Walter has been closely associated with the Oxford University Society, and has rung with most of their members since the early 1920's, many of whom are now domiciled all over the world. He remembers Sidney Taylor, of Merton College, now in Canada, with whom he rang many peals in the early 1930's. Also Peter Raynor, of St. John's College, now in Southern Rhodesia, who was a brilliant scholar, and enjoyed his 'pint' with good company. Of the lady ringers of the University Society, Walter regards Miss Betty Spice (now Mrs. P. T. Robbins) as probably the most outstanding ringer of her sex. He will always remember the masterly way she rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge in August, 1948.

When Walter was 14, after being educated at the Kidlington C. of E. School, he was apprenticed to the confectionery (flour) trade, and on returning from the 1914-18 war he joined the chef and first cook of Keble College, who had just opened up a business of their own in Oxford. He remained with them until the end of 1960, when he retired after over 40 years' service. He acted first as foreman, and later as production manager, and during that time the staff had grown from the original 3 to 160 at the time of his retirement. Many members of the University Society will recall the 'Cake Factory' during World War II rationing period!

Walter has served on the General Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and also represented the Oxford Society on the Central Council. He is very proud of being Ringing Master of the Society since 1930, except for two short periods, and he has a most loyal band of ringers at Christ Church Cathedral, the 12 bells being rung regularly to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and an occasional course of Cambridge Maximus. His other hobbies include sport (he has played most games in his younger days), miniature rifle shooting, and in his youth his three brothers and himself were members of the local brass band, playing the cornet, tenorhorn, euphonium and bass.

Walter's greatest pleasure through the years has been in meeting ringers and making many friends throughout the country. Although such a great ringer himself, he is the first to acknowledge the help and kindness he has always received from others. By his continued enthusiasm, backed by the loyalty of his own ringers, he has helped the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and in particular the Oxford Society, to maintain a place in the forefront of the Exercise.

APACE.

**WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, L. J. Gregory 2, J. Eustace (cond.) 3, L. Busby 4, H. G. Rand 5, W. H. Ayris 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Parrott, a ringer at this church for over 40 years, interred at Wotton this day.



## THE PLAIN COURSE IS NOT THE METHOD!

Dear Sir,—*Dare* I differ with bureaucracy? Well, like the late Mr. Gilbert Harding (for whom I had great admiration both as a writer and a T.V. personality). I am *not* one of those 'poor mutts' who takes for granted everything bureaucracy says is right, got to be, or thinks it can ram down my throat—that is why I must beg to differ with your correspondents, Mr. Forder and Mr. Blagrove, whose arguments about the plain course I *do not accept, only in the case of 4-bell ringing where it can be mathematically and truthfully laid down that the plain course is the method, because you have done the extent of the work possible!*

But 5- and 6-bell ringing is on a totally different plane to 4, 7 and 8 on a different plane to 5 and 6, and 9, 10, 11 and 12 on a different plane to all the others: the fact that some methods on the lower numbers will not *truthfully* extend into the greater ones is one mathematical proof—there are other points to be taken into consideration.

Therefore you *cannot*, as some C.C. members seem to think, put them all on one plane and say 'the rules for one shall apply to the lot.' That may sound all right in theory, but it just *does not work out in practice!*

Again, Central Councils, both in ideas and personnel, change with the years. I am not one who accepts the idea that everything 'modern' is the 'best': their deliberations can alter from time to time, *as indeed they have done* over recognition or otherwise of Plain Bob Triples. Grandsire on even numbers, Doubles with three and/or four blows at lead, and last but by no means least, 4-bell peals.

I am, as a result, not guided by what bureaucracy thinks, only by mathematical facts, and these tell me that when I have rung a plain course of Grandsire or Bob Doubles I have *not* rung all the work possible on five bells, *only a part of it*: therefore I do not accept the theory 'that the plain course is the method'—*it is not!* That kind of argument reminds me of how the 'Jehovah's Witnesses' set about trying to interpret the Bible, by picking passages and saying: 'That's the Bible!'

To determine anything as being a method it must be taken as *one whole*, not in bits and pieces as Mr. Blagrove tries to do re St. George's Doubles, by pricking out the three leads where no calls are made, and saying: 'Those three leads are the method.' What if we altered the calls and made the three leads of Winchendon into something else—an Extreme, for example? *There would then be no plain leads at all.* On the other hand, the whole work of the 120 could be rung like Undershaft or Smithfield, with no calls—what then is the plain course? *The extent, obviously!* Or, alternatively, the Old Doubles call could be made the plain lead, and the plain lead of Winchendon become the bob, since there is no hard and fast rule as to which shall constitute a bob *as in the case of Reverse St. Bartholomew, where a lead of plain bob is the bob.* I suppose Mr. Blagrove would then say: 'We have rung Old Doubles'?

No, Mr. Blagrove, three leads is not a method any more than is one lead, or a plain course. Only 12 leads (the extent and *all the work possible*) is the method. The question of calls doesn't come into it, *because you can alter these or have no calls at all, as in the case of Smithfield Doubles.* Here I guess someone will try to rush in and say: 'Ah well, that would be ringing a silent 120.' Not necessarily so!

I notice Mr. Blagrove still does not produce the evidence of another *peal* rung to a method

## SCHOOLGIRL RINGERS IN A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE



named St. George; and until he can confirm these facts we who rang the peal at Wootton are not accepting his deliberations. On the contrary, if what he states was rung as 'St. George' was only *part of a peal*, it does not comply with his Central Council's rules to the effect that the band who rings the first *peal* in a method shall have the right to name it; and ours, therefore, *on that ruling*, must stand as the St. George's Doubles, and I suggest it is the *other band* whom he and his Central Council instruct to rename the extents they rang: the evidence, place and date, and number of extents rung we are still awaiting. If these are not forthcoming, our claim to have rung the first peal of St. George's stands good. And on Mr. Blagrove's other point, about one name for two methods, have not the Central Council themselves created a precedent in that they have done *exactly that* with Antelope and St. Dunstan's? *Come, Mr. Blagrove, be a bit consistent, please!*

And as my friend Mr. Alan Pink pointed out to me in a personal letter some time ago, they have of late years refused to recognise methods (like St. Fridiswise) with a plain course of 20 changes, while at the same time accepting Original with only ten changes—not that I am an opponent of either; I believe in all ringers ringing what they like *providing it produces true extents* and there are no repetitions.

One final point, to give Mr. Blagrove something else to think about: Did Stedman devise the method some call 'Stedman Slow Course'? A book I have in front of me tells me that Shipway gave it that name in 1816 long after Stedman died, and that it was previously known as *Reverse Chace*, and in J. Monks' 'Campanologia Improved' of 1766 it is given as *Chace* and *Reverse Chace*—*so what?*—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

THEY believe in starting them young in Yorkshire. A reporter covering a wedding at St. Mary's, Ecclesfield, a lovely old church with a ring of eight in the central tower, found that the ringing came from this youthful group, 'who tell us that it has been our privilege to "man" these bells for the past six to 12 months.'

The towerkeeper, Mr. L. E. Smith, asks the Editor to publish the photograph 'in thankful recognition of the services rendered by these young people over the past year.' But it is not 100 per cent. feminine at Ecclesfield. There are Tony Coldwell (16) and Gordon Sharpe (17), who have done yeoman service for several years and now have to share the tenor (about 15 cwt.).

'The tenor is a bit too much for us at present,' writes one of the girls, and adds: 'The lads will have to watch their attendance figures or it will soon be an all-lady band.'

As to the ringing, it is Queens and Whittingtons on Sundays, but on practice nights plain hunting on seven bells is indulged in with the tenor covering. We look forward to the day when the band can claim to be change-ringers.

In the picture (reading from left to right) are Doris Poole (13), Marlene Myers (13), Christine Naylor (13), June Boulding (12), Jean Poole (14), Carol Myers (12) and Ann Smith (14).

[Photograph by courtesy 'South Yorkshire Times.'

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On August 5th the Bedford District had an evening meeting at Turvey. Despite expectations on this Bank Holiday Saturday, the meeting was very well attended. Thanks are expressed to Mr. J. Hilson, who welcomed all the visitors.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## EAST GRINSTEAD TACKLES NOISE PROBLEM—SEQUEL

Dear Sir.—From time to time we read in the Press and also in 'The Ringing World' of towers where the noise of the bells in the locality leads to many complaints. Here, at East Grinstead, our tower is in the middle of the town and is no exception. One annoyed member of the public even threatened to get a petition for the bells to be considerably silenced.

However, under the expert advice of Frederick E. Collins, the local ringers spent some twelve months or so blocking up the louvres. This was no mean task as the louvres are 20 ft. in height above the level of the bell frame and 12 ft. or so wide. 'Windows' were also made to be opened for Sunday service ringing.

There is no doubt that the sound outside has been reduced very considerably, and we are now excellent friends with the inhabitants in the surrounding houses!

This, however, leads to another problem—an irate gentleman of the town (who happens to be a R.C.) is contemplating canvassing a signed petition because from where he lives (not far from the church) he can't hear the bells sufficiently. We are extremely happy to hear of the last complaint and do hope that this is a sign of the times.

It would be interesting to know if any other tower has had a similar case.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK H. HICKS.

East Grinstead, Sussex.

## COMPLAINTS FROM GODMANCHESTER

Dear Sir.—The following is an extract from 'Newsman's Diary' in the 'Hunts Post' of August 3rd:—

### THOSE BELLS

Church bells were pealed for more than three hours in a Huntingdonshire town on Saturday. Many people were disturbed and wondered whether the Noise Abatement Act might cover church bells.

I think it unlikely that it does, but it remains undeniable that bell ringing on Saturday brings pleasure to few and discomfort to many.

Is there no way the ringers can enjoy their ringing without annoying everyone nearby?

The town in question is Godmanchester, and the bells were rung for 2 hours and 20 minutes, when, in fact, the peal was lost. Two peal attempts only are made here each year and these are always 'advertised' in the Parish Magazine a month previously, by the Vicar, for the benefit of those who wish to visit faraway places on that day.

We, the local ringing fraternity, feel this is all quite reasonable, but unfortunately there still exists an antagonistic element, which it appears now has the support of the local Press.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. DAVEY.

Godmanchester.

## 'PLENTY OF TIME' TO ACHIEVE EXTENT

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the band that rang the 22,400 of Plain Bob Major in 1960, I would like heartily to congratulate the band that rang the peal of 32,704 on July 15th, 1961.

The average age of the band leaves them plenty of time to succeed in their original intention in due course.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

## CHURCH UNITY AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir.—It would appear that an old Birmingham custom has spread to Welbourne ('R.W.' 4-8-'61), and very pleasant reading it makes.

Our original five bells at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral were opened in 1849 by a band brought down by the great William Chattell, of St. Philip's Church as it was then, and the many peals rung and meetings held by St. Martin's Guild and other Associations after the augmentation to eight in 1877 are now part of ringing history.

One recalls with pleasure the help and advice given by the late Albert Walker to that great friend of ringings, the late Monsignor Roskell, before and during the recasting and rehanging of our bells in 1939-40 and the ready assistance and magnificent ringing by the Guild before our Sunday band was re-formed.

Passing on, there were the days of the Guild's 'Surprise practices' on Wednesday evenings, when the proceedings were more often than not enlivened by the 'bon mots' of a very eminent ringer, some of which were recently immortalised in the 'R.W.' by Rodney Meadows, 'Easter Sunday, 1943, when, the bells being set at back stroke ready to go straight off, H.... for reasons of his own pulled off the third, the bell solo being drowned by the explosive remark from brother G.... 'Our kid's spoiled it!' and another occasion when a cheese sandwich (complete with wrappings), in the interval between ringing, found its way mysteriously from the coat pocket of one brother and after due stripping into the stomach of the other. It is tempting to narrate what followed.

There are still many worse ways of spending an evening than being in and out of the 'Green Man' whilst another good peal is being put in the bag and the top of the spire on the bell tower is rocking gently as if nodding approval, but I had better shut up as someone will soon be getting ideas and a familiar voice will be heard on my telephone: 'Could we come for a peal on Monday (or Saturday?)'!—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX

(St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral)

Harborne, Birmingham.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' August 18th, 1911—

Only one peal has ever been rung upon the lonely island of Lundy, and that was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The island has a rugged history, and the controller of its destinies for the last half century has been Mr. Heaven, the patriarchal proprietor, who has been both king and priest. Mr. Heaven built the church, and in it used to minister to the spiritual needs of the islanders. Failing health has now necessitated his removal to the mainland.

Lundy Island is situated in the Diocese of Exeter, but separated from the mainland by a particularly choppy part of the Bristol Channel, which caused a late Low Church Bishop, who went to hold a Confirmation on the islet, to perpetrate the worst pun of an otherwise well-spent life. After a rough passage, in which he had thrown up everything but his bishopric, the unhappy prelate was heard to moan: 'I now believe that we must all pass through purgatory to reach Heaven.'

## PLAGIARISM?—OR NO?

Dear Sir.—Last September the following composition of New Cambridge Surprise Major appeared in the 'R.W.'

M B W 23456

— 52436  
— 35426  
— 24653  
X 45236

— 32654  
— 53624  
— 63425  
— 24536

Twice repeated.

Below is the same peal, starting from \*, set out beside a well known peal of Yorkshire which we rang recently. The similarity of the 'calling pattern' makes one ask:

(a) Are the two compositions the same?  
(b) Is the New Cambridge only an 'arrangement' of the Yorkshire?

(c) Are the two peals entirely different compositions?

(d) If they are different, what makes them different?

B	M	W	23456	B	W	H	23456
—	—	54632	—	—	—	—	45236
—	—	35642	—	—	—	—	24536
—	—	65243	—	—	—	—	32546
—	—	42356	—	—	—	—	54326
—	—	54326	—	—	—	—	35426
—	—	25346	—	—	—	—	43526
—	—	43652	—	—	—	—	52436
X	—	35426	—	X	—	—	23564

Obviously the composer considers his peal original, or he would not have appended his name to it. May I ask others qualified to do so kindly to answer the questions and to explain simply the reasons for their answers. —Yours faithfully, HONEST INQUIRER.

## BUCKLEY BELLS SILENT UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Dear Sir.—Messrs. John Taylor and Co. began dismantling the bells at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, on August 14th. The headstocks will be sent to the foundry for the fitting of new gudgeons and ball bearings; in addition most of the angles will be renewed.

Messrs. Taylors say the bells will be put in ringing order again before Christmas. The Vicar and churchwarden regret that several parties of ringers who wished to ring at Buckley in August and September will not now be able to do so; these have been notified. Will other organisers please note.

An organised appeal for funds is not being made, but gifts would be gratefully received. —Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD

(Captain and People's Warden).

Buckley, Flintshire.

## 'NOBODY DAFT ENOUGH'

Dear Sir.—The following conversation was overheard in 'Ye Olde White Bull,' Ribchester, after a Blackburn Branch meeting:—

Customer: 'T' bells have been going a long time today. It there owt special on?

Landlord: 'I've no idea what's on, but they've been ringing since this \*morning.'

Customer: 'Have they got a record on, or summat?'

Landlord: 'No, I think they must have some way of setting 'em to ring like that.'

Customer: 'Ay, they must have. Well, there's nobody daft enough to pull them b... things for so long, is there?'

\* Actually ringing commenced at 3 p.m.

Not wishing to start an argument, the ringers maintained a discreet silence. However, we thought it might be interesting to readers of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PILKINGTON.

Accrington, Lancs.

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# THE NEW WINE AND THE OLD BOTTLES

## CHANGE AND CALL CHANGE, 19th CENTURY

By the Rev. J. G. M. Scott

AS I said in 'Introducing the New Member,' the early history of the Devonshire call-change associations is not easy to discover. The small local bodies with which we are concerned have not left behind them, as the Guild has done, a full library of minutes, reports and records, and one has to infer a good deal from the Guild's references to the activities of the other side, and from bits and scraps of newspaper clippings. But Mr. Shepherd's letter has made me feel bound to dig rather deeper into what I dismissed, for the sake of brevity, in rather general terms in the earlier articles.

Call-change ringing in the bad old days was perhaps not so black as it was painted, but it was pretty murky all the same. Ellacombe may have been biased, but in so far as call-change ringing was identified with prize-ringing (which it probably was quite closely), there was grave need for reform. What, for all his diatribes, Ellacombe does not show very clearly is that the worst evil was not the ringing for money prizes; if it had been, as we shall see, things might have gone very differently later on. The worst evil was that the old ringing matches were generally arranged by or through the local publican, who would make a book on the result. This made the pub not merely the place towards which the ringers would drift but the second centre of interest in the proceedings, and sealed the link between tower and taproom which always worried the Church.

That Ellacombe at least saw change-ringing as the only answer is clear enough from his quoting, with full approval from a correspondent, 'All endeavours to improve the morality of the belfry must promote the improvement and diffusion of good change ringing.' He and others made great play with the word 'scientific'—so much so that it has stuck with the call-change ringers to this day. It was the raising of the Exercise to a pursuit of the mind, the elevation of intellect over brute force or manual skill, that they saw as the improving influence. Mr. Shepherd may have access to 'The Bell News', June 22nd, 1889. In the account of the Winkleigh rededication he will find this feeling very strongly put in the speeches of Northcote and Pearson—remembering that this was a round-ringing tower.

To the Christian of the 1870's, the things of the mind were morally superior to those of the body, however odd that may seem to us today, and in all the writings of Ellacombe and his like there is a strong streak of call-consciousness and paternalism which gives them their very unmistakably Victorian tone. As we shall see, the Guild in its early days was strongly imbued with this feeling, and showed a condescension towards call-change ringers which is never so plain as when, in the rather florid accounts of outings from Exeter and elsewhere, the comments of the local ringers are recited in dialect for the sake of a laugh.

### THE GUILD A PANACEA

The foundation of the Guild was hailed by Church authorities as the panacea for all belfry diseases. Under Bishop Bickersteth in particular the Guild was given a tremendous amount of support from high places, and few opportunities were missed of pushing its virtues. I have in an old scrap-book a very full set of cuttings from 'The Bell News' and from local papers recording openings of new and restored rings in Devon from 1884 onwards, and they follow a consistent pattern for some 20 years. The preacher is probably the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote or the Rev. Maitland Kelly; the opening peal is often rung not by the local ringers (even when there is mention of a local band ringing later on) but by the Guild band from Exeter or Plymouth; there is a tea or supper afterwards at which somebody, perhaps the Bishop or an Archdeacon or perhaps the Vicar, expresses his thanks to the preacher and the Guild ringers for coming, and hopes that the local band will lose no time in joining the Guild and learning this noble science of change-ringing.

During this time—and it was some 30 years—the Guild's success in the second of its aims was spectacular. By bringing to the attention of the Diocese and the clergy the need and the possibility of belfry reform it brought about the final eradication of the old prize-ringing matches, which were very firmly put down by Bishop Bickersteth and the Archdeacons. The 1892 report prints a letter from the Bishop to the Rural Dean of Totnes on ringing matches couched in very strong terms indeed. Relations between change-ringing and call-change ringers appear to have remained good; the call-change ringers were clearly impressed with change-ringing, especially as demonstrated by Robinson, Washbrook, Coleridge and the Pistows on their tours. But against change-ringing itself the opposition seems to have been hardening. It was still being said that call-change ringing was doomed to go the way of the matches. An excerpt from 1885 reads, 'Although the progress towards perfection may be slow, yet we may hope it will be none the less sure that in the future our belfries will be irreproachable, and the art of change-ringing universal.'

Perhaps of more importance than any resentment or innate conservatism, however, was the belief that change-ringing was not possible for a country band. However wrong-headed this belief may have been, it was certainly there; the first record known to me of any call-change association is a cutting from 'The Western Morning News' dated February, 1903, reporting a meeting at Kingsteignton which founded a Ringers' Festival in that area. Here the Kingsteignton captain said, 'The shifting of the population in the rural districts made change-ringing an impossibility, and so made membership of the Guild of Ringers beyond the reach of ringers in those districts.' This is contradicted, one might say, by the records of such villages as Benington in Herts, and Kelly and Huntsham in Devon. Yet I do not believe it to have been entirely untrue.

### INFLUENCE OF THE SQUIRE

The shifting of the population was in the early 1900's very great indeed, and vast numbers left Devon for the Dominions at that time. There was only one class of men who could do anything to keep men in the villages, and that was the squires; and it may not be a coincidence that Benington had its Proctor, Kelly its Kelly and Huntsham its Troyte. Mr. Wilfred Boucher, a member of the Central Council, has told me that Maitland Kelly engaged his father as coachman from a large number of applicants when he heard he was a change-ringer; and it is sad to see how, at Huntsham, the band which Col. Troyte had brought to such a fine pitch numbered only two, three years after Troyte's death, and the following year vanished from the Guild reports. In the days when a big house would have a staff of eight or ten men, not counting those on the home farm if the squire farmed it, the squire could control quite a high proportion of the hired labour of the parish, which may explain why change-ringing flourished so well in a few villages and very little in others. A look through the Guild reports will show how the city bands continued for year after year but the villages had very variable fortunes; to take a random sample, of the 11 village bands in union in 1894, only three were still going 20 years later, and less than half if you count Withycombe Raleigh and Colyton, which are not strictly rural places. The call-change ringers in the little villages do not seem to have opposed change-ringing because they thought it bad but because they thought that for them at least there was no future in it.

I have already mentioned the Kingsteignton meeting of 1903. By this time the call-change ringers were striking out on their own. In 1887 the Guild had turned down a proposal to admit round-ringers to membership on the grounds that it would not be advisable 'to lower the standard of proficiency.' By 1900

the Report admitted that 'nothing as yet has been invented to take the place of the ringing-matches,' and expressed concern at its failure to supply the needs of all Devon ringers. But in fact something was moving on the call-change side, and that was the Deanery Festivals. These seem to have begun in the early 1890's, and at first they were not competition-ringing festivals; the Guild looked on them with favour, but took no action to encourage them so far as I know. They had some success, and although most of them later became competitions one of them—perhaps the first—remains in its original form—the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers, which was founded in 1891.

### PURGED OF PRIZE MONEY

In 1906 the call-change ringers were moving towards competitions again after the long period without them. They were this time competitions purged of money prizes and run under the auspices of the Church. But against them the Guild set its face. One cannot blame it; the worst evil of the old matches—the gambling—could so easily creep in again unknown, and the Guild commented, 'the system is open to grave abuse and is undesirable. The committee hope that encouragement will not be given by the clergy to this form of competition.' There had been a change of heart among the call-changers, in fact, for which the Guild did not give them credit. The abuses did not materialise, and the competitions flourished. But the Guild continued to oppose them, and it was a very long time before the Guild lifted its sentence of 'immediate expulsion' from members who took part in competitions.

This is the background of the relations between the new wine and the old bottles in Devon. On the one hand change-ringing, centred upon the towns (though not confined to them), encouraged by the clergy, at times almost enforced by the ecclesiastical authorities; on the other the call-change ringers, belonging to a people who do not like being told what is good for them, who are very conscious of being different from townspeople, who do not like being dictated to by the clergy but will side with their clergy against higher authority. If I said that the latter disliked the former, I should have been wrong; relations, as Mr. Shepherd says, were throughout surprisingly good and courteous. What was mistrusted, and still sometimes is, is change-ringing itself, and particularly when upheld as a superior tradition. Which explains why Mr. Shepherd can put on record the reminiscences for which I am most grateful, and why I at the same time can find in the records the storms and tensions which are now happily no more than history. Perhaps the Devon character comes best out of the story, keeping in individuals a high standard of charity in the hottest of ideological battle.

## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Central District

Benington is a most attractive Hertfordshire village, perhaps because it is a little further from Stevenage than the notice in the 'R.W.' would imply, but a large number of the ladies managed to find their way there. In fact the men were heavily outnumbered all the time on July 29th. Ringing began rather late, but everyone had plenty of ringing before the service began. The Rev. R. Ashley Longbotham conducted it, and Mrs. K. Lock played the organ.

After tea the 17 ladies banished the men and boys to the tower while the business meeting was held. There were no new members elected, and the place of the next meeting could not be decided, though it was agreed that it should be in the southerly or easterly area on September 30th. A report was given of the A.G.M. at Bedford, and early notice of jubilee dinner on October 27th, 1962. Some anxiety was expressed that the hotel could only accommodate 80 or 90 diners. Members were reminded of the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 21st.

There being no further business the meeting closed and members returned to the tower for more ringing. J. S.



## THIS WEEK'S OUTINGS PAGE

### LYME REGIS, DORSET

Members of St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, with their wives and families, started off at 6.30 a.m. on July 29th for the long trip to Oxford. Picking up friends en route, a stop was made at Frome for coffee. Then on to a point just short of Oxford, where a side road provided an ideal spot for our picnic lunch.

Arriving at All Saints', Oxford, the lightish eight were set going to rounds and methods up to Bristol rung. Then a short walk to St. Aldate's and a musical six, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Here Robin Pittman showed us the fine floral display gracing the quadrangle of his old college, nearby Pembroke.

Next we tackled the 12 at Christ Church Cathedral, and with the help of Walter Judge we acquitted ourselves very well with rounds, Stedman Caters and Cinques. Some hefty members were then detailed to pull up the heavy six at St. Mary-the Virgin's, whilst the rest tested their skill on the very light eight at St. Ebbe's. A shuttle service between the two towers enabled all to ring at both before a well-earned tea at the Forum restaurant.

The highlight of the day's programme was the privilege of ringing on the ten bells in the fine tower of Magdalen College. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were nicely rung in an all-too-short stay.

A pleasant homeward run in the evening sunlight through the Vale of the White Horse brought us to Wincanton and refreshments. After dropping off our friends, Lyme was reached about 11.30 p.m.

The co-operation of everyone in keeping to the organisers' time-table was a big factor in the day's successful outcome. Our thanks, through this medium, to the various incumbents, tower captains, the president of Magdalen College, Mrs. Massey of Frome, and Robin Pittman for his great help with arrangements in Oxford.

G. S. M.

### DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Continuous rain spoilt the last outing of Dartford and District for non-ringers to Cambridge some six or seven years ago. This year's outing was there on June 10th; there was a clear sky and it was not too hot, and the only rain was at night.

The 20 ringers and a dozen non-ringers reached Trumpington ahead of schedule (the only occasion), and while waiting for the arrival of Mr. Bullman watched a Canadian visitor taking rubbings. This light eight gave some difficulty at first, but the bells were quickly mastered and pleasant ringing followed. Parking presented a difficulty at Cambridge and lunch was obtained behind time.

There was simultaneous ringing at both St. Andrew's and Great St. Mary's as we were joined by ringers from a choir outing. At the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Mr. Quinney was waiting for us. Although the time was short, owing to a wedding, the visit was amply rewarded (tenor 36 cwt.). Before starting for home there was a tea break at the Dorothy Café.

Still behind schedule, we arrived at Ickleton to be greeted by handbells. The Vicar (Rev. J. B. Hall) and three of his ringers were patiently awaiting us, and the eight bells (18 cwt.) were set going to Kent T.B. and Stedman. Trying to catch up with time, we abandoned Double Norwich in order to help the local band.

The last call was at Harlow in Essex, where Mr. Elliott told us that a peal had come round only half-an-hour or so before. The day's ringing concluded with some very good Major.

In spite of bad timekeeping and one or two 'jinxes,' all were agreed that another well-organised outing had taken place, with a good selection of towers and bells and ringing up to our usual standards. Thanks are due to clergy and to all those who so patiently waited for us at the various towers.

R. G. R.

### CHEW DEANERY

On July 29th, a party of a dozen ringers from the Chew Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association visited Gloucestershire for an enjoyable half-day tour.

After negotiating the A38 traffic jams without serious incident, we met at Gloucester Cathedral, where the ten bells were soon sounding out to Grandsire Caters over the city. Stedman seemed to have forsaken us, and the best touch here was three courses of Oxford Bob Triples.

On to Charlton Kings, where the octave goes well after the restoration. Bob Major and many Triples methods were enjoyed, Stedman having returned to us. The next tower was at Bishop's Cleeve, where we found a very pleasing octave but a little difficult to handle. A near-perfect course of Court Bob Triples was our speciality.

After feeding the inner man, our last tower was Tewkesbury Abbey. A fair rise of all 12 bells was accomplished; a couple of courses of Grandsire Cinques and a couple of touches of Grandsire Caters completed our ringing.

Thanks are due to Mr. Trevor Newberry for obtaining the use of the bells and arranging the route; also to those who met us and made us so welcome.

H. A. P.

### GRAPPENHALL BRANCH

Leicestershire was the objective of the annual outing of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on July 15th. The coach left Runcorn at 6.45 a.m., picking up friends at Frodsham, Weaverham, Great Budworth, Grappenhall and Northwich.

Before reaching the first tower, Whitwick, there was a short stop for light refreshments at Newcastle-under-Lyme. At Whitwick we had the pleasure of ringing a happy couple from the church after their wedding. The next tower was Anstey and here, with the help of some local ringers, a nice course of Cambridge Surprise was rung.

Lunch at Leicester Co-op, and then one hour to ourselves, which enabled the ladies to do some shop window gazing. A short run brought us to Syston, where our highlight was two good courses of Stedman. At Melton Mowbray, with its elegant central tower and beautiful church, some of the party rang their first touch on ten. Although we can't say we were good it was, at least, an experience to ring on this nice ten. Our last tower was Asfordby (a delightful six); here we enjoyed ourselves.

Methods rung were Cambridge Minor and Major, Plain Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Kent Minor, Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples.

Our thanks are due to all those kind and patient people who met us at the various towers, and also to our two organisers—Chris. Jones and Michael Thompson—whose first effort this was. A grand job, well done.

W. A.

### SOUTH WEST ESSEX

The 12 bells of Saffron Walden, Essex, are at present out of action (the appeal fund is still open for those who wish to contribute), and the annual Great Ringing Day, well over three centuries old, has had to be abandoned for this year at least. The popular coach outing, organised by the South West Division of the Essex Association in support of this event, had therefore to be diverted elsewhere, and the chosen venue was Oxfordshire, on June 24th.

The majority of ringers came from Leytonstone, Waltham Abbey and Walthamstow, each tower providing seven or eight. After the long initial run, the morning's ringing was confined to the eight at Bicester. Following lunch, the afternoon's ringing opened on the ten at Banbury's curious round sandstone tower, which appears to be gradually dissolving. Something for everybody, up to Cambridge Royal, was rung on these very enjoyable bells.

Bloxham's tuneful octave (22 cwt.), followed by a similar eight at Great Tew, completed the afternoon's activities. The setting of the latter church must surely be one of the most beautiful in the country, approached by a long private drive and surrounded on all sides by magnificent trees in a clearing, with no habitations visible.

After tea at an hotel near the gates of Blenheim Palace, ringing took place on the day's heaviest ring, at Kidlington. The final stop in the area for well-earned refreshments enabled those so inclined to disport themselves awhile on a grassy bank in the inn garden before the long journey home.

Once more, the success of the annual tour was due to Lionel Woods for going to so much trouble in covering the whole route by car beforehand. Thanks are also extended to those who allowed us to ring and who met us at the towers.

A. B.

### A DEVON GUILD OUTING

A small number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held a very enjoyable half-day amongst some of the Totnes Deanery towers on August 5th. Leaving Buckfastleigh soon after 2 o'clock, the first tower to be reached was Broadhempston, where the bells were found to go reasonably well despite the rather long draught of rope; ringing here was enjoyed.

The fine ring of six at Staverton, with a tenor of 21 cwt. in E flat, proved to be quite a handful. Nevertheless, good justice was done, and it is quite true to say that these bells would make a very fine octave with the addition of two more bells. The last call was at Dartington—the best bells of the afternoon.

Methods rung throughout the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The thanks of the party are due to the incumbents and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness. This happy party then separated, the Abbey contingent returning to Buckfast and the remainder adjourning to a local hotel to enjoy an excellent tea.



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## BIRTH

STAINSBY.—On Thursday, August 10th, 1961, at North Herts Maternity Hospital, Hitchin, Herts. to Anne Eleanor (née Amor) and Derek, the gift of a son, Andrew John. 8701

## ENGAGEMENTS

HITCHINS—HAMER.—The engagement is announced between Eric John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hitchins, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, and June, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hamer, Beanacre, Melksham. 8675

ROBERTSON—HARDING.—The engagement is announced between Ross, only son of the late Mr. G. F. A. Robertson and Mrs. A. H. Robertson, of Warcham, Dorset, and Judith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. E. Harding, of Kingswood, Surrey. 8681

## MARRIAGE

BIRD—CLARKE.—On July 29th, 1961, at St. Augustine's, Rumney, Cardiff, Patrick John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bird, of Weston-super-Mare, to Mary Jenifer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clarke, of Rumney. 8686

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards is now 'Windyrigs,' Estune Walk, Long Ashton, Bristol. Telephone No. Long Ashton 2009. 8676

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## MISCELLANEOUS

WAREHAM, DORSET.—Ringers holidaying in this area will be welcome at the Major practice held monthly, every Monday, i.e., August 28th, September 24th, etc. Usual practice night Thursday, 7.30. 8651

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1962.—Secretaries who have not replied by August 23rd to my request for 'data' will forego the privilege of having annual meeting and annual dinner dates in the Diary portion, as this section is going to press.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 8714

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All ringers coming up as freshers this year are invited to write to the secretary, Colin A. Lewis, St. Peter's, Vicarage, Glasbury-on-Wye, Hereford. 8710

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## MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, August 19th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: August 22nd, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; August 29th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; September 5th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; September 12th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chitcott. 8694

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Exford, Saturday, August 19th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 8703

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, August 19th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 19th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8655

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kington, August 19th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. D. Price, 11, High Street, Kington, Hitchin, Herts. Special method: Yorkshire Surprise Minor.—M. A. Coburn. 8642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Whitefield on Saturday, August 19th, Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8684

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on August 19th, Ringing 3 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Several subscriptions are overdue, mainly unattached members.—F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor. 8650

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Rickingham Superior (6), Saturday, August 19th, Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 8660

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, August 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8704

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, August 26th, Berrow, Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 8674

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Chesterfield District, Ashover, Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8698

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, August 26th, Misson (6), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, August 21st, to Mr. F. Jackson, 23, Queen's Crescent, Bawtrey.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, August 26th, at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSO-  
CIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Dyrham (6), Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Notice of tea to C. Jefferies, 25, Oaklands Road, Mangotsfield, near Bristol. 8707

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Saturday, August 26th, Toddington (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No meeting. Names by August 22nd.—R. Dowdeswell, 38, New Barn Close, Presbury, Cheltenham. 3690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Warrington, Saturday, August 26th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Risley, near Warrington.—Thornley, Sec. 8711

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 23rd, to Mr. Thos. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, Leeds. 8682

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, August 26th, Groby, Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. Geary, 76, Ratby Road, Groby, by August 23rd.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 8683

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Market Bosworth, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (8) 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. W. R. Proudman, 20, Market Place, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton. Please note revised ringing times, which are regrettably unavoidable.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 8705

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—An evening practice meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th at Rothley (6), Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. 8648

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting with the DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION at Repton on Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 8673

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Dickleburgh, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8678

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Gaywood on Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 8672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Denham, Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8685

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benson, Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by August 23rd, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 8692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, August 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8709

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting at Harlestone on Saturday, August 26th. Usual arrangements. Names to the Rev. Faulkner, Harlestone, by August 23rd, please. Names for coach for summer Festival to me as soon as possible.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane North, Moulton. 8696

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Langdon Hills on Saturday, August 26th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8689

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingfold on August 26th, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Beaney (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8699



**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting. Honiton Clyst, Saturday, September 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, Redcliffe, Lymington. 8677

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Hinxworth, Saturday, September 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8715

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Notify for tea by Wednesday, August 30th, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8658

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By meeting at Higham, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 8700

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Ulceby (6), September 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by August 30th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 8687

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The summer festival will be held, D.V., on Saturday, September 2nd, at Eydon. Committee meeting in the school at 3.15 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Rt. Rev. H. V. L. Otter-Barry. Tea tickets at 3s. each, c.w.o., may be obtained from Mr. A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, before August 26th. Towers open for ringing: Brackley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Croughton and Chacombe 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after tea; Moreton Pinkney, Lois Weedon, Culworth, Sulgrave, Helmdon and Byfield 12 noon to 3 p.m. and after tea; Eydon 3 p.m.; Middleton Cheney and Cropredy 6.30 to 7.30; Banbury 7 to 8; Adderbury 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 8644

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, September 2nd. Esher. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Kingston bells after. Names for tea to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8679

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting. Colston Bassett, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts, by Wednesday, August 30th.—S. Adams. 8713

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on September 2nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 8688

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Chilham, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall, cost 2s. 6d. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, September 6th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8680

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, September 9th. Chart Sutton (6), 3-5 p.m. East Sutton (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Queen's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. Please send names to me.—R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 8693

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Half-yearly ringing and committee meeting, Daktouin-Furness, Saturday, September 9th. Further details will be published in the August 25th issue of 'The Ringing World.' 8695

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1961, at the Queen Hotel, Chester (opposite General Station). Tickets 18s. 6d. each. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. All applications for tickets, together with remittance, obtainable from September 16th-30th inclusive through General Secretary, Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 8662

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary: The annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th. Tickets (13s. each) shortly available from Branch officers. Dinner Committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgemoor, Evesham. 8697

## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

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*New Bells and New Clock, St. Peter's, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.*—Opened on Tues., Sept. 2nd, 1873. Five bells—2nd, 3rd and 4th the old ones; new treble and tenor by James Barwell, of Birmingham.

*West Tanfield.*—A peal of 6 bells is about to be [i.e., to Sept. 1873] added to this church. The late Rector, Rev. J. Hall, M.A., left £200 for this purpose, and the deficiency will be supplied by his brother, W. R. Hall, Esq., of Newbury, Berks. The work is entrusted to Mr. J. Mallaby of Masham . . .

Rev. H. T. Ellacombe contributes a letter: . . . it is a continued source of profit to the bell-founder. I believe the mischief is often caused by boys . . . they will often try how heavy a blow they can give by swinging the clapper beyond all reason and then pulling it with all their might . . . in that way the clapper strikes a severer blow than it does in the case of legitimate tolling or ringing when the bell is in full swing . . . It may interest your readers to know, what perhaps some will be surprised to hear, that all the carillon bells in Belgium are clocked, from the smallest to the largest. I have lately [i.e., to Sept. 27th, 1873] visited nearly all the towers there which possess carillons: all the bells are rigidly fixed, and for the keyboard the clapper of each bell is connected by a wire fastened to the flight of the clapper; and so closely are they adjusted that I could not put my little finger between the clapper and the side of the largest bell of the carillon at Antwerp—Gabriel—which is 6' 4" in diameter. So that the distance through which the clapper passes is so small, and the blow so gentle, that no damage can be done: it is just the same with all the other bells.

'But there is another source of mischief connected with "clocking" by the ringing-rope—that the clapper is pulled all athwart, and the rope gets chafed over the sides of the ground truck which thereby gets worn, and the clapper-bearings get loose and injured; therefore my advice is to inhibit "clocking" altogether.'

*Ilkley Parish Church.*—Sun., Sept. 7th, 1873. The morning and evening offertories were devoted to the cost of augmentation and renovation of the bells, £100 of the £330 needed still being required.

'Before the services the present six bells were heard for the last time. . . . A Farewell Echo-peal was rung at the close of the evening service. (The Echo-peal is ringing whole-pull changes with back-stroke muffled as recommended by Mr. Troyte. We agree with him entirely on the solemnity and striking effect of it.)'

'Change-ringing at St. Giles and St. George, Camberwell.—We are requested to state that the ringers who perform on hand-bells on Sunday evenings at a public-house in Camberwell are not the ringers of the above churches, who have, we are pleased to hear, always strictly abstained from playing hand-bells on Sundays.'

(To be continued)

## WHETSTONE BELLS

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have completed their work on Whetstone, Leicestershire, bells and they were rung again on July 23rd. All the bells have been fitted with new turned steel gudgeons and totally enclosed ball bearing rollers. The ringers have cleaned and painted the frame.

A garden fête, opened by Mr. Ernest Morris, was one of the money raising efforts to meet the cost. The total sum raised was £292 15s. 11d., and included 15 guineas from the Leicester Diocesan Guild. This was sufficient to meet the cost of the work undertaken.

Of the six bells at Whetstone, the oldest is the fifth, which, writes Mr. Morris in the parish magazine, has this inscription:—

'IHS: NAZARENVS = REX: IVDEORVM = FILI: DEI = MISERERE: MEI 1623'

Translated this is: 'Jesus of Nazareth; King of the Jews: O Son of God: have mercy on me.' No. 4 has the same inscription but is dated 1640, and both were cast by the famous Leicester bell founder, Hugh Watts, whose foundry was in St. Margaret's parish and who was churchwarden there in 1615. He was Mayor of Leicester in 1633, in which year King Charles I visited the city and Hugh Watts entertained him.

The tenor bell was cast by T. Mears, of London, in 1824, and the 3rd was by the same founder in 1834. Neither are inscribed beyond the founder's name.

These four bells remained until 1913, when two trebles were added from the Taylor foundry, of Loughborough. They are inscribed:—

'In Memory of George Buxton  
Sarah his wife  
and family  
presented by Joseph Buxton  
surviving son  
1913'

## THE FLIGHT TO BERLIN

All week long, the haunting sound of great bells rang across the divided city of Berlin. At 3.30 pm. on a Wednesday, the smallest bell of the brand-new chime in the tower of Gedächtnis Kirche, on the Kurfürstendamm, began to peal at three-second intervals. A second bell joined in, then a third, a fourth and a fifth.

From the 350-year-old Nicolai Church in Spandau, and from the newly-built Kirche am Lietzensee in Charlottenberg, every one of the 400 Protestant churches in West Berlin joined in the chiming. And then from the East, other bells took up the refrain.

Despite the disapproval of the Communist authorities, the bellringers of East Berlin rang out their jubilant responses. Starting at 5.30 p.m., the bells of Marienkirche began chiming over Karl Marx Platz in such a joyous cacophony that the East German functionaries in the 'Red Town Hall' could hardly hear themselves talk.

The message of the bells in Berlin was to tell the world last week that divided Germany is still one nation. The Evangelical Churches of Germany were celebrating their tenth annual Kirchentag (Church Day).

—'Newsweek,' July 31st.

## OBITUARY

### MR. JOHN SMART

The death has occurred at Horsham, Sussex, of Mr. John Smart, after a short illness, at the age of 90.

Mr. Smart, a blacksmith, was a well known ringer at Huntingdon for many years, and was a member of the Ely Diocesan Association. In the late 1920's and early 30's he rang regularly at All Saints', Hartford, near Huntingdon, where he taught the local band, and in 1932 called a peal of Plain Bob Minor, which was a first peal for all the band except himself, and is probably the only peal ever to have been rung on the bells.

He had been living at Horsham since 1944.



**5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE****MAJOR**

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

No. 1.

M	W	H	
—	—	23456	43652
—	—	56234	427365
—	—	4ths	567432
—	—	4ths	237546
—	—	4ths	647253
IN	—	—	62534
—	—	—	35426
X	—	—	35264
X	—	3	56342
X	—	—	56423
—	—	—	25463
—	—	—	64352
X	—	—	64523
—	—	—	54326
—	—	—	23645
—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	36245
—	—	—	42563
X	—	—	42635
X	—	3	23456

Rung at Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics, July 30th, 1959, conducted by B. Warwick.

**5,056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE****MAJOR**

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

No. 10.

M	W	H	
—	—	23456	43652
—	—	56234	42564
—	—	—	23564
—	—	—	62534
—	—	—	35426
—	—	4ths	647253
IN	—	4ths	567432
IN	—	4ths	357624
IN	—	—	36245
—	—	—	42563
—	—	—	35264
X	—	3	56342
X	—	3	64523
X	—	3	42635
X	—	3	23456

Rung at Loughborough, September 1st, 1958, conducted by B. Warwick.

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## COMPETITION RINGING IN THE HINCKLEY DISTRICT

THE younger element of the District met with considerable opposition when first they broached the subject of competition ringing. Why shouldn't we pursue our art in this way? they inquired of their elders, tactfully pointing out that their ideas were not without precedent elsewhere. The District had long been noted for its progressive approach to matters of this kind, and had established many innovations within the Guild. But to the more conservative amongst the elder members this was a slightly different matter. The dignity of the Church must be preserved, they reasoned, and what went on elsewhere was no concern of theirs. Nevertheless, the youngsters were not to be easily deterred from their objective, and with the assiduity of youth they won their case.

Having once come to a mutual understanding as to the desirability of such a project, the two rival factions joined forces in the best traditions of the Guild, and before long the necessary rules and regulations were drawn up to assist them in putting their ideas into practice. Suitable judges were appointed, and a challenge shield—given by one of the members—was to be presented to the successful contestants.

Thurlaston village is a quiet and lovely place, set deep in the heart of Leicestershire, and it was here, to the parish church of All Saints, that the District members came one Saturday afternoon three years ago to hold their competition, and to fill the village streets with a music known and loved by Englishmen for centuries.

One after the other, the six teams climbed the narrow spiral staircase to the ringing room, there to issue forth their challenge to a hundred practised and critical ears below. A belfry can be a lonely place indeed on an occasion such as this, and more than one team's hopes were dashed that afternoon by the nervousness of one or more of its members. But a team of older gentlemen from nearby Earl Shilton were not to be put off, and with uncanny precision they won their way to victory.

One can well imagine the shrill voice of a choirboy ringer, calling across the vestry to his Rector the following morning, as he struggled into his surplice three minutes after service time: 'We were second in the striking competition, sir!' And the Rector, more concerned with the announcement of the first hymn, made some meaningless remark, quite unaware of the nature of competition ringing.

The eight bells of St. Mary's, Barwell, were chosen the following year, for it had now become an annual event. Due to the somewhat distant location of the nearest public house, the judges had to be content with carrying out their unenviable task from the privacy of a closed car, parked somewhere in a field. For every official judge there were, of course, many more, all self-appointed, judiciously marking down the faults from well-chosen vantage points.

The ringing was of a slightly higher standard than the previous year; the teams perhaps benefited from their earlier experience. It was therefore quite unexpected when a team from All Saints', Sapcote, composed mainly of young girls, carried off the shield after a performance that was by far the finest of the afternoon.

Stoney Stanton were again adjudged runners-up, and the Rector was no doubt later informed of this triumph by the same small boy. Perhaps this long-suffering clergyman, having taken pains to enlighten himself on the subject, replied with the remark "Well done! Try striking a little harder next year."

And so the competition has come and gone again for the third successive year. This time the eight bells of St. Catherine's, Burbage, provided the competitors with plenty of opportunity to prove their capabilities. The event is now an established part of the Hinckley District calendar, and is a worthy monument to those young enthusiasts who fought so hard to establish it. Furthermore, they have had the good fortune to see their efforts copied elsewhere in the Guild. This year, the original champions, Earl Shilton, were successful for the second time. And Stoney Stanton?—well, they took second place again. Doubtless the Rector will hear all about it in the morning.

J. V.

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**DERBYSHIRE PEAL WEEK-END**

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 6
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Treble	*D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 2	†CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 6
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

\* 100th peal. † First of London.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; all the work of every method for each bell, 110 changes of method.

*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. Treble	†D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. 2	*†JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 6
PETER BORDER .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal together.

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On Tues., July 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 3	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 7
*ANN M. COX .. .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

\* 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wed., July 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ELSIE K. HART .. .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 5
ANN M. COX .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bert Gogle, of Norwich.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

On Thurs., July 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 2	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 8
RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 10
JOHN HILL .. .. 5	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 11
DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Fri., July 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 6
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

On Sat., July 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. Treble	†MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 5
*S. PARKMAN SHAW III (U.S.A.) .. .. 2	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 6
FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

\* First peal. † 200th peal.

**LAKE DISTRICT WEEK-END**

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ANNE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 6
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GRAHAM MCKAY .. .. Treble	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

**A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 7
DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. .. 8
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	A. LESLIE BARRY .. .. 9
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	PATRICK H. ALLEN .. .. 10
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 5	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 11
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Patrick J. Bird and Miss Mary Clarke, who were married the previous Saturday at St. Augustine's, Rumney, Monmouthshire.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER R. JOHNSON .. .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 6
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	RALPH ELKINGTON .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 8
PATRICIA A. MORRIS .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 9
K. PETER JONES .. .. 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 6
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 7
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	†DENNIS COOPER .. .. 8
*JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 9
†DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. 5	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Mr. O. Street, a ringer in Retford for 68 years, who died on July 17th, aged 80 years.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

A. LESLIE BARRY .. .. Treble	ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 6
JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 9
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5	DONALD G. CLIFT .. .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 6
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 7
FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 8
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 9
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung in memoriam Albert Walker.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 6
GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
SYDNEY FOSKETT .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A 90th birthday compliment to Alfred King, of Luton.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*VERONICA E. TUMBER .. Treble	DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 5
VIVIEN ROWE .. .. 2	*BERNARD S. GAMBRILL .. 6
TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 3	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 7
†CHARLES POUND .. .. 4	ANN M. COX .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.'

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN THORLEY .. .. Treble	*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 5
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 6
ROBIN WORSFALL .. .. 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 7
JOHN POTTS .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Anne Austwick and Mr. David Thorley, who were married on August 4th.

CAVERSHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Gillian Neal Smith.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours exactly,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,560 London, 960 Bristol and 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative; with 100 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt.

SHEILA PERCIVAL .. .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 3	FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6
*IRIS THOMSON .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. F. LEWRY.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*STUART ARMESON .. .. Treble	†ROGER LUMLEY .. .. 5
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 6
†MRS. MARGARET BURNS .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Major.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*ALAN F. LEE .. .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 5
*DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 2	*JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Superlative. First of Superlative as conductor.

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 5
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 6
JAMES H. EDWARDS .. .. 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sharp.



FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

TESSA P. KEMP .. .. Treble	*HENRY KIRK .. .. 5
E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	*†CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	*NORMAN SHERRATT .. 6
*NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 3	*†GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First of Major as conductor. First of Rutland on the bells.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

T. Morris' .. Treble	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. .. 3	*G. BERNARD LOWE .. .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

DOROTHY PEARCE .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 7
JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal of Double Norwich rung by a band living in the Newbury district.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID S. M. JONES .. Treble	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 7
ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles E. Parsons.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5136 GRANDSIRE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN and DAVID W. FRIEND.

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

First peal of Grandsire Major for all the band. The composition is now rung for the first time.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Dexter's No. 1 variation.	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 6
*IRIS THOMPSON .. .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. 3	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal in the method.

MALDON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*IAN FOSTER .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
*JOHN CLARKE .. .. 2	*ANN VOWLES .. .. 6
ARTHUR HUBBLE .. .. 3	BERNARD C. MANN .. .. 7
ALISON M. MANN .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Major. First of Kent T.B. on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 SHROPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 287).

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH HARRIS .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 2	PATRICK HARRIS .. .. 6
MRS. P. HARRIS .. .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. .. 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Thomas.

**SHROPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

38—38.4—12—36.14—14.5.14—14.3.

2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., July 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	GILBERT LARTER .. .. 5
FREDERICK BOYCE .. .. 3	*PETER ADCOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* 50th peal for the Association.

WARSON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Sat., July 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being seven extents: Two each of St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

FRANK COOKE .. Treble	DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. 4
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5
JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Steven Peter) to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rooke; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Single Court and three each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM HINKSMAN .. Treble	ARTHUR F. WALL .. .. 4
WILLIAM MANTLE .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
JOHN H. THOMAS .. .. 3	THOMAS COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

Rung as a compliment to Richard Bethell, who has been a ringer at this church for 50 years.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, being two extents of Stedman and ten each of St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. Treble	GILBERT E. LARTER .. .. 3
THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. 2	HENRY TOOKE .. .. 4
PETER ADCOCK .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.



MABE, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., July 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.  
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. Treble | ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 4  
HELEN HOBBS .. .. 2 | CLEMENT W. JOSE .. .. 5  
ROGER G. EGGINS .. .. 3 | \*K. JOHN MOOR .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by CLEMENT W. JOSE.

\* First peal.

Rung on the eve of St. James' Day. Also as a farewell to Marion Driver, who is leaving her home tower, St. Kea, to join her parents in Trinidad.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., July 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

In seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.  
WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Treble | PETER K. JONES .. .. 4  
\*ELIZABETH SNELL .. .. 2 | ALLEN D. STEELE .. .. 5  
RACHEL SNELL .. .. 3 | G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

\* First peal in the method.

A compliment to the Rector on the gift of a grandson.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, being two extents of April Day, five Reverse St. Bartholomew, 15 Plain Bob, four Grandsire and 16 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
D. HOWARD THOMAS .. Treble | JOHN W. HOPE .. .. 4  
REGINALD G. POWELL .. 2 | COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 5  
MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3 | \*D. GWYN GRIFFITHS .. Tenor  
Conducted by COLIN A. LEWIS.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 13 cwt. 18 lb.  
JANET REAL .. .. Treble | EDWARD SUMMERS .. .. 4  
WILLIAM SPARKES .. .. 2 | WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 5  
DONALD SALTER .. .. 3 | CYRIL JOYCE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

A tribute to the late Preb. E. V. Cox, who was taught to ring on the bells of Stockland Church 60 years ago.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 106, 105, 112, 107, 112 reverse, 103 and 102. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.  
RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble | ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 4  
RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 2 | STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 5  
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 3 | FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

Frank E. Darby has now completed peals of Superlative from Minor to Maximus, and is the first to do so.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Aug. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.  
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble | PETER ADCOCK .. .. 4  
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2 | HENRY TOOKE .. .. 5  
\*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 3 | THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

BARWICK-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble | CLEMENT R. ROBINSON .. 4  
MRS. ALFREDA DUCKER .. 2 | RONALD DUCKER .. .. 5  
HARRY RODMELL .. .. 3 | CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

First peal on the bells.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being three extents of Cambridge S. and one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.  
\*IAN RICHARDSON .. Treble | DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. 4  
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 2 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 5  
†FRANK COOKE .. .. 3 | MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in five methods. † First in five methods 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the wedding of Arthur Stamper and Lillian Newton.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being three extents of Kent T.B. and two each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.  
PAULINE ADCOCK .. Treble | WILLIAM H. CRACKNELL .. 4  
CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 2 | ROBERT J. PLUMMER .. .. 5  
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 3 | LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In two methods, being four different extents of Cambridge and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.  
\*MARGARET GIBSON .. Treble | †ROBERT WIGGINS .. .. 4  
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. 2-3 | \*MICHAEL G. BARTLETT .. 5  
DAVID G. PICKETT .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mr. Pelham Fynes, grandfather of the conductor.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being seven extents: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.  
DAVID WILLIAMS .. Treble | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 4  
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2 | \*KEITH SWINGWOOD .. .. 5  
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3 | CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor  
Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal 'inside.'

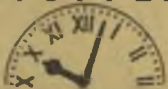
ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.  
\*FRANCIS SMITH .. Treble | MARTIN MAJOR .. .. 4  
\*KEVIN BARNES .. .. 2 | RAYMOND FULLER .. .. 5  
ALEX SIMPSON .. .. 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor  
Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

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STANDON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Grandsire and St. Simon's Bob, and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	DAVID J. WILLIAMS .. .. 3
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First of five Doubles for all the band, and on the bells.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Fri., Aug. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Oswald Delight, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; 43 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt.

*M. KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	K. PETER JONES .. .. 4
†DAVID J. WILLIAMS .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\*First peal in ten methods. †First in ten methods 'inside.' First in ten methods on the bells.

MARSTON, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Fri., Aug. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In six methods, consisting of the following extents: (1 and 2) Norfolk, (3 to 7) April Day, (8 to 12) Kennington, (13 to 17) Grandsire, (18 to 22) Plain Bob, (23 to 27) Rev. Canterbury, (28 to 32) Grandsire, (33 to 38) Plain Bob, (39 to 42) Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 5 cwt.

PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. Treble	ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. 3
ROY H. JONES .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

Rung for the birthdays of Princess Anne, Elizabeth Miller and the oldest parishioner in the village.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being five six-scores each of Eynsham, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day. 12 of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

RICHARD J. SEATON .. .. Treble	W. JOHN KINCHIN .. .. 3
C. WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

The conductor's 25th peal.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Ernest G. Orland and Miss Janet Packwood.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Aug. 1, 1961, in 1 Hour and 6 Minutes,*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 3—4
DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,*  
AT NORTH SWEEMINGS FARM,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

JOHN POITS .. .. 1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3—4
KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*  
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15.

OLIVE D. BARNETT .. .. 1—2	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. 3—4	*SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by SHEILA M. DOBBIE.

\*First peal on handbells, and first as conductor.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): K. Robinson 1, M. W. Brown (cond.) 2, A. Holling 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, M. J. Copson 5, N. R. Ellway (first quarter) 6.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, H. J. Eldred 2, Miss G. Reeves 3, Miss D. Fletcher 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, M. Gathercole 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong.

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. George 1, Miss A. D. Eldridge 2, J. M. Swift 3, J. Carr 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, C. F. Pilbeam 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Eric C. Bratt, a former churchwarden, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gunstone (first quarter) 1, G. Gunstone 2, J. C. V. Edwards 3, J. Lucas 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, M. Wilmott 6.

**BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.**—On July 27th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (six 240's): Miss J. N. Richardson 1, P. C. Pitchford 2, F. Derry 3, J. E. Brown 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5, G. C. Jackson 6. Rung for the wedding of Susan Pater and Anthony Fletcher.

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Bishop 1, J. Bowden 2, W. Cholwill 3, H. Stacey 4, R. Pearce 5, H. Trewin 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, G. Stacey 8. For Evensong.

**BROUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Smith 1, Judy Moir 2, J. Shaw 3, J. Jolleys 4, H. Lewis 5, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the son-in-law and grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 12th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: G. Coussins 1, Mary R. Jaycock 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, G. Riglar 4, G. W. Limmer 5, N. Belson 6, R. E. Dean 7, H. Oglesby (cond.) 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On July 31st, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Pigg 1, H. F. Muncey 2, P. Bergdahl 3, T. R. Dennis 4, T. Page 5, J. Gipson 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, H. F. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled at the funeral of Canon E. H. Stokes, parish priest. Also on Aug. 2nd, 1,230 Plain Bob Major: H. F. Brown 1, A. Ince 2, H. F. Muncey 3, P. Bergdahl 4, E. G. Hibbens 5, H. Foster 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.**—On July 22nd, 1,240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: May Stevens 1, W. E. Spiers 2, Joy Smith 3, R. G. Powell (cond.) 4, M. V. Powell 5, A. E. Stevens 6. First in method 1, 2 and 6.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Salway 1, C. J. Turner 2, J. Carter 3, B. Coles 4, R. Woodley 5, E. Summers 6, C. C. Turner 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Major 4 and 6.

**CRANFORD, MIDDx.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Pole 1, Susan Goodfellow (first 'inside') 2, June Richardson 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong, and the tercentenary of the death of Dr. Thomas Fuller, Rector of Cranford, 1658-1661.

**EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.**—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Bob Doubles: Susan Muirhead (first quarter) 1, Gillian Scarth 2, Gillian Halford 3, R. W. Winstanley 4, K. C. Edwards 5, R. E. D. Hamm 6.

**ELMLEY LOVETT, WORCS.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, P. Bill 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. First of Antelope by all and on the bells. Rung on 12356, number 4 being unringable. A compliment to the Rector, who has been here 25 years.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Barnett (first quarter) 1, R. A. Todd (cond.) 2, A. Naylor 3, R. Woodwood (first quarter) 4, C. Hudson 5, G. Busby 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. S. Todd.

**HALE MAGNA, Lincs.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. S. A. F. Brown 1, Miss D. P. Brown 2, J. E. Brown 3, R. Brown 4, G. B. Brown (cond.) G. T. Brown 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford T.B. and 720 Oxford T.B.): D. Bradley 1, C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by Frank and Doreen Bradley. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Single Oxford): B. Mills and R. Mills 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Boucher 1, J. H. Bowden 2, H. Stacey 3, W. H. Trewin 4, H. W. Perkins 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Heard 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. H. Heard.

**HORBLING, Lincs.**—On Aug. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Brown (first of Minor) 1, Miss D. Brown 2, B. Brown (cond.) 3, A. Bird 4, E. Cole 5, R. Brown 6.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints): J. Collins 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. Before Evensong. For dedication of a memorial to Maurice Baker, a former captain of the local band.

**LONDON.**—On Aug. 13th, at St. Clement Danes, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Carpenter (first in method) 1, Miss M. M. Lewis 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. Oatway 6, F. D. Bishop 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. For Matins.

**MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Lockwood 1, L. Forster 2, W. S. Girling 3, R. E. Lester (cond.) 4, E. Hotine 5. First quarter on the bells since 1939. For Evensong.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 1, R. Jarvis 3, J. Benfield 4, A. Lloyd 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

**NUTFIELD, SURREY.**—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Williams 1, D. Mundy 2, D. West (first 'inside') 3, F. E. Roberts 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, M. Atfield 6.

**OLD RADNOR, RADs.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sandford 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, N. Nistance 3, R. Hatcher 4, J. Hope 5, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. G. Benson, Rector of Presteigne.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Julius (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Down 2, Miss R. Julius (first quarter) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. Vardy 5, G. Goringe (first on six) 6.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Bloxsome 1, Miss C. Davies 2, H. Nichols 3, A. Paton 4, M. Ling 5, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 6. First quarter 'inside' and birthday compliment for Miss C. Davies.

**PRESTEIGNE, RADs.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, C. A. Lewis 2, R. Hatcher 3, J. Hope 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, N. Nistance 6, A. Williams 7, F. Sandford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. G. Benson, Rector of Presteigne, Rural Dean of Kington, vice-president of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Patricia Dixon (first on working bell) 1, Angela G. Wakefield (aged 12, first 'inside') 2, Marie R. Cross 3, Catherine M. Chapman 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon (first as cond.) 5, Gillian M. Weston (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong and for the 19th birthday of Susan Alexander, a member of the local band.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 London Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, W. Ellis 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKs.**—At All Saints', on Aug. 8th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Burns 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Patricia Walker 3, Malcolm Phipps 4, S. Armeson 5, J. L. Gilbert 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Ellis White who died suddenly after Evensong on the previous Sunday.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.**—On July 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Johnson 1, W. Ridgeman 2, J. G. Gipson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, G. Pearson 5, G. Thoday 6, S. Brown 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Lings 1, R. J. Lord 2, J. Underwood 3, Miss J. Allison (first 'inside') 4, F. Lacey 5, M. Whiting 6, H. Judd 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. A compliment to M. Whiting and Miss M. Donnelly on their engagement.

**SWANSEA.**—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Mainwaring (first of Triples) 1, B. Couzens 2, D. J. Williams 3, Kathleen Watkins (first 'inside') 4, G. Jones (first of Triples) 5, D. Robinson 6, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 7, K. Robinson 8. Rung after the marriage of Miss Mary E. Keen, one time member of the local band, to Mr. John Clark.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Godfrey 1, Mary Browne 2, W. F. Bye 3, K. G. E. Wannell 4, J. Barrett (cond.) 5, R. Berry 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the engagement of Mary Browne to Peter Robinson.

**WALKINGTON, EAST YORKs.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Minor (combined Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): K. Goldthorpe 1, I. Campbell 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, J. Singleton 4, G. Pybus 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to John Singleton. Rung before the village barbecue.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, E. A. Price 2, Alan Pink 3, G. Pullin (first in method) 4, R. H. Brice 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung to welcome the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Marshall.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Mid-Devon Branch

The summer quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Manaton, high up on Dartmoor, on July 22nd. Relays of ringers kept the six bells ringing all the afternoon, whilst those waiting and resting lounged on the banks of the lovely churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. G. Green, who gave an address of welcome. Such was the importance of the occasion that the lady organist closed the village shop in order to play for the service.

The meeting was conducted by the Branch chairman, Mrs. Hood, the company first standing in silence in memory of the late president of the Devon Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox.

The secretary outlined the arrangements for the joint meeting with the South Devon Association to be held at Brixham on September 2nd, and the meeting empowered him and the Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds, to invite 25 members of the Guild to that meeting. The call change ringers would invite 25 of their ringers.

New members elected were Rev. J. H. Nicholson (Vicar of Tor), Phyllis Kellond, Frank White, Mary Bushby, Pamela Pell, Jacqueline Rudd Dr. Gent and Keith Burton.

The next meeting would be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, September 23rd, at 2 p.m. Guild certificates were presented to Rev. B. Prior, Rev. H. Williams and Rev. R. Rotter, all of Buckfast Abbey.

Further ringing was enjoyed at Ilstington.



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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Miss J. Elaine Dixon, of Abingdon, called her first quarter peal at Radley, Berks, on August 13th. The quarter had an added interest to her as it was her mother's first quarter peal. Are there any other cases on record of a daughter calling her mother's first quarter peal?

Six Browns took part in a quarter peal at Hale Magna, Lincs, on August 11th. They're still marching on.

We are informed that Mr. Frank E. Darby is the first to complete peals of Superlative from Minor to Maximus. The Minor came last—at Addington on August 5th.

At the request of the authorities the 12 bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, were rung to Whittington chimas as the Lord Mayor of London drove through the Australian city.

Will the acting secretary of the University Training College Guild please send his name and full address to the editor if he wants a reply to his letter before the new term starts.

Miss J. E. Armstrong, of 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth, is compiling a list of places where the curfew is now rung. Will any readers who can help please communicate.

The conductor of the handbell peal at Crayford on August 12th would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs for their help and encouragement during recent months at handbell practices at Groombridge.

Correction.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on July 24th (see page 520), was rung for the Midland Counties Guild and not the Leicester Diocesan Guild as published.

The quarter peal at Elmley Lovett, Worcs, was rung after numerous attempts to make the bells pealable. The band had hoped to ring a full peal to mark the Vicar's 25th year at Elmley and Hampton Lovett, but the bells went so badly that the quarter peal was really well-earned, and a peal would seem to be impossible. [Challenge to A. P. C.?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Newcastle Parish Church, Staffs, is undergoing a difficult time regarding ringers. According to 'The Evening Sentinel' unless more ringers can be found the bells will no longer ring out. If the bells are silenced it will be for the first time (except during the war) in their long history, which dates back to the 18th century.

Will anyone who possesses a Central Council Collection of Minor Methods, 1907, please communicate with the editor.

With reference to the peal at Hutton, Essex (page 536), the conductor offers his apologies to the ringers of 2 and 4. Their surnames should read Tiffin.

Recent visitor to 'The Ringing World' office was Mr. Victor Shepherd, formerly of Cape Town. He tells us that he hopes to make his home permanently in this country.

A correspondent informs us that Mrs. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin was actually taught to ring by Mr. A. C. Hazelden at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. She, however, made very much more progress when she got into Portsmouth ringing circles.

The problem of keeping track of these married girls is at times difficult. The conductor of the University of London Society's peal of Bourne Surprise Major at Brentford (see page 535), sends his apologies to Marilyn M. Barton (née March).

Two quarter peals were rung to the memory of the 34 boys and two masters from Lanfranc School, Croydon, who died in the air disaster on August 9th—at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Croydon, and at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

An amusing drawing appeared recently in 'The East Anglian Daily Times' in an advertisement for motor cars. It was headed 'Who wants to be a campanologist?' The illustration was of three monks ringing and one, as the text says, 'having a tremendous lift in life.' It seems apparent that the artist has never been inside a ringing chamber.

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## PEAL RINGING WEEK-END IN DERBYSHIRE

Late on Friday evening (August 4th) six weary ringers arrived at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Grime at Breadsall, four having travelled from Bristol and the other two from Birmingham. After enjoying Mrs. Grime's excellent cooking we retired, looking forward to Saturday's peal attempts.

Our programme showed Lincolnshire at West Hallam on Saturday at 10 a.m. Much to our disappointment, the expected reinforcements from Derby did not arrive, and after pulling the bells up and waiting for an hour we gave up all hopes of attempting a peal and adjourned to the local inn where a very enjoyable hour was spent at the billiard table. After lunch we were joined by Jafus and Bunley Morris at Crich, where London was attempted; but fate was against us. The conductor decided to 'call it a day,' after an hour's indifferent ringing on the rather odd struck eight. Compensation, to some extent, for this failure was provided by Burley, who arranged for us to ring at Brassington and Bradbourne, two very pleasant sixes, and then on the eight at Ashbourne, which are rung from the chancel steps. Here we were met by Joe Woolley and Harold Sherrat, and later at Derby Station by Dick Bowden.

On Sunday morning, after the chores of washing and wiping dishes and exercising the dog had been completed we went into Derby to ring for morning service at St. Alkmund's. In the afternoon the band was strengthened by Ralph Edwards and Ron Bullen and we scored our first success—a peal of Yorkshire on the fine eight at Ilkeston, conducted by John Gilbert. The band would like to offer this peal as a compliment to Ted Gobey on his 84th birthday, which was to take place during the week.

At Darley Dale on Monday morning a slight change was made in the plans. We were to have rung Rutland, but decided to try the London again. This time we were rewarded with a good peal. Jafus was in his usual high spirits—he offered to sell us the Darley Dale yew tree!

Halesowen was reached about an hour later than intended, due mainly to Bank Holiday traffic, and the navigator getting lost. When we arrived, however, George Fearn, Ralph Edwards and Pat Chapman were still there and a good peal of four Spliced was rung, expertly conducted by Peter Border. This proved to be a very satisfactory finale to an enjoyable week-end, and our sincere thanks are due to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Grime, who made us so welcome at Breadsall, and also to Lis Bowden, for going to the trouble of arranging the programme for us.

D. J. H.

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

For the first time since May, 1952, the historic Church of All Saints, Burstwick, was the venue of the Society's monthly meeting on August 12th. Favoured by a gloriously sunny day, sandwiched between two days of heavy rain, 35 members from 12 different towers, together with a visitor from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, were present to renew acquaintance with the Vicar, Rev. E. E. C. Hollis, who had made many bellringing friends whilst at Priory Church, Bridlington, before moving to Burstwick in January this year.

The Vicar warmly welcomed the Society in opening his address during the short service and expressed the hope that the meeting would arouse interest in the village and lead to the formation of a team of ringers. An excellent tea was served in the Institute by Mrs. Hollis and a small band of helpers, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At the business meeting which followed, two new members were elected, Miss P. Teal and Miss P. Collinson, both of Walkington.

The day's ringing on the easy going six ranged from rounds to the selected methods for the day, St. Clement's, Beverley and Surfleet, the latter two methods also being spliced with Cambridge. The success of this meeting suggests that the Society's next visit to Burstwick will not be delayed for a further nine years.

K. K.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 34



MR. W. ERIC CRITCHLEY,  
Yorkshire Association.

Those ringers who master Spliced Surprise—and these days they are many—must realise that they are faced with a very difficult task, more especially if they are conductors, if they want to increase the existing record of 53 methods rung at Conisborough, Yorks, on June 24th, 1955. The methods were changed every lead, and the composer and conductor of this extraordinary feat of memory and concentration, called from a working bell, was Mr. W. Eric Critchley, of Doncaster, Yorks.

Eric was born on July 10th, 1923, at Askern, Doncaster, and was educated at Doncaster Grammar School, and later at Doncaster Technical College. He commenced work as an analytical chemist with the old L.N.E.R., but left in 1948 to become a teacher of chemistry at Mexborough Secondary Technical School. He is now head of the department of science and mathematics at Cantley, Doncaster.

Eric's first introduction to ringing was in 1938 at Campsall, where a new ring of eight had just been installed. He was taught to handle a bell by Herbert Bradley, and started ringing call changes, eventually calling the first lead of Grandsire Triples row by row. Later he used to cycle to the bi-weekly practice at Arksey, under the benign leadership of George Clark, and, for the first three months or so, was only allowed to ring the treble to Grandsire Triples. He also used to attend practice nights at Pontefract and Barnby Don, but soon after all ringing ceased at the onset of the war. When ringing was resumed, Eric was living just outside the boundaries of Doncaster, and so joined the band at St. George's. When he first went there the ringing was confined mainly to Stedman Triples (known locally as 'Doncaster Surprise'), but within a few years, assisted by an influx of youth, they rang twelve quarter peals in twelve different methods with a local band for Sunday service.

His first peal was in three Minor methods rung at Barnby Don on May 19th, 1945, and he conducted his third peal—Grandsire Doubles—at Bentley, Doncaster, on July 11th, 1945. In those years just after the war, Eric, in company with Frank Reed and Ernie Padgett, went ringing everywhere, and thought about nothing but arranging peals! One of his friends, however, was sometimes unreliable! On one occasion this friend was cycling to Howden for a peal, but when nearly there he changed his mind, and carried on to Hull,

another 30 miles further on, to a meeting! They got a local man to ring the tenor for Grandsire Triples, but he was so slow that after ringing 3½ hours they still had over a part of Parker's Twelve-Part to get through, so Eric set them up!

Late in 1946, Eric made the acquaintance of that well known conductor, J. Edward Cawser, who invited him to ring the treble for a peal of Yorkshire at Howden. This was the beginning of a long friendship, and of a sound training in both good striking and Surprise ringing. During this year Eric made his first venture into composing, and conducted his own composition of Bob Major at Conisborough on November 9th, 1946. He was taken on the Cheshire ringers' tours in the next few years, and it was on one of these, in 1949, that he was introduced to Spliced Surprise, being A. J. Pitman's famous four with 'all the work,' conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis. His first peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor was at Conisborough on December 29th, 1951, his 200th peal, and the following week he conducted one of his own compositions in six methods at Thorne.

Another good friend of Eric's was J. Frederick Milner, of Southwell, Notts, a man who, by his kindness and hospitality, has endeared himself to many over a wide area. Fred made many long journeys to ring in Yorkshire, and took part regularly in the multi-Spliced peals. Eric was keenly interested in this fascinating branch of the art, and 1954-55 was a great time for his peal band. The Lincolnshire men had just rung 32 methods—Eric's own composition—but two weeks later, on March 5th, 1954, he composed and conducted 36 methods at Hands-worth, Sheffield, and within the next year his band had rung 42, 48 and finally the record of 53, all composed and conducted by himself.

In 1950 Eric had taken up handbell ringing with the Jackson family, of Hatfield, Yorks, and they had rung many peals of Bob Major. Later on, in company with Wilfrid F. Moreton and Howard Scott, he began practising Spliced Minor on handbells, and under the expert guidance of Wilfrid Moreton the number of methods in their handbell peals shot up at a most alarming rate! Five months after the 53 Spliced Surprise Major, they broke the record for Spliced Minor by ringing 109 methods in seven extents.

Eric's present peal total is now 539, of which he has conducted 223, and in addition to his many peals of Spliced Surprise he recalls with pleasure a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Patrick's, Dublin, and also the first attempt for the 40,320 Bob Major, which he organised at Loughborough in November, 1954. His favourite peals have been those composed by A. J. Pitman in 'all the work,' for four to nine methods, and he has conducted his four methods from all positions, including the treble, and was also a member of the band which rang it 'silent' at Dore, Derbyshire, on June 5th, 1959.

For a few years from 1947, Eric was secretary of the Doncaster and District Society, and is ringing captain of St. George's, Doncaster. He has been peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association since 1950, and is a representative on the Central Council, where he is convener of the Peals Collection Committee. He has also derived a lot of pleasure from composing, and has supplied compositions for many new methods for the collection of all the right-place Surprise Major methods, which he has compiled with Shirley Burton.

Eric is a man who has applied his mathematical training to the problems of composing and ringing the harder Surprise methods. His success has been achieved through the loyalty of a very clever peal band, who have set themselves a very high standard. In his Sunday service band, too, he has created enthusiasm, and helped them to get the maximum amount of interest and pleasure. The combination of these two facets of a brilliant ringing career might well be emulated by others.

APACE.



## EAST RIDING RINGERS' SUMMER TOUR IN LINCOLNSHIRE

**E**ARLY on Saturday, July 29th, 17 ringers set sail from Hull on the start of their eight day cycling tour of Lincolnshire and the adjoining counties. On the way to Lincoln the bells of Elsham (6) went well to Plain Bob and Kent, but the less experienced members of the party had difficulty with the long ropes at Kirlton-in-Lindsey. Ermine Street gave us a fine view of the Cathedral on the last few miles before entering Lincoln. Here the light six at St. Peter-at-Gowts' contrasted with the heavier tuneful eight at St. Giles', where the ringing chamber has two entrances with separate stairways. After over fifty miles of cycling the party retired to Lincoln Youth Hostel for the night.

On the Sunday a pleasant ride along the Lincoln Ridge brought us to Harmston, where we rang for Matins and after the service the Vicar invited us to have our packed lunches in the grounds of the Vicarage. The rope circle at Ruckington (6) was really a rectangle and the striking in a touch of Cambridge was good despite two bells being odd struck. Heydour bells, famous for the record length of London Major rung on them, sounded well to touches of Stedman and Grandsire. The ride to Grantham Youth Hostel was hurried in order to be in time for supper. After supper the ringing of a plain course of Plain Bob Major on handbells in the Nag's Head had a mixed reception!

Monday's itinerary was a tour of towers in the Grantham area, beginning with the magnificent ten at St. Wulfram's in Grantham itself. During the cease of the back eight the bell chamber door was opened to give the full effect of the 'cease hum.' At Hough-on-the-Hill the ringing was interrupted by a visit from the village policeman to see what was going on. The fine heavy six at Brant Broughton were much enjoyed by all the party, and on the return route to Grantham, Fulbeck (6) and Caythorpe (8) were visited.

### BLACKSMITH REHUNG BELLS

Time was cut short at Denton, the first tower on Tuesday, due to difficulty in locating the key. Here the local blacksmith has rehung the bells, probably accounting for their 'rough go.' Our first tower in Leicestershire was Waltham-on-the-Wolds, followed by the fine ten at Melton Mowbray. Ashby Folville bells were rung well although the treble had no stay. The hostel at Loddington was the best encountered on the tour and after supper some of the band visited Belton (6) and later joined with a local ringer for a pint in 'The Rising Sun.' One cyclist escaped injuries when he went straight on at a 'T' junction, returning to the hostel after dark.

The ride to Edith Weston in Rutland, the first tower on Wednesday, was by farm tracks and a ridge road giving a splendid view of the smallest county in England. Preston (5) was then visited, permission to ring being kindly given at short notice. The visit was well worth while to this, the tidiest village in Rutland. Uppingham (8), Glaston (6) and Seaton (5) were visited on the way to King's Cliffe. Here the Rector said that a high standard of striking was expected as the sound of these bells was much loved by the villagers. On commencing to raise in peal it was realised that no sound proofing separated the bells and ringing chamber. A ride across the village brought us to the hostel for Wednesday night.

Thursday was the turning point on the tour, when the A.I. took us part of the way to Deeping St. James (6) and Market Deeping (6). Two local ringers joined the band at Bourne (6). Thurlby (5) and Edenham (8) were on the route back to Grantham for the third night there.



THE EAST RIDING RINGERS OUTSIDE TATTERSHALL CHURCH.

Left to right: M. Wilson (Kirk Ella), R. Gibson (Cottingham), R. Ducker (Sutton), Miss S. Wight (Walkington), J. Singleton (Hessle), Miss B. Cammock (Cottingham), J. Rank (Kirk Ella), I. Booth (Cottingham), K. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), I. Campbell (Kirk Ella), D. Miles (Cottingham), Miss I. Lemare (York Minster), C. Hobson (Kirk Ella), G. Pybus (Cottingham), I. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella).

Seated: Mrs. R. Ducker and family (Sutton), Miss J. Porter (Sutton).

### WORRIED BY DARK CLOUDS

Half the cyclists took the train to Skeaford on the Friday morning, having been worried by the ominous dark clouds. Those who cycled enjoyed the warm sun, which eventually appeared. During the ringing of the bells at Skeaford (8), Tattershall (6), Coningsby (6) and Horncastle (6), some of the group scouted around for food for the evening meal at Woody's Top Youth Hostel high up on the Lincolnshire weids. This hostel, a converted barn, has no gas, electricity, or water laid on, primus stoves being used for cooking. With the help of the lady members of the party an excellent meal was had by all.

Saturday morning saw the tour breaking up, some of the less hardy cyclists taking fright at the heavy rain and catching the train home from Louth. The heavy eight here were not mastered, although a good touch of Plain Bob was rung on the back six. With only eight members of the party left, Caistor (6), Ukeby (6) and Barrow (8) were visited on the return to New Holland and the ferry for Hull. The strains of Grandsire Doubles drifted across the river from Holy Trinity, and so the eight remaining ringers paid a short visit: a plain hunt on twelve only just came round!

Methods rung on the tour included Cambridge, Beverley, Kent, Oxford and Fulbeck (at Fulbeck); and ringing ranged from rounds to Little Bob Royal and Stedman Caters. Thirty-six towers were visited, and only five

members of the party visited every tower and cycled all the 340 miles. It was a busy tour, but enjoyed by all, thanks to the good organisation by I.G. We should like to express our thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers which we visited for their co-operation and for allowing us the use of their bells.

Towers represented were Cottingham, Beverley Minster, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Sutton, Walkington and York Minster.

J. I. B.

### BELLS SOLD TO PULL DOWN TOWER

In our '50 Years Ago' reference on page 541 the case of Shaftfleet was quoted, where the bells were sold to build a steeple. A correspondent writes, giving a similar case from Cornwall:

'Mevagissey Church has no tower or bells because the tower was pulled down, the money being found from the sale of the bells.

'The old name of Mevagissey was Porthilly, hence the rhyme:—

"Ye men of Porthilly,  
Why were ye so silly,  
In having so little a power?  
Ye sold every bell.  
As Gorran men tell,  
For money to pull down your tower."'

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A. J. PITMAN.

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With one exception the calling represents two courses as 642153 and 142653.

## A 'CRAMP PEAL'

Dear Sir.—A plated copper cup, about 8 inches high, such as presented to contest winners, has recently come into my possession. The cup appears at least 50 years old and was dirt encrusted and pitted, but cleaning and polishing has much improved the appearance and revealed the inscription, 'This cup for the best cramp peal.'

Should any of your readers know what a 'cramp peal' is or be able to throw any light on the origin of this relic, I would be pleased to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,  
139, Firs Road. H. D. HOLLAND.  
Sale, Cheshire.

## MAYOR'S DAY PEAL AT MORPETH

Dear Sir.—I really cannot let Miss Armstrong get away with describing the Mayor's Day peal at Morpeth on May 25th as a 'tower grab' or, indeed, as a quarter peal!

The peal was rung at my instigation as a genuine and sincere compliment to one who has been a civic leader in Morpeth for 50 years.

Written permission to ring was granted by the Town Council, the band was composed of ringers who have enjoyed the occasional use of the bells for many years past, and I have in my possession a letter of thanks and appreciation from Alderman Sanderson, to whom a peal card was sent.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH

Dear Sir.—In your article 'Reflections on St. John's Church, Peterborough,' it is stated that the bells of Peterborough Cathedral have only been rung once since 1899 and that for a wedding.

To my knowledge they have been rung twice, on Armistice Day, November 11th, 1918, and at one meeting of the old Peterborough Guild, the date of which I cannot remember. Mr. F. Dainty, who was a gardener to the Dean, obtained the necessary permission. The late Mrs. H. J. Poole, then Miss Phyllis Hare, and I had the pleasure(?) of ringing on both occasions.—Yours, etc.,  
Surfleet. A. RICHARDSON.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' August 25th, 1911.—

Another lady has joined the circle of conductors. Miss Lilian Wilson having scored her first success in this direction, by calling a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston. Two of the few peals rung last Saturday were conducted by ladies. Miss Parker having called a peal of New Cambridge, which was her father's 250th peal.

Heartily congratulations to Miss Elsie Bennett, upon having rung her first peal. After several disappointments, success was achieved on Tuesday evening, the peal being rung on handbells at her parents' residence at New Cross, S.E. Miss Bennett has the distinction of being the youngest lady to take part in a peal, and her father, Mr. Frank Bennett, must, indeed, be proud of his daughter.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' August 17th, 1931.—

Account of Pilgrimage to The Menin Gate with group photograph.

A hundred and twenty years ago next Tuesday, 5,376 'Cambridge Surprise 8-in' the first in the North of England, was rung at Keighley. The ring of ten bells, which replaced the original twelve at York Minster, was opened on August 19th, 1765.

## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD IN YORKSHIRE

EXAMS over for all but one of us, a four day tour of Yorkshire was the ideal way of forgetting the worries of student life.

We left Manchester on June 16th and journeyed to Skipton, our first tower, stopping on the way to pick up John Pilkington. The market in this pleasant town supplied the provisions for lunch, which was eaten near the very picturesque ruins of Bolton Abbey. The sheep in the nearby field were in fine voice, to the great amusement of the Master of the Guild.

After lunch came Ilkley, the home of some famous ringers, followed by Collingham's light eight, which ran away with us. Acomb, on the outskirts of York, has a six which could be improved by putting a layer of insulation between the bells and the ringing room. We then went in search of a meal and sustenance for the night and met the remainder of the party.

Saturday's ringing started at Selby Abbey. Next, to Kirk Ella, where the red carpet was laid out, not to welcome us, but in readiness for a wedding. The afternoon's ringing started at Holy Trinity, Hull, where the Wilberforce ring was not rung at all well.

After a conducted tour of the twisting streets in the industrial section of the city, we arrived on the road to Beverley. On the superb ten at the Minster two very good courses of Grandsire Caters were brought round, regarded as the best ringing of the week-end. After ringing, we were taken to see the bourdon bell, Great John, and to hear it ring out in all its majesty. Then we went to the other end of the town, to St. Mary's bells, a very fine ten, on which courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. These towers brought the day's ringing to an end. We then went to Bridlington, where the party went in search of food and drink. It was soon after the meal and before the drink that members of the Guild witnessed the phenomenon observed on a previous tour in Scotland, i.e., Wandering Lamposi!

Sunday's ringing started at Bridlington Priory, where we joined the local band for morning service ringing. Sufficient time was allowed to play a game of beach cricket before ringing at Whitby Parish Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters were successfully rung but Bristol came suddenly to grief. The last tower of the day was Fylingdale, where a pleasant eight hangs in a tower that sways considerably. The ringing here was for evening service, which members of the Guild attended.

Monday morning was bright and clear, so two members decided to go for a swim; however, only one swam—the other got cold feet! Pickering, the first tower, was reached after a very hilly journey across the moor. Here, a visitor to the church was surprised to see people ringing the bells and not a mechanism! At Helmsley we were rejoined by Brian and his grandfather, Arthur Tomlinson; however, the bells were not of good tone. The very pleasant six at Wath were heard at their best from the sunny churchyard. The final tower of the tour was Ripon Cathedral, where the effect of a hectic week-end's ringing took its toll and the Queens at the end of the fall was poor.

Although the striking was not all it might have been, this was a successful and very enjoyable tour and we are grateful to David James, who organised everything so well, and to everyone who made us so welcome.

B. S. S.

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# CURIOUS SUBSTITUTES FOR BELLS

By ERNEST MORRIS

TO us in England, the pealing of our church bells has become, through centuries of usage, a national institution. Handel is reported to have declared that the 'bell' is the Englishman's national musical instrument, and for ages England has been called the 'Ringing Isle.' This is not only from the number of our church bells, but also from the peculiar way of 'ringing the changes' in methods unknown in other countries. Therefore, it would seem out of place for us to use any other substitute for church bells, but in other lands we find interesting customs.

Among the Jews, it will be remembered, although small bells were known, solemn assemblies were always summoned by a blast on a silver trumpet. Thus ran the Divine Command: 'Make thee two trumpets of silver, of a whole piece thou shalt make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.' (Numbers x, 2.) In a later verse in the same chapter we read: 'In the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings.' The Ark of the Lord was brought up to Jerusalem amid the sound of trumpets, and in a similar way the fall of Jericho was celebrated: and so, in a word, the Jews were as familiar with the blare of the clarions as we are of bells.

Huc, the Lazarist priest, who travelled Mongolia in 1844, found the same means employed for summoning the worshippers of Tibet. Thus is described the call of the assembly: 'When the hour for prayer is come, a Lama, whose office it is to summon the priests of the Convent, proceeds to the great gate of the Temple, and blows as loud as he can on a sea conch, successively towards the four cardinal points: upon hearing this powerful instrument, audible for a league around, the Lamas put on the mantle and cap of ceremony and assemble in the great inner court. When the time is come, the sea conch sounds again, the great gate is opened, and the living Fö enters the Temple.'

## STONES AS SUBSTITUTES

In Hawaii conch shells are blown to call people to church. At Willoughton and Thorney, in this country, are preserved two trumpets, which were said to have served at one time for calling the people together. Stones, suspended in frames, are used in Abyssinia as church bells, while in some South African mission churches a piece of old railway line is suspended from a nearby tree, serving the same purpose. During the last war the troops in some camps were called to divine service by sounding suspended empty shell cases in a similar fashion. In one Welsh village an outsize triangle (similar to those used in orchestral music) is beaten loudly at service times in lieu of the church bell.

Symandra, a long piece of wood pierced with holes and struck with a mallet while suspended on a cord, was used in ancient times, and is still used in some ancient monasteries in Greece and the East. A few of these 'Symandra' may still be encountered in mediæval churches, notably in Spain, where they are sounded during the three days of the Passion in Holy Week, when it is not permitted to ring the large church bells. Such an instance is described by St. Francis Xavier who, when alluding to the custom he found at Socotra, says: 'They use no bells, but wooden rattles, such as we used during Holy Week, to serve to call people together.'

## WOODEN CLACK

In some places, as in Mexico, the people carry wooden clacks on holy days, which they rattle to scare away evil spirits. The Hon. Margaret Collier describes the custom she witnessed on Holy Saturday in an Italian village: 'The next morning early, men go about hammering bits of wood and crying

"Come to Mass in memory of Christ's death," and this called tric-a-trac." Aubrey, in the Lansdowne MSS., describes a similar practice in Oxfordshire, and wooden clacks are mentioned in inventories in mediæval Lincs.

A rattle of ponderous size (matraca) is suspended in one of the lofty arches of the famous Giralda tower in Seville, one of the minarets left by the Moors upon the surrender of the city to the Christians way back in the year 1248. This rattle is composed of four elongated boxes attached equi-distant to a common axle-tree in such a way that, when the apparatus is revolved by means of a crank, a series of iron hammers fall successively upon each box. When kept in continuous revolution, these boxes emit a rhythmical series of sounds not unlike the explosion of a bundle of crackers. When set in motion this instrument produces a great noise. In a quiet locality it might be audible, like the call of the muezzin, within an area of half a mile or so. In a noisy metropolis, however, sounds produced by percussion upon a hollow instrument, as in the case of a drum, would have but limited carrying power.

Suspended above the nine great bells in the beautiful steeple of Toledo Cathedral is another massive rattle, worked by a curious mechanism, which it is the custom to sound continuously for forty-eight hours before the 'Gloria in Excelsis' of the Saturday before Easter. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe records that in the Fiji Islands bells are made by hollowing out the trunks of certain trees and then cutting into sections three or four feet in length, with bevelled ends. These are called 'lali.' When placed upon a resonant of elastic body and struck with a mallet a roaring hum is produced. Explorers state that these wooden gongs can be heard fifty miles away—really they are primitive radios and the messages they send actually go by vibration and not by sound. Similar contrivances are in use in South America and Africa.

## WOODEN BELLS

In his 'Book about Bells,' Tyack states that the Greeks, as early as the eighth century, began to employ enormous pieces of wood much as we do bells, and these are used even to this day. Wooden bells are preserved in at least two churches in the British Isles. These were probably intended to be used as models, although they may possibly have been made for special use during Holy Week.

The hagiosteron—a piece of iron, fashioned like the symandra, was also used in olden times.

Earthenware bells have been used, especially for learners on the carillon, in Belgium, Saxony and elsewhere.

The human voice, as is well known, is used by Mohammedans and throughout Islam. The muezzin, from the summit of the minaret, summons the people to prayer by a musical chant, which, in that clear Oriental air, is said to ring out to a surprising distance. St. Jerome speaks of Alleluia being sung to let the people know service is about to begin, something like the introductory voluntary played by our organists.

In the primitive church during the times of persecution, the use of bells, or any other announcement of divine worship was, of course, impossible, but in their stead trusty messengers, called 'runners,' passed from house to house of the faithful, briefly stating the time and place appointed for their next meeting. Tertullian alludes to this in his 'De Fuga in Persecutione': 'If you cannot assemble by day, you have the night, the light of Christ luminous against its darkness: you cannot run about them one after another, be content with a church of three.'

## FROM YORKSHIRE

In 'Notes and Queries,' 1873, the Rev. J. Pickford, M.A., refers to a small church of Holbeck Lunds, near Hardrow, Yorks, which is situated in the moorland, in a primitive spot. When the time was come for services on Sunday, the clerk used to climb up to the place where the bell should hang (this

being missing) and, thrusting his head through the hole in the gable, would cry lustily, 'Bol-lol, bol-lol, bol-lol,' in order to summon the parishioners to service. In the small town of Holywell, North Wales, a curious custom used to prevail. The church lies in a hollow, much lower than the town proper, and the church bell could not be heard until close to the churchyard. A man was therefore sent walking through the town with a large bell strapped round him, and a leather pad upon his right knee, against which the bell struck as he walked, to remind people that it was time for church. After a time, however, when the churchyard became full and a new extension for burials became necessary, a cemetery was opened at the top of the hill. From that time the cemetery chapel bell rings for the church service, instead of the church bell.

Another curious Yorkshire custom was formerly in vogue at the small hamlet of Fordon in the East Riding. The building that served as a church possessed neither turret nor bell, and the services were very occasional, performed by the clergyman of a neighbouring parish, who rode over on horse back. Having tethered his horse, donned his surplice, he used to walk to the top of the hill where the little church stood, and then to crack his whip several times to let the countryfolk know he had arrived and service was to be held.

## USE OF A FLAG

It was no uncommon thing to hoist a flag on the church tower to inform intending worshippers of the service, and we read that the tending of this flag was a special duty for which a small wage was paid; 10s., for example, being given yearly in Sutherland to an old woman for hanging out the flag! In several churches on the rocky coasts of Scotland there are old ship's bells doing service for the usual church bells, and these were mostly recovered from wrecks of ships stranded nearby. The famous Cathedral of Iona was, until a few years ago, served by a ship's bell, and in the Scilly Islands four of the five churches possess old ship's bells, as did the churches of Sutton Bridge, Lincs, and St. George's, Manchester.

Down in the mountains of Bulgaria, peasants have no money to invest in church bells, and they needed something to sound the summons. At Doubnitsa, the town whence hailed the brigand Zandansky who captured Miss Stone, they have solved the problem thus. One of the iron yokes used for harnessing the oxen which serve everywhere as horses do with us, is suspended from a chain, and this then from the pole that crosses the Cathedral porch. A simple iron bar then serves to beat the gong, and so call the faithful to devotions.

Some churches in England have substitutes for bells in large tubular gongs, similar to orchestral tubes but larger in size. [We have three sets in Leicestershire: Glenfield, Ashby de la Zouch, and St. James the Great, Leicester.] Other churches have hemispherical bells—like huge saucers—struck by chime hammers. For quality of tone and carrying power the ordinary church bell is unrivalled, but for small belfries where space is limited, hemispherical bells are the most suitable. They are usually fitted with a chiming apparatus which enables one person to manipulate a full set. Those are infinitely better than the horrid substitutes some churches have recently installed of gramophone records of bells amplified by loud speakers. To insert in a church tower a machine to call folks to service, or a gramophone reproduction of church bells—is nothing short of desecration and a sham. The human touch is immediately lost, quite apart from the impropriety of such an innovation.

In 'Pot-pourri from "Church Bells"' 'R.W.' August 4th, 1961, page 529, we read of a suggestion put forward for steel bars in lieu of church bells. They were introduced into the U.S.A. and Germany and, said Dr. Ferdinand Rahles, their tone was pure, distinct and melodious. One can only agree with what the then editor added: 'If the only object of bells is to make a noise a "lot of old frying pans would do." Therefore it is vanity to talk of substitutes.'



## THIS WEEK'S OUTINGS PAGE

### SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Bells of a varied quality were experienced by the Society of Cambridge Youths during their outing on August 12th, the party consisting of 26 ringers and a few non-ringing friends.

The first bells encountered were the ancient eight at Great Waltham, where ringing included Double Norwich, Grandsire, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Stedman.

The new eight at Coggeshall proved to be a joy to ring, the only drawback to the older members being the narrow, winding iron staircase. Methods rung here were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Surprise.

The journey to Colchester was prolonged by half an hour due to extremely heavy traffic, making lunch there even more welcome. The afternoon's ringing commenced on St. Peter's pleasantly turned eight, which responded well to Plain and Treble Bob methods.

We then repaired to rural ringing again, starting at Stoke-by-Nayland after a 64-step climb to the ringing chamber. This rather flat eight seemed loath to strike very well, and refused to ring London or Cambridge, and the finishing touch of Stedman had to be made a plain course after three tries. We left with the afterthought that they would have gone better had they been rung faster.

Tea, at Hadleigh, was followed by speeches and Mr. J. W. R. Quinney (secretary and treasurer) welcomed Canon J. Fison, president of the Society, and also friends from Over, Meldreth and other Cambridgeshire villages. In his reply, Canon Fison expressed the wishes of all in thanking Mr. Quinney for making the arrangements.

We had been warned that Hadleigh bells were hard going and were not surprised when nothing other than Plain Bob and Grandsire succeeded. The one attempt at Cambridge finished when the 2nd rebelled against so much dodging and the rope wedged firmly in the pulley. Several ringers attempted to ring the 7th, the hardest going bell of all, but combined with the difficulty of ringing the middle bells, the poor unfortunates were to be pitied. We gladly heard afterwards that the local ringers are hoping to have the bells rehung, and we wish them luck in their quest, as these well toned bells will benefit from easier movement.

Lavenham completed the round trip of towers, perhaps the most beautiful of all; although bewildering to the younger ringers to attempt to ring anti-clockwise, at the same time recalling memories for the older members of the days at Great St. Mary's before rehanging, when they were also hung anti-clockwise. Cambridge, Yorkshire, Grandsire and Stedman were rung to good effect, although new ropes on the 3rd, 5th and 7th bells made ringing difficult for strangers. The ringers dispersed for liquid refreshment until the coach left at about 9.30 p.m. We reached Cambridge at about 10.45 p.m.

We thank incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation. P. J. B.

### HAMPSHIRE RINGING OUTING

A company of about 20 ringers from towers as far apart as Highclere and Putney and Reading spent August Bank Holiday ringing at eight Hampshire towers.

Proceedings started on the ground floor rings at Bentley and Binsted, followed by another six at Bramshott, rung from the centre of the church. After lunch at Hindhead, the good six at Blackmoor were well tested and Doubles and Minimus were rung on the five at Selborne.

The highlight of the day was the fine eight at St. Mary's, Liss, where a good course of London was among the methods rung. Tea was taken in this village. The eight at Hawley were not so easy to strike, but despite this London and Cambridge were managed and we were pleased to see again Charlie Pound. The last tower—Newton Valence—proved to be a good five. Our thanks go to Hazel and Cherry White, for organising such an enjoyable day.

G. D.

### ST. SAVIOUR'S, EASTBOURNE

Michael started it all really, bemoaning the fact that there was no ringing anywhere on August Bank Holiday. Alan and Godfrey took up the implied challenge and the result was a trip into Surrey which, although based on Eastbourne, became a sort of East Sussex combined effort. A round dozen towers were represented by ringers of all shapes and sizes, including that august and friendly personage, the Master of the Association.

By coincidence, the morning towers were all rings of eight—Chiddingfold, Shere and Wonsersh, and with a gratifying number of youngsters present many rounds and Grandsire touches were rung before proceeding to other methods. At Wonsersh an astonishing assortment of bags and bottles made an appearance as everyone stoked up in readiness for the afternoon's ringing. This started on another eight, Cranleigh, where we made the acquaintance of William Beeson and admired the spick-and-span belfry and ringing chamber.

At Ockley, the six required more attention to handling, and we were glad to sit down to tea. Newdigate with its Christmas card wooden tower was next, and in the churchyard we pleased passers-by with a shaky course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. A reference to Sussex Treble Bob on an old peal board caused some discussion. Charlwood (6), our final call, produced some of the best striking of the day, with Double Court and Cambridge Minor.

After a brief halt the hilarious journey back to Sussex commenced, and many choruses, old and new, assaulted the ears of the unfortunate driver. A vote of thanks to 'the organists,' was received with deafening applause. H. R.

### NORTH CORNWALL RINGERS VISIT S.W. DEVON

On August Bank Holiday, the ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, rang at nine towers, arriving at the first, Lamerton, at 9.30 a.m. Then on to Bere Ferrers, with its very nice six, in a tiny ringing chamber, about seven square feet. It was here that we joined forces with the Plymouth contingent and a well struck touch of Kent was brought round.

At 11.45 Buckland Monachorum, the old home of Sir Francis Drake, near Buckland Abbey, Reuben Sanders turned the tenor in to Plain Bob Major. We then adjourned to the local for refreshment and to consume the sandwiches and pasties.

A locked church caused delay at Tamerton (6) and only a short ring was possible. St. Budeaux proved to be a very good six and then came Eggbuckland, where the bells had recently been rehung by Mears, and a very good job, too.

A run across country, of about 10 miles, brought us to Brixton, the roughest six of the day, and where a bellhanger is badly needed. On then to a local beauty spot, Wembury, its church, St. Werburgh's (with a light six), being poised on the edge of the cliff, and commanding a good view of the Edystone lighthouse. The last tower, All Saints', Plymouth, was the highlight of the tour. The local ringers are well known in Devon for their high standard of striking at the call change contests. After some fairly good method ringing, it was suggested that we ring the Devon competition peal, '60 on thirds.' This was achieved, much to the surprise of several of the local band, who were listening outside. We thought we had finished ringing for the day, but we were joined by Plymouth men for refreshment and they asked us to go to the tower and ring the 60 again (three of them and three of us). The result was acclaimed as very good. It was a very nice day, greatly enjoyed by all. W. G. L.

### FARINGDON, BERKS

For their outing into Hampshire on August 12th, Faringdon ringers were joined by friends from Buckland, Hinton Waldrist, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Shrivenham, Highworth, Wanborough and St. Albans.

Ringings took place before tea at East Garston, Highclere and Andover, and afterwards at Collingbourne Ducis and Hungerford. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make this outing a great success.

## DEDICATION

### LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

All Saints', Little Shelford, now has a ring of six bells, and these were dedicated on May 20th by the Lord Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson. The service, a modified Evensong, was conducted by the Rector, Canon E. H. Sibson, and the Archdeacon of Ely, the Ven. E. H. Kirkpatrick, read one of the lessons. During the service rounds were rung by the local ringers, and the Bishop then gave an address.

After the service, there was a short period for ringing before tea, which was provided by the wives of the local ringers. About 40 visitors then returned to the tower and made good use of the bells for the rest of the evening. Everybody agreed that they were a very pleasant six.

The previous ring of five bells was in a wooden frame, which had for some time been rather unsafe. When it was decided to rehang them the ringers undertook to provide the money for a new treble, and it carries the inscription, 'The Gift of the Ringers, 1961.'

The date of the second is 1703, and of the third 1701, but both these had to be recast in 1895. The fourth was given in 1612 by the Earl of Southampton, whose family had occupied the Manor House. Unfortunately, this bell was found to be cracked and so has been recast with a facsimile of the original inscription, 'Ricardus Holdfeldy me fecit Henrie Wryesley Earl of Southamptun 1612.' The fifth has the inscription, 'Cristofor Woodgate C.W. 1701,' and the tenor, which weighs 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G, is of the same date. The work has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

D. E. S.

## WEDDING

### MR. P. J. BIRD—MISS M. J. CLARKE

A well known Bristol ringer, Mr. Patrick J. Bird, B.Sc., was married on July 29th at St. Augustine's Church, Rumney, Mon, to Miss Mary J. Clarke. The bride, like the bridegroom, is a teacher in Bristol.

Before the service the bridegroom's friends from Bristol rang the bells and the bridegroom also took part in a touch of Single Court Minor. Ringing after the service was by the local band.

The service was conducted by Canon C. K. Smith and Dr. David Heighton was organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an all white classic line, full length dress of satin dupion, made by her grandmother. She had a pearl of diamanté coronet and full length veil and carried a bouquet of peach roses, white lilies of the valley and white stephanotis. A friend of long standing, Miss Margaret Stephens, was her bridesmaid. Mr. Alan Baskerville was best man. Ushers were Messrs. Peter and Adrian Bird and Robert Clarke. The reception was held at Wentloog Castle, and the honeymoon spent at Tenby.

### HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS

Holme Pierrepont ringers had an enjoyable outing into Yorkshire on August Bank Holiday. Ringing started in the very small tower at Monk Bretton (6), with just enough room to stand providing one pulled straight down. The fourth was loose and awkward to ring. A much better six was at Royston and also Felkirk, where there was no stay on the treble.

We would prefer not to mention the next tower. It was only after oiling by the Ringing Master that bells could be rung in rounds. We were quite pleased to find at Horbury there was a nice clean belfry, sally backstrokes and a fine ring of eight. Many methods were rung here—Bob Major, Grandsire and a few 6-bell methods, in which the tower captain took part, with his closed backstroke leads.

Crofton bells, a wonderful six, were the best ring of the day, and ringing included London Scholars', Cambridge Minor, Kent and Oxford. At Wragby we rang before a large audience, who asked innumerable questions. Fortunately there was no really bad ringing at this tower. Kirkby, the last tower of the day, made an enjoyable finale. Most of us were tired the next day, but it was worth it.

A. H.



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### ENGAGEMENT

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Alec W. Fry is now 'Shiplap,' Upper Street, Leeds, near Maidstone, Kent. 8733

The address of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith and Stephen is now 11, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norfolk. 8729

Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Threlfall and family have moved from Bromley, Kent, and are now at 3, Pighale Close, Harston, Cambridgeshire. 8747

### PERSONAL

'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.' (Heb. xii, 2a.)

Messrs. F. Adcock and S. E. Denby, of Mansfield, sincerely thank Ringing Masters and companies of Freshwater, Carisbrooke and Godshill for their cordial welcome to their towers and in finding at short notice excellent accommodation for their recent holiday during a busy holiday week. 8734

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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## MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Chesterfield District, Ashover, Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8698

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting with the DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION at Repton on Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 8673

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Dickleburgh, Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Denham, Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benson, Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 8692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 8709

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Langdon Hills on Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8689

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingly on August 26th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please to F. Becey (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8699

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Kirkburton on September 2nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for teas to Mr. Eric Burton, 3, Lane Head Lane, Kirkburton, please. All welcome.—D. Smith. 8716

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Combined meeting, Chewton Mendip, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baber, Barrow Farm, Chewton Mendip, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chiltoncompton. 8732

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Pavenham, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Names for tea essential. Please notify by Wednesday. Mr. Clare, 59, Elm Cottages, Pavenham, Bedford. 8744

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, 3 p.m., Saturday, September 2nd. Great Wolford (6), near Shipston-on-Stour. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 8659

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, September 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, Redcliffe, Lymstone. 8677

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts.—Combined meeting at Newton Hall, Saturday, September 2nd. Picnic tea (bring own). Bells 3 p.m. 8748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murrell, Dis. Sec. 8740

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting Grayshott (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, August 28th, to W. W. Wright, Menevia, Prospect Road, Farnborough. 8737

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Bridgnorth, Saturday, September 2nd. St. Leonard's bells 2.45 till 4.30 and 6 till 8.30 p.m. St. Mary's 3 till 4.15 and 6.15 till 8 p.m. Service, St. Leonard's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, by previous Wednesday.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 8722

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice meeting at Hinxworth, Saturday, September 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8715

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenham, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. Evans, 20, Wadding Street, Radlett, Tel. 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8718

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Notify for tea by Wednesday, August 30th, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By meeting at Higham, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 8700

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burnmarsh, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Hythe, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8721

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle (New Lane), on September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 8726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rockdale Branch.—Meeting, September 2nd (note date) at Leesfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Arrangements for evening ringing will be announced later.—Hudson, Sec. 8749

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Ulceby (6), September 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by August 30th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 8687

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whaddon, September 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon, Bletchley. 8723

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Upavon, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8716

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting which was to have been held at Hope on September 2nd has had to be cancelled.—R. Farnsworth. 8743

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts, by Wednesday, August 30th.—S. Adams. 8713

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, September 2nd, Esher, Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Kingston bells after. Names for tea to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Sunbition, Surrey, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 8679

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hammerwood, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (T.N. 438), by Wednesday, August 30th. 8742

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on September 2nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 8688

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 2nd, St. John's Church, Bournemouth. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Parish Hall. Names for: tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. Michael Best, 5, Hursidown Road, Castle Lane, Bournemouth. 8728

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 9th. Entrance fee 6s. Names to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Tea please notify Mr. John Whitehouse, Gwyder Bottom, Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, not later than September 5th.—J. W. Buxton. 8731



**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 6th. to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8719

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Canterbury District.—Combined meeting with the **LADIES' GUILD** at Chilham. Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall, cost 2s. 6d. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, September 6th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8680

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, September 9th. Chart Sutton (6), 3-5 p.m. East Sutton (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Queen's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. Please send names to me.—R. L. Silts, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 8693

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Half-yearly ringing and committee meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, September 9th. Bells available: Dalton-in-Furness (10) and Barrow-in-Furness (8) both from 1 p.m. Committee meeting, St. Margaret's Sunday School, 4, Tea to follow 5 p.m. Names to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, by September 6th.—F. Dunkerley, Gen. Sec. 8725

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to be held in the Wolverhampton area. Towers available:

Morning.—Walsall 10.30 to 11.45 (12 bells). Penn 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8). Sedgley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8).

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Service at St. Peter's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in St. Peter's Institute. Evening.—Willenhall 6.30 to 9 (10). Penn 6.30 to 9 (8). Codsall 6.30 to 9 (8). Bushbury 6.30 to 9 p.m. (6).

Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall, by Tuesday, September 5th.

NO NAMES NO TEA.

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Joint meeting, Elloe Deaneries Branch and **LADIES' GUILD** at Fleet, September 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Gedney Guest House 5 p.m. Ringing at Gedney (6) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 6th, to B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Spalding. 8720

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Silk Willoughby, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8746

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Spelsbury, Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 8746

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, September 9th. Wilton, and evening South Newton. Tea for those who send names by September 5th, to A. Haines, 4, Fugglestone Bungalows, Wilton. 8746

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Guiseley, Saturday, September 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, September 7th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 'Dunster', Oxford Avenue, Guiseley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8724

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual festival, Saturday, September 30th, in the Farnham District. All fourteen towers will be open at some time during the day. Details later. 8738

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**—Preliminary: The annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th. Tickets (13s. each) shortly available from Branch officers. Dinner Committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

### A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

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*Long Melford, Suffolk*.—July 22nd, 1782.—'Attend, ye Gods, O Harke, ye Saints Devine, Give Merite Due To a Ringer's Rhyme—No Trifling Peal, i Mean, no Paltry change—London Court Bob that Peal of mighty Range. And here as in the Following time are named: These were the men for Ringing Highly famed: Samuel Scott as first with the Treble he did lead. The second was rung by Joshua Steed;

Joseph Cutts with the third stood well in his Place.

John Pearson the fourth Bell Swayed in the chase,

James Green the fifth of whom stood much in Neede,

And the Sixth Bell was rung by William Smith indeed,

John Corder called the Peal, and with the

[Seventh stood, George Cadge the Tenor, and allowed that All was Good,

The changes were five thousand and Twice one scoor;

And it is Supposed 'twere Never Done Before Within three Hours and ten minutes Space;

And the Changes took no Ringer from his

[Place.]

*Circular issued by John Holt, 1753*.—'Mr. John Holt of London, having at length discovered a method of ringing 5040 Grandsire Triples without changes over again... also made improvements in Plain Bob and Union Triples, all of which he is willing to communicate to ye world, but as his circumstances are low, and as he can expect no reward for his labour, nor assistance towards ye expenses of publishing them, but from his bretheren in ye art, he proposes to have neatly printed... and deliver copsy to any single person or any set of 8 bell-ringers who shall subscribe not less than 5s. 3d. . . . To the Ipswich Journal. 1 Sep 1753.'

*Bell News from America*.—A chime of bells known as the Eldridge Chime has been installed in Gracechurch, Lynn, Massachusetts—nine bells in key E with a flat second.

They are called (treble to tenor) The Children's Bell, The Burial Bell, The Marriage Bell [this is the flat second!—C.R.], The Easter Bell, The Rector's Bell, The Holy Communion Bell, The Christmas Bell, The Holy Baptism Bell and (tenor) The Donor's Bell.

*'Ring of Bells*.—Note by the Editor. "A Liverpool College Youth" asks the meaning of the term. It is the old and proper word for a set of bells—the word "peal" used to be limited to ringing only. "The Ring of Bells" is a common public-house sign: you never met with it as "The Peal of Bells"

*Mansfield*.—The ringers 'struck' for higher pay after Christmas, 1872. The demand was resisted and they resigned. A young band was formed. They progressed well, practising for 2½ hours a night three nights per week—a severe trial to neighbours round the churchyard, and it is simply wonderful with what forbearance they endured the noise.'

They also practised on a set of hand-bells 'which the boys have bought for themselves out of their ringing fees. . . . They are to be admitted and constituted the Parish Church Ringers by a religious service next month.' (I.e., Nov., 1873.)

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### LATE NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch.—On Saturday, September 2nd, meeting at Christ Church, Aughton, 3 to 4.30 p.m., then at Ormskirk from 4.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 8750

**HERTFORDSHIRE RINGING COMPETITION**. 1961.—Looking forward to a good gathering at Apsley on September 30th. Entries please by September 1st, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 8751

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD**.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting and dinner, Grantham, Saturday, September 30th. (Please note new date.) Full details later. Dinner, George Hotel, Grantham. Tickets 18s. 6d. each, from J. A. Smith, Police House, Thurcaston, Leicester. 8752

### OBITUARY

PREB. E. G. BENSON

With deep regret we announce the death of Preb. Edward Geoffrey Benson, M.A., Rector of Presteigne for 11 years and Rural Dean of Kingston. Preb. Benson collapsed and died suddenly while on a short visit to his son at Sheffield, on August 5th. He is survived by his widow and three sons.

Preb. Benson was a graduate of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and after taking his degree went to Cuddesdon Theological College in 1927 and was ordained a deacon, and a priest in the following year. While at Cambridge he was a member of the Cambridge University Guild. The livings he had held were Tewkesbury from 1928 to 1932, Quatford 1932-36, Burghill 1936-1950 and Presteigne 1950-61. In March this year he was instituted as Prebendary of Cublington in Hereford Cathedral.

His services to the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers had been of great value. He was vice-president of the Guild for many years. He had served on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He had twice represented the Guild on the Central Council and was a member at the time of his death. With the Clerical Guild he was a popular member. Shortly before his death he rang with the Sussex tourists when they visited Herefordshire.

The Bishop of Hereford, Dr. T. Longworth, was present at the funeral service at Presteigne on August 8th. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Chignell, Vicar of Kingston, and the committal service at Burghill by the Archdeacon of Hereford, the Ven. T. B. Randolph. In his address the Bishop said Preb. Benson would be greatly missed. He had been active in many ways and had been vice-president of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers and a valued member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Bellringers were represented by Messrs. A. T. Wingate, W. Gittens, A. Williams, F. Sandford, J. Hope and Mrs. E. Chandler. On the following night a memorial quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by representatives of the Guild from Hereford, Leominster and Ross-on-Wye Districts. A memorial peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Burghill on Sunday, August 13th, by a band of visiting ringers, conducted by A. P. Cannon.

### 'POT-POURRI' (Continued)

*Stawley, Somerset*.—The ring of three ancient bells has lately been augmented to five by Messrs. Taylor. Dedicated Thurs., Sept. 25th, 1873. 'The church and churchyard were tastefully decorated. The bells were ably rung by Mr. Troyte's band from Huntsham.'

*Sheffield*.—On Tues. 14 Oct 1873, five of the St. Peter's Society of Change-ringers, with Mr. Hulme of Macclesfield; H. Madin of Staveley; and J. W. Snowdon of the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change-ringers rang on the bells of St. Peter's Church, Sheffield . . . 5120 Kent T.B. Major . . . 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. in G . . . conducted by C. H. Hattersley' (ringing the 2nd).

*'York Minster*. . . A new peal of bells was given by the late Stephen Beckwith M.D. in 1843; and the Great "Peter" bell was purchased by public subscription in 1845 . . .'

*Bells not Told during the Commonwealth*.—An extract from Brown's 'Antiquitates Vulgare, 1725'. . . In a vestry book belonging to the Chapel of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne it is observable that the tolling of the bell is not mention'd in the parish accounts from 1643 to 1645 when we find it ordered to be toll'd again. At a vestry holden 21 Jan 1655 whereas for some years past the collecting of the duty for bell and tolling hath been forborn and laid aside, which hath much lessened the revenue of the church, by which, and suchlike means, it is brought into dilapidations . . . and that those who desire to have the use of the bells may freely have them as formerly, paying the accustomed fees. . . .'

*Slapton, Devon*.—'Some Devonshire . . . ringers have lately been desecrating the church bells at Slapton . . . in prize-ringing fooleries . . . with FIVE BELLS!!!'

(To be continued)



**BURSTWICK LITTLE BOB**

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 3 4 5 6  
 2 3 1 6 4 5  
 3 2 6 1 5 4  
 3 6 2 1 4 5  
 6 3 1 2 5 4  
 6 1 3 5 2 4  
 1 6 3 5 4 2  
 1 6 5 3 2 4

Bob.

1 6 3 5 4 2 —  
 1 3 6 5 2 4

The method might logically be called 'Little Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob,' but a shorter name is obviously preferable, especially when it is rung Spliced, with, for example, Reverse Canterbury.

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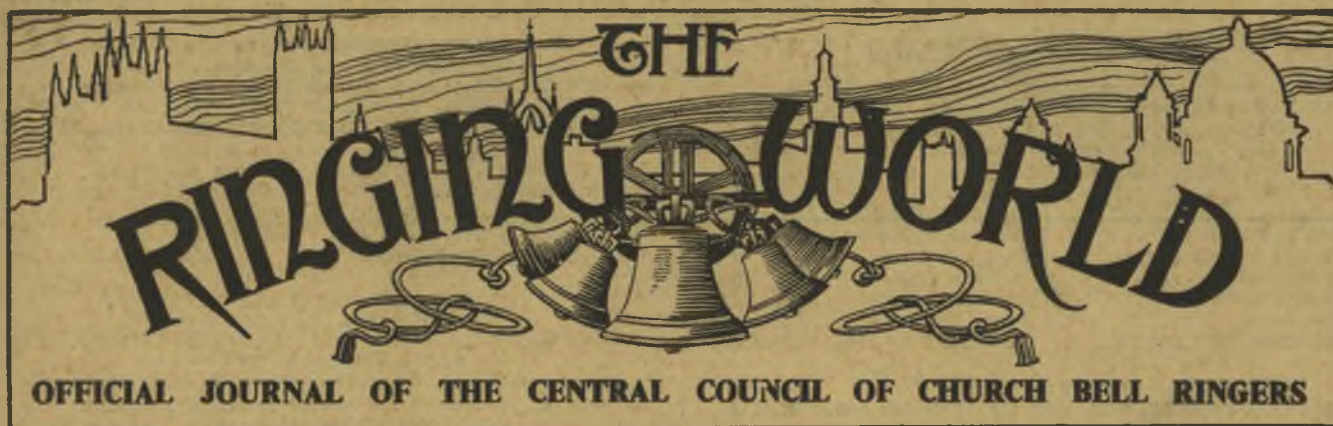
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## THE ACHIEVEMENT FACTOR

### The Professor Assists In Solving A Problem

I WAS troubled. It wasn't that I found it impossible to explain to my wife that the prize piece of china simply came apart in my hand, nor that I could see no way of extricating my favourite knight from the diabolical pin under which it had, rather perversely, placed itself in my correspondence game. These were worries enough to be sure. But this was even more serious. I went to the Professor: perhaps he could help me. I told him that at the last meeting I had heard two ringing friends of mine arguing over the respective merits of the peals they had rung during the previous week. They had turned and asked me which I thought was the better achievement of the two. I had to admit that I didn't know. Now, as I told Mr. Dodge, I hate to make such an admission.

'I promised,' I said to him, 'to give them an answer later.'

'In other words,' said the Professor, 'you begged to defer!'

'Very clever,' I replied. 'But what would your answer have been?'

'Curiously enough,' he began, 'this is a subject...'

'To which you have given a great deal of attention?' I interrupted.

'Yes,' he said, looking at me rather suspiciously. 'How did you know?'

'Never mind,' I answered. 'Please continue.'

'There is no doubt that a peal by a local band is always more creditable than one rung by a "mixed" band. A team of experts who meet to ring a simple method on good-going bells may add to their peal quota, but can scarcely be said to have reached a high standard of achievement. They may have the satisfaction of ringing a well struck peal, but can be likened to a symphony orchestra with an international reputation, which plays "Poet and Peasant" just to show how good they are or a Strauss waltz to demonstrate the quality of their strings.'

'I once heard the Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Bruno Walter, play some Strauss waltzes,' I observed. 'I thought they sounded rather nice!'

The Professor snorted.

'Wait till you have heard them play Schubert's "Great" C Major,' he retorted, 'something that is worthy of them.'

'You don't suggest,' I said, 'that there is more achievement value in, say, a local band scoring its first peal of Bob Minor than there is in a team of "experts" ringing a multi-method peal?'

'It is possible,' he replied. 'At any rate there could be a greater sense of achievement in the first case. The quarter peal columns of "The Ringing World" are full of the names of proud ringers many of whom have rung quite simple methods. Some of these names which appear in our journal for the first time in this manner may be names that will at some future period be familiar throughout the Exercise, but it is doubtful whether, in many cases, their sense of achievement will be greater at any time than when they read this first report in minute print.'

'There is always a sense of achievement,' continued the Professor, 'in breaking fresh ground. "The first in the method," "The first peal on the bells," "The quickest peal." These are types of footnotes constantly appearing in the peal columns of the "R.W." I am not so sure that this desire to achieve something fresh or to do something different does not lead at times to a distorted sense of value. There is a vast difference between ringing (say) a peal of Surprise Royal or Maximus in a new method and one of Minor in a single new method, especially as in the latter case bands sometimes resort to methods of doubtful value and are, in most instances, capable of ringing a peal in at least seven methods. A band that can ring a peal in seven Minor methods should never be satisfied with less.'

'Of course,' he went on, 'method difficulty must always be taken into consideration when assessing the achievement factor, although allowances must also be made for the ability and experience of the members of the team concerned.'

'Surely,' I objected, 'isn't that equivalent to saying that the school orchestra which struggles through the Minuet and Trio from Mozart's E flat Symphony on Speech Day is achieving as much as the professional symphony orchestra that performs Beethoven's Eighth?'

'And why not?' demanded the Professor. 'Doesn't it all depend upon how well each performs within the limits of the powers at its disposal. I have heard some pretty grim renderings of the "Eighth" and, I may add, some equally grim performances of Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Cinques!'

'And I,' I countered, 'have not exactly been enamoured with the school orchestras (nor with every peal of Minor) that I have heard!'

With great restraint we avoided coming to blows!

'Bands sometimes attempt peals,' he continued after a time, 'that are really beyond their capabilities. Difficult methods badly struck with many mistakes cannot really be classed as great achievements, even though they may look nice in print. On the other hand, a well struck peal in a simple method on rough going, odd struck bells may give great satisfaction and be a first class job of work, though it may look modest in the peal columns.'

'Of course, the sense of achievement may differ in individuals in the same peal. For instance, a young ringer securing his first peal may, and indeed most certainly will, derive from the peal greater enjoyment (satisfaction, sense of achievement, call it what you will) than the veterans that complete the team, although some of the veterans would be less than human if they did not share the young ringer's pleasure.'

'I have,' said Mr. Dodge, much to my surprise, 'prepared no formula for the evaluation of the Achievement Factor. If, however, you think carefully over what I have said and take all the points mentioned into consideration, it may help you to decide your difficult problem.'

I thanked the Professor for his assistance. I was able to go back to my two ringing friends the following week and tell them which of the two peals I considered the greater achievement.

One of them had broken down after 1½ hours, anyway!

H.C.



## TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ANN BARR .. .. . Treble	DAVID T. DARBY .. .. . 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . 2	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. . 8
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. . 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. . 9
JOHN McDONALD .. .. . 4	PETER BORDER .. .. . 10
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. . 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. . 11
PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. . 6	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN .. .. . Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. . 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. . 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. . 8
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. . 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . 9
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Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LONDON, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

### A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. . Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. . 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. . 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. . 8
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. . 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. . 9
JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. . 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. . 10
*REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. . 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. . 11
NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. . 6	DENNIS RANDALL .. .. . Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. . Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. . 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. . 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. . 7
FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. . 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. . 8
RODERICK J. LEES .. .. . 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. . 5	JOHN McDONALD .. .. . Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

JOHN PINFOLD .. .. . Treble	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. . 5
JOHN McDONALD .. .. . 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. . 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. . 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. . 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. . 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . Treble	HARRY POYNOR .. .. . 5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. . 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. . 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. . 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. . 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.43).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 600th peal on tower bells. B. Stedman Payne has 'circled the tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. . Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. . 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. . 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .. . 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. . 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. . 7
BASIL JONES .. .. . 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

RICHARD J. CARTER .. .. . Treble	*ALAN J. WILLIAMS .. .. . 5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. . 2	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD .. .. . 6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD .. .. . 3	KENNETH A. ROE .. .. . 7
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. . 4	CECIL H. F. KNIGHT .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.

\* First peal on eight.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JEAN F. BARNETT .. .. . Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. . 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. . 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. . 6
†SHEILA M. DOBBIE .. .. . 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. . 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. .. . 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie on their tenth wedding anniversary.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT BISHOP LATIMER'S CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. . 5
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. . 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. . 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. . 3	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. . 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

### A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

ROY COLLINS .. .. . Treble	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 2	*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. .. 6
*DENIS G. BLOWS .. .. . 3	*JOHN KING .. .. . 7
*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB .. 4	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

\* First peal in the method, and on the bells.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

*DAPHNE P. BROWN .. .. . Treble	GEORGE A. RANGLES .. .. . 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. .. . 2	*ROBIN BROWN .. .. . 6
PETER A. SHARP .. .. . 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. . 7
JOHN WALDEN .. .. . 4	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia Bibby, of Frodsham, Cheshire.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. . 5
PETER BORDER .. .. . 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. . 6
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. . 3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. . 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. . 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.



OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.  
ERIC T. LEE .. .. Treble REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5  
DOROTHY PEARCE .. .. 2 \*RONALD K. RUSS .. .. 6  
WILLIAM J. IRVING .. .. 3 CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 7  
\*DAVID E. PAPWORTH .. 4 GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor  
Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.  
Rung immediately after the marriage of Ian Macgregor and Ruth Sanders, younger daughter of Canon and Mrs. F. A. Sanders and a member of the Overton band of ringers.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sun., Aug. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt.  
\*ARTHUR C. WELLS .. .. Treble N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY .. .. 5  
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 2 \*WILLIAM J. DUMOLO .. .. 6  
† PHILIP J. SAPWELL .. .. 3 † DANIEL T. PHILLIPS .. .. 7  
\*ROY E. CULLINGTON .. .. 4 DEREK W. PARDON .. .. Tenor  
Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First 'inside.' First of Major by a local band for over 20 years.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.  
\*STANLEY ANDERTON .. .. Treble JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 5  
\*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE .. 2 LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. .. 6  
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3 CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. .. 7  
JOHN H. GARTSIDE .. .. 4 \*HENRY C. LEWIS .. .. Tenor  
Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.  
\* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.  
OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble FRED JACKSON .. .. 5  
\*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2 CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 6  
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 3 ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 7  
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 4 FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor  
Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.  
\* First peal of Surprise.  
Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.  
M. JO MORETON .. .. Treble MICHAEL W. CQLEMAN .. .. 5  
\*HEATHER M. JOHNSTONE .. 2 \*JOHN SAYERS .. .. 6  
\*MARK W. SAYERS .. .. 3 ROBERT A. REEVES .. .. 7  
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4 WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor  
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.  
\* First peal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.  
\*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Treble \*EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 5  
\*JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 2 \*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 6  
\*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3 \*WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 7  
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 4 WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor  
Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
\* First peal in the method, and for the Association.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Fri., Aug. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.  
\*IAN FRIEND .. .. Treble ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 5  
ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. .. 2 BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 6  
HAROLD ROBERTS .. .. 3 ERIC YOUNG .. .. 7  
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4 † FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight bells.  
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Ayre, whose funeral took place the previous day.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.  
\*JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. Treble RICHARD HOBBS .. .. 5  
MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 2 \*HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 6  
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3 KENNETH RUTLAND .. .. 7  
DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. 4 ERNEST PRESTON .. .. Tenor  
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.  
\* 25th peal together.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.  
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 5  
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 2 FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 6  
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3 LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. .. 7  
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 4 STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor  
Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.  
Rung to welcome Andrew John Stainsby.

FARNHAM, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.  
CHARLES W. DENYER .. Treble \*EDWARD L. BOX .. .. 5  
\*DUDLEY ELSMORE .. .. 2 REX J. CORKE .. .. 6  
\*ROSEMARY W. CHAPMAN .. 3 ROY COLLINS .. .. 7  
† RICHARD NORTH .. .. 4 E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor  
Composed and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7½ cwt.  
ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. Treble JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5  
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6  
EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 3 ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7  
GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 4 BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. Tenor  
Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
First peal in the method by all except the sixth ringer.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.  
THOMAS O. PIERCY .. Treble FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5  
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2 GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 6  
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3 DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 7  
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 4 J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor  
Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.  
Rung as a compliment to Miss Averil W. Piercy and Mr. Richard G. Pearson, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

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## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,  
A PEAL OF 5024 WYMONDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. . 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. . 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. . 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. . 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. . 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.  
First peal in the method, Corrigan No. 349.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARION J. PAGE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR .. .. . 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 6
ALEXANDER PAGE .. .. . 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. . 7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. . 4	†W. LESLIE WELLER .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.  
\* 200th peal. † 100th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Portsea, the Rev. F. S. Temple, M.A.

## WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM J. DIXON .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. . 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. . 2	†PETER PEARCE .. .. . 6
*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 3	*THOMAS W. TIMMS .. .. 7
PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. . 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 6
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. . 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNOR. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

## WYMONDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

x 56 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 38.12 x 14.38

8ths place. L.-e. 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.
*MICHAEL COPSON .. .. Treble	ERIC ROBERTS .. .. . 4
DAVID LEE .. .. . 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 5
J. HARRY COOK .. .. . 3	†ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

\* First peal of Minor. † 75th for the Guild.

Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

## ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being five extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob, New Grandsire, and six each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, and ten six-scores of Grandsire.  
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*MAY STEVENS .. .. Treble	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. . 4
JOY SMITH .. .. . 2	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. . 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. . 3	ANTHONY E. STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## EAST SUTTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble	*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. . 2	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. . 5
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. . 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

## CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 8½ cwt.
*JOYCE NEWTON .. .. Treble	†F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. . 4
LEONARD COPNALL .. .. . 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. . 5
*DAVID KIRKHAM .. .. . 3	ROBERT BARRATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal. † 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell peal to the treble ringer, who is leaving to go to college.

## ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 33 variations: (1) Stedman, (2) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (3) Plain Bob, (4) April Day, (5) Kennington, (6) Old, (7) Besthorpe, (8) St. Simon, (9) Eynsham, (10) St. Albans, (11) Cassington, (12) Shropham, (13) St. Martin, (14) St. Leonard, (15) St. Paul, (16) St. Peter, (17) Mileham, (18) Southrepps, (19) Clifford's Pleasure, (20) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (21) St. Columb, (22) Costessy, (23) St. Giles, (24) St. Andrew, (25) St. Nicholas, (26) St. Thomas, (27) Norwich, (28) St. Miles, (29) St. John, (30) Winchendon Place, (31) St. Luke, (32) Walsingham, (33) Plain Bob, (34) April Day, (35) Kennington, (36) Old, (37) Besthorpe, (38) Southrepps, (39) Clifford's Pleasure, (40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (41) St. Columb, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

MARK G. WOOD .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 3
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 4
BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. . Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Morris.

## COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALLAN HOLLING .. .. Treble	MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 4
DAVID LEE .. .. . 2	ERIC ROBERTS .. .. . 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 3	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

## BOLINGBROKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID T. MAULTBY (13) Treble	ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. . 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. . 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. . 5
JOHN M. BURTON .. .. . 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

\* First peal.

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley.

## CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Southrepps, Northrepps, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, April Day, New Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, and five each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL .. .. 4
JOY SMITH .. .. . 2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE .. . 5
REGINALD G. POWELL .. . 3	ANTHONY E. STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in ten methods by all the band.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spiers.

## GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob; each called differently.	Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.
F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. Treble	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. . 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. . 2	PETER T. DALE .. .. . 5
JOHN RYDER .. .. . 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment for the father of the treble ringer.



KIRBY WISKE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
In seven methods, being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Single Oxford,  
Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 111 lb. in A.

JOHN A. BROWN .. .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4
MARION S. AINSWORTH .. .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

100th peal as conductor.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SHELFORD DELIGHT MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.  
CHRISTOPHER R. F. MUNCEY Treble | DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. .. 4  
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5  
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. 3 | DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging and augmentation to six.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
\*RICHARD HOLT .. .. Treble | HAROLD PARKINSON .. .. 4  
JAMES WALSH .. .. 2 | JOHN PILKINGTON .. .. 5  
\*ROBERT BOLT .. .. 3 | BARRY PICKUP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRY PICKUP.

\* First peal of Minor.

STOCKBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.  
J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. .. Treble | NORMAN HAYES .. .. 4  
DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 2 | \*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 5  
\*RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 3 | DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.

\* First peal of Minor. First on the bells, rehanged by Mears in 1888.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Aug. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Bourne, Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN D. DOWE .. .. Treble	GILBERT LARTER .. .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 5
PETER ADCOCK .. .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 5
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	FRANCIS C. MOGEFORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

SHELFORD DELIGHT MINOR  
x 34 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 36. L.-e. 12.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.  
\*PETER WATSON .. .. Treble | MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 4  
CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES .. .. 2 | GWYN I. LEWIS .. .. 5  
†GARETH JONES .. .. 3 | TREVOR M. RODERICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Bob, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

*KEITH H. MILDRED .. .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4
†MARK G. WOOD .. .. 2	*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal on six bells and first away from tenor. † First in five Minor methods 'inside.' ‡ 700th peal.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Court.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. PARKER .. Treble	*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	HORACE BENNETT .. .. 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 25th peal together.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.  
\*MAUREEN E. LAWRENCE .. Treble | CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 4  
†J. YORKE PARKER .. .. 2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 5  
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. .. 3 | DEREK G. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK G. TAYLOR.  
\* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

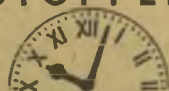
Being 14 methods in seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) London Surprise, (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob: with 46 changes of method.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 5
*VALERIE WILLARD .. .. 3	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal in more than seven methods.

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**HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 20 variations: (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2) Grandsire, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) Plain Bob, (5) April Day, (6) Kennington, (7) St. Simon, (8) Eynsham, (9) St. Albans, (10) St. Martin, (11) St. Leonard, (12) St. Paul, (13) Southrepps, (14) Clifford's Pleasure, (15) Reverse Canterbury, (16) St. Giles, (17) St. Andrew, (18) St. Nicholas, (19) St. Miles, (20) St. John, (21) Winchendon Place, (22) Plain Bob, (23) April Day, (24) Kennington, (25) St. Simon, (26) Eynsham, (27) St. Albans, (28) St. Martin, (29) St. Leonard, (30) St. Paul, (31) Southrepps, (32) Clifford's Pleasure, (33) Reverse Canterbury, (34) St. Giles, (35) St. Andrew, (36) St. Nicholas, (37) St. Miles, (38) St. John, (39) Winchendon Place, (40) Plain Bob, (41) April Day, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Treble	J. HARRY COOK .. .. 3
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4

ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal for 34 years.

**WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

*PETER M. SHIPLEY .. .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 4
JOHN W. SAMPSON .. .. 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 5
THOMAS J. BROCK .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the fourth.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**  
*On Sun., Aug. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 4
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 2	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

**BOBBING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings).

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 5
*DIANA R. SOUTHAM .. .. 3	†TIMOTHY S. WRAIGHT, R.N. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

**BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*MARGARET E. CHILTON .. Treble	JOHN R. PRATCHETT .. .. 4
HAROLD STEVENSON .. .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	COLIN W. REED .. .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN W. REED

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Aug. 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

**AT 24, MANOR STREET,**

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Aug. 20, 1961, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,*

**AT 24, MANOR STREET,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor note F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3—4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 600th peal for the Guild.

Rung on a set of cup handbells loaned by Leicester Museum.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. A. Bennett 1, Mrs. M. J. Moreton 2, M. W. Sayers 3, J. Sayers 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. F. Moreton 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of Lord and Lady Elton.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, W. B. Picher 2, Jean Ireland 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, Enid Roberts (cond.) 6, C. H. Bagot 7, H. C. Moule 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the seventh.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Bridges 1, Miss A. Greaves 2, E. A. Daniels 3, W. S. Girling 4, H. B. Fuller 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to P. J. Lester, of Needham Market, and Mrs. H. B. Fuller, of Thetford.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,295 Erin Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, F. E. Darby (cond.) 3, Jeanette M. Winchester 4, R. J. Cook 5, F. D. Jennings 6, E. G. Talbot 7, J. Schofield 8, S. F. Kimber 9, F. Jones 10. For Evensong.

**BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. J. Rothera 1, Alice E. J. Lester 2, I. Maycock 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. 6.

**BIRSTALL, LEICS.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Barsby 1, R. A. Clarke 2, D. F. Moore 3, J. M. Morley 4, J. R. Perkins 5, D. M. Sawyer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Winston, who died on August 16th.

**BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Chapman 1, D. E. House 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, R. C. Kippin 4, Miss P. A. Jones 5, D. J. Forde 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, M. J. Thomas 8. A compliment to John Dann and Daphne Hymas, both members of the local band, married at this church on July 29th.

**BLOXHAM, OXON.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: N. R. Waite 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, W. Birmingham 3, R. K. Russ 4, R. A. Reeves 5, B. Bladon 6, C. C. Clarke 7, H. Oglesby (cond.) 8.

**BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. B. Powell 1, F. B. Comer 2, Marjorie Legg 3, D. H. White 4, K. Prime 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Timothy Charles Jackson, godson of the conductor, who was christened at St. Michael's, Southampton, the previous day.

**BURHILL, HEREFORDS.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Stokes 1, J. Bourne 2, A. T. Wingate 3, M. Powell 4, F. Morris 5, R. G. Powell 6, G. Cousins (cond.) 7, H. G. Chandler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. G. Benson, whose funeral service took place this day.

**CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.**—On July 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain): J. Yorke-Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Fuller 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, H. Ivings 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Razzell 1, Miss H. Talbot 2, G. H. Humphries 3, N. Brown 4, R. Stevens 5, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 6, R. Davies 7, R. G. Abbott 8. Rung half-muffled for the masters and boys from Lanfranc School, Croydon, and the crew, who died in the air disaster in Norway on August 9th.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 22nd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mary J. Marshall 1, Gillian Tavenor 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, M. R. Bennett 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, R. Wilson 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest G. Orland to Miss Janet Packwood at Earl's Barton on August 12th.

**EDMONTON, MIDDY.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Trudy Newcombe 1, W. George 2, J. Duggan 3, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, J. Weeks 5, D. Towers 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (David Mark) to the Enfield captain, Don Towers, and his wife, Moira.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, H. Fuller 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Ivings (first in method) 4, J. E. Ivings 5, W. Paul 6, J. W. Paul (cond.) 7, J. Yorke-Parker 8. For morning prayer.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On July 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Wilby 1, I. Middleditch (first 'inside') 2, B. Evans 3, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Mary Jecote. Also on July 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Wilby 1, I. Middleditch 2, H. Ivings 3, J. Yorke-Parker 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For Susan Patricia.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Stevens 1, T. W. White 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, S. G. Ponting 4, D. A. Hughes 5, T. M. White 6, D. J. Tubbs (first as cond.) 7, R. W. Lee 8. First of Triples for 1. 5 and 7. Rung for Evensong when the Rev. Walter Boulton preached his farewell sermon as Rector.

**HATTON, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Minor (in seven methods): P. J. Rothera 1, Alice E. J. Lester 2, M. C. Hughes 3, I. Maycock 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6.

**HEREFORD.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Jaine (Leominster) 1, Mrs. R. Jarrett (Hereford) 2, Mrs. M. Tilbury (Ross) 3, J. J. Webb (Ross) 4, D. Jaine (Leominster) 5, A. T. Wingate (Hereford) 6, G. Cousins (Hereford) (cond.) 7, W. Gittens (Hereford) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. G. Benson, vice-president Hereford Diocesan Guild.

**HEYWOOD, LANCs.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,696 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol): D. Butterworth 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, J. P. Partington 3, F. Shallcross 4, N. Bennett 5, N. Smith 6, E. Jenkins 7, D. Ogden (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Tom Ascroft, ringer at this church for 60 years.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt and F. Bradley 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Bradley and M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bree 1, Mrs. B. W. White 2, E. R. Rapley 3, Miss J. Southwood (first 'inside') 4, S. A. Paice 5, J. Smith 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Smart, local ringer, who died July 8th, aged 90 years.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Barton 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, B. W. Willgrin 3, Miss K. E. Fletcher 4, D. Cornwall 5, R. Biggs 6, S. Bailey (cond.) 7, J. Camp 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 3.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Jeffery 1, Sylvia Hayward (first as cond.) 2, T. Jones 3, A. Duggan 4, P. Bedford 5.

**KINGSTON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilkins 1, M. Uphill (first 'inside') 2, C. D. Emery 3, D. Leach 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sturdy (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, N. R. Waite 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, G. R. Drew 6, P. T. Hurcombe 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong.

**MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Gigg 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, S. G. Coles 3, W. H. Tarr 4, F. Avery 5, E. H. Langley 6, R. W. Hayward 7, A. H. Reed (first of Caters as cond.) 8, H. Churchill 9, W. Middleton 10. First of Caters 5 and 6. Rung in honour of Mr. J. Pugsley's 89th birthday.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Stead 1, D. E. House 2, N. Hayes 3, A. F. Lee 4, Miss R. Reay (first of Triples) 5, D. J. Forde 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, J. Dacombe 8. Rung for Matins, and as a 73rd birthday compliment to J. Dacombe.

**OXFORD.**—On Aug. 13th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Coles 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, J. H. Gardner 3, J. R. Harris 4, H. W. Badger 5, R. H. Jones 6, S. D. Edwards 7, E. R. Venn (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 20th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,800 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Ivings 1, P. J. Heritage 2, E. R. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. Rung prior to morning service, with the bells half-muffled and ten open, to the memory of Mr. Harrison (parishioner).

**PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,568 Plain Bob Major: M. C. Hughes 1, R. E. Tallis, jun. 2, P. J. Rothera 3, Alice E. J. Lester 4, R. F. Overington 5, I. Maycock 6, R. G. Morris 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (in 10 methods, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mary S. Thorling 1, M. C. Hughes 2, P. J. Rothera 3, P. S. Bennett 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 5, Diane Lowe (first quarter) 6, M. A. Lister 7, Jennifer S. Hill 8.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Kercher 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, K. Tipper 4, D. White 5, B. S. Gambrill (first of Triples) 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, W. Davison (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. Jefford, senior curate, who is leaving the district.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1, D. Wilkins (first quarter) 2, C. D. Emery (first of Minor) 3, A. S. Bishop 4, A. Millidge 5, C. F. Mew (cond., 50th quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1, D. Wilkins 2, A. S. Bishop 3, A. R. Millidge 4, C. D. Emery 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1, Ann Martin (first of Minor 'inside') 2, B. Forsyth 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. S. Bishop 6. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: W. Ward 1, W. Ellis 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Wright 1, A. R. Bridges 2, N. Watson 3, E. A. Daniels 4, H. B. Fuller 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Donovan 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, D. Nichols (first quarter on tower bells) 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, S. Armeson 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Young (first quarter) 1, G. Ridd 2, L. Gallini 3, J. Ridd 4, G. Piper (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the 34 boys and two masters of Lanfranc School, Croydon, who lost their lives at Stavanger.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. F. Sayer 1, B. Claire Webster 2, M. P. Phipps (first of Caters) 3, Joyce Dodds 4, Anne Speed 5, A. J. Griffin 6, P. L. Taylor 7, J. G. Underwood 8, R. E. Finch (first of Caters as cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. Rung for Evensong, the band including members of the Universities Association on their annual tour.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, Margaret R. Page (first in the method) 4, L. A. Page 5, J. E. Daniels 6, Rev. 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Miss A. Sweeney, who is leaving Salisbury.

**SIDBURY, DEVON.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, B. Coles 3, E. J. W. Manley 4, J. M. Canter 5, E. Summers 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, A. Clarke 8. First of Stedman 3 and 6.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Hancock 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, Ed. F. Hancock 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, J. Hockridge 8. Rung half-muffled after Evensong in memoriam Jim Jordan, who was associated with this church for over 50 years—30 years as tower captain,



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Taunton ringers honoured the 89th birthday of their very old friend Mr. J. Pugsley by ringing a well-struck quarter of Grandsire Caters on Minehead bells on the day after his birthday. For more than 40 years Mr. Pugsley was Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and also captain of Minehead tower. The present captain, Mr. W. Middleton, rang the tenor to the quarter. Afterwards the band and friends adjourned to the Hobby Horse Hotel, where the health of their old friend, who had thoughtfully sent a message for this to be done at his expense, was duly honoured. Another greeting came from the Vicar, Canon Bennett, who has had a ring of bells at his last three churches—Wigan, Maidstone and Minehead.

A Chelmsford correspondent informs us that it was the 'Bishop of Springfield' who was among the first to congratulate (with a quarter peal at Widford) the Bishop of Chelmsford on his nomination to the See of Winchester.

Three children of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Churchill, of Pulham Market, Norfolk, are keen ringers. They are Robin (14), Anne (11) and Catherine (10). Catherine was the youngest ringer present at the South Norfolk District meeting at North Lopham recently.

The quarter peal for the wedding of Miss Mary E. Keen to Mr. John Clark, reported in our last issue (page 571), was rung at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Swansea. In view of the size of Swansea we regret that our report was not more explicit.

Mr. H. Denman, of Rockley, Retford, inquires if there are any ringers with a longer service at one church than Mr. H. M. Turner. He has just completed 70 years of ringing at South Anston, Yorks. A fine record, Mr. Turner!

Mr. E. T. Chapman, of Spalding, is pleased to hear that his nephew and former pupil, Peter M. Shipley, of Kessingland, Suffolk, was successful in his first peal attempt, rung at Wenhamston on August 19th. Four other members of the Kessingland Sunday band also took part.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

A farewell quarter peal was rung on the bells of Adelaide Cathedral on August 1st to Mr. Hervey Bagot, who is now on his way to England where he hopes to take up a position as assistant research physicist. There are two other members of the Adelaide band now in England—Mr. Bill Lampard, living in Bristol, who has already rung in 100 towers, and Mr. Brian Cox, who rang his first peal at Bunwell, Norfolk, in July, and had an enjoyable week with Pipe's Pilgrims.

The peal at Hose on August 19th was specially arranged for Mr. Ernest Morris to ring with his old friend Mr. William Smith, of Turramurra, New South Wales, who is on a visit to his native country. They last rang in a peal together at Long Clawson in 1927.

Mr. James R. Lawson is now back in New York after his visit to Europe, during which he played on carillons in Vasteras (Sweden), Mons (Belgium), Ghent (Belgium) and Copenhagen. He heard the carillons in Mechelen, Amsterdam, and the Glockenspiel in Munich. While in London he was present at a ringing practice at St. Lawrence Jewry.

To call attention to the smallness of his State pension, Andre Philippe (34), a cripple, bolted himself, his wife and three young children in the church tower at Warnignies-le-Petit, near Valenciennes, Northern France, and rang the bell for three days and three nights. After being taught change-ringing, Andre might be considered as a candidate for the next attempt at Loughborough for the extent of Major.

Miss J. Elaine Dixon, of Abingdon, who called her mother's first quarter peal with her own first quarter as conductor (see page 572) has been eclipsed by Miss Catherine Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, who rings at Esher. On January 10th, 1959, Catherine, who was then 14, called her first quarter as conductor, in which both her father and mother rang their first quarter peals. The band was: B. R. E. Powell 1, R. L. Caporn 2, Majorie E. Powell 3, Mary White 4, Catherine Powell 5. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

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## ABBOTSBURY CHURCH BELLS

The six bells at St. Nicholas' Church, Abbotsbury, Dorset, have accumulated (if that is the correct term) over a long period. The oldest, fifth of the present ring, was cast by Robert Austen in 1636, the tenor was added in 1666, made by Thomas Purdue, the fourth by William Knight in 1724; the remaining three are the work of Thomas Bilbie, of Cullompton, Devon, and were cast in 1773.

They were rehung in 1897 by Mr. Stokes, of Exeter, in an oak frame, which is still in good order and will continue to carry the bells after the retuning by Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, who will also recast the tenor, which has lately been found to be cracked.

The bells are to be removed in October, and it is hoped that they will be returned and ready for ringing by Easter, 1962.

The raising of the necessary £900 to enable this work to be carried out is a major effort for this Dorset village of approximately 400 people, but already a good start has been made by means of a fete in the Vicarage gardens, which realised £200, and a coffee morning, organised by Mrs. W. Hurdle, of the Abbey House, which brought in £40.

With these totals and various donations the total at the time of writing is £260, and the Vicar, the Rev. Baden P. H. Ball, and his committee of churchwardens, ringers and P.C.C. members, are busy devising ways and means of raising the remainder as quickly as possible.

If any ringers who have rung with us at Abbotsbury would like to help, we shall be very grateful for any small contributions. Our belfry treasurer is Norman J. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset, and we hope to see many of our former visitors up to the end of September, 1961, and after Easter, 1962—any ringer is always welcome at Abbotsbury.

J. H. HAYNE  
(Tower Correspondent).

## AUGMENTATION SCHEME FOR SOUTH YORKS TOWER

A £4,000 scheme, involving repair to the tower, augmenting from six bells to eight, has been approved by the Parochial Church Council of Sprotborough, South Yorks.

Mr. E. Short, the tower captain, informs us that instructions have been given to a local builder to start the work of repairing the tower as soon as possible, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to supply the main girders to support the frame.

The scheme proposed by Messrs. Taylor's is to lower the bells in the tower 15 feet so that they will have the support of the main buttresses of the tower. The present six bells are to be augmented to eight with a tenor of 8 cwt. (the original weight).

'I have got the backing of many people in the village,' writes Mr. Short, 'and I think the scheme to have the octave will definitely go through. We have raised over £1,000 and have decided to go forward with the bells as soon as the work on the tower is finished.'

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

The Society held its August meeting at Chesterfield 'on Bank Holiday Monday, where the fine ring of ten bells attracted a gathering of about 60 to 70 ringers, including visitors from Birmingham, Bradford, Calverley, Eastington, Sussex and Southwell.

Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, the Ringing Master, most ably organised the ringing to suit all, from rounds to Yorkshire Royal, Cambridge Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber after the tea break. Mr. F. Cardwell, president of the Society, presided. Mr. N. Chaddock moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and church authorities for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness for the meeting. He especially complimented the Chesterfield ringers upon their well-kept ringing chamber and fine oak door with a bell-shaped window.

Mr. Sam Scattergood informed the gathering that the oak door had only recently been installed. It was given by a Chesterfield lady in memory of her relatives who were ringers in the Bristol area some years ago.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m. Next meeting, Hope, September 2nd. E. C.

# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—35



THE REV. JOHN G. SCOTT,  
Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The present happy relations which exist between the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Devon Association of Call Change Ringers is largely due, from the change ringing angle, to the personality and friendliness of the Rev. John G. Scott, Vicar of Clawton, near Holsworthy, and Rector of Tetcott with Luffincott. Mr. Beric Bartlett, of Upton, Torquay, secretary of the Devon Association and the new Central Council representative for his Association, asked him to talk to the call change ringers, and the result has been an enthusiasm on their part to affiliate themselves to the C.C. The articles which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' on call change competitions and Devon ringing generally, which John has written during the last few years, have made fascinating reading, and have done much to welcome the call change ringers into the wider ringing fraternity.

John Scott was born at Charlton, London, S.E., in 1925, but his home has always been in Devon, and he loves the Devon countryside and friendly people. After being educated at the Pilgrims' School, Winchester, and Sherborne School, he spent three years as a telegraphist in the Royal Navy. Later he went to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he read history, and took his theological course at Bishops' College, Cheshunt, Herts. He first learnt to ring while at Oxford University, and during the vacations with the local call change band at Buckland Monachorum. His knowledge of change ringing progressed at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where he learnt a great deal from Tom Myers. John rang his first peal—Bob Minor—at St. Thomas', Oxford, in 1949, conducted by Frank C. Wright, and has since rung about 25. He has not yet conducted a peal, though he has made two attempts, and is not sure whether he lost the peal or vice versa! He is very pleased to have rung the 27 cwt. tenor at Crediton to a peal of Bob Major (no easy job), and also in taking part, at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, in the first peal of Surprise Major by resident Devon ringers. He 'strapped' the tenor at Exeter Cathedral to a peal of Grandsire Caters in November, 1953. While at Bishops' College, Cheshunt, he rang rounds and call changes on the 12 bells at Southwark Cathedral, and all the other 11 ringers were his own pupils—a very creditable performance.

John has held several offices with the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, including chairman of the Exeter Branch from 1951-53, and chairman of the N.W. Branch from 1959, librarian since 1955, Central Council representative from 1954, in which he serves on the Tower and Belfries Committee, being adviser on bells in the Exeter Diocese. He contributes to the Council debates in a forthright and interesting manner, and this year he was rightfully elected vice-president of the Devon Guild. But a position of which he must be the only change ringer in the country to hold is that of honorary secretary of the Tamar Valley Guild of Call Change Ringers since 1960. He once took part in a competition, with a scratch band, which came in 4th, and thus entitled him to a certificate, of which he is very proud. One day he hopes to compile something on the Church Bells of Devon, but it will take a long time, as the county is a large one, and has over 370 rings of bells, the most in any one county.

In 1954, John married Claire Isles, whom he met with the O.U.S.C.R., and they have three children. His other interests include a study of local history, bee-keeping, and anything to do with the sea. His father was a captain in the Royal Navy, before following in his son's footsteps, and taking Holy Orders. John has been known to compose libellous songs about other ringers, and some of these he has sung at Central Council socials!

John Scott is a splendid character, an ideal parson, and a man who would create goodwill wherever he lived. His efforts to promote good relations between the two Societies in Devon have borne good fruit. Still a young man, he is obviously destined for high office in the years ahead, and his perceptive knowledge of human nature in ringing matters will always ensure him a position of affection and trust.

APACE.

## AN EPOCH-MAKING DAY IN DEVON

During his long term as president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the late Preb. E. V. Cox worked very hard in his endeavours to bridge the gulf, which had existed for many years, between the Guild and the Devon Association of Call-change Ringers.

It was evident on August 19th that his untiring efforts had come to fruition. At the Church of St. Edward, Egg Buckland, formerly in the Deanery of Plympton and now within the city boundary of Plymouth, a competition was arranged by the Devon Association on these bells, only recently restored and rehung.

Three towers of the South West Branch of the Guild were invited to take part. One, Plymouth St. Andrew's, entered at the very last minute, 14 teams taking part, each having to ring 60 changes on thirds, with the rise and fall in not less than 15 minutes. Before ringing commenced a service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. De Cergiat. The draw for the order in which the teams were to ring took place outside the south porch. Ringing started about 3 p.m. From 4.30 onwards a splendid tea was provided in the Village Hall, the proceeds of which, and collection at the service, were for the Church Restoration Fund.

At 7.50 p.m. the Plymouth St. Andrew's team took their place in the ringing chamber, and by so doing were the first in the South West Branch ever to take part in a contest. When ringing was completed for the day, about 9 p.m., the judges arrived at the church porch to announce their decision, for which certificates were awarded to the eight leading teams, the first three being Plymstock 'A', West Alvington 'A' and Plymouth St. Andrew's.

The relationship between the two Associations was greatly strengthened that evening. It is hoped that this state will continue, especially as some members of the Association have expressed their desire to acquire some knowledge of method ringing.

W. G. L.



## A LINK WITH SQUIRE FORTREY

The handbell peal of Minor rung at Wigston Magna on August 20th was, in its humble way, one of historic interest. It was intended to ring Major but, meeting short, Minor was decided upon as the bells (14 of them) were only on loan for the week-end by special permit from the Leicester City Museum. These form part of a set of 'cup' handbells presented to the Leicester Scholars in 1777 by Squire William Fortrey, of King's Norton-by-Galby, in recognition of their ringing 10,080 'Cators in ye Tittoms.'

Squire Fortrey was a great admirer of church bells and did much to encourage improvements in rings of different parishes. He rebuilt the church of Galby and placed in it, in 1741, a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten bells, later reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. In 1738 he gave two new bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, making them ten.

Later he promised a set of handbells to the Society to ring 10,000 changes, and the Leicester Scholars, having rung 6,012 Caters in 1776, set about this record. We are told that—

'It was Agreed on By the Leicester Change Ringers to go for a peal of Ten Thousand and Eighty Cators in ye Tittoms, Which They Did Every Monday Morning, and after a Tryal of several They Completed Their Desires. Four Times They Rang Eight Thousand, and Once they Rang Nine Thousand, and then ye Man that Rang the Third Mised his salley, and ye peal was Lost. Another Tryal Twok place on the 25th Day of February 1777 and 5000 Changes was Rung in the morning and In ye afternoon of ye Same Day they Completed the Great peal of 10,080 Grandsire Cators in ye Tittoms, in Seven hours and Twelve Minuets, the Next Day the Society met and Cheard [chaired] Three of ye Oldest Members Through the principle streets of the Town, and the Inhabitants of ye Town made a Subscription, and it Ris to the Eight [rose to the height] of Thirty Three pounds and upwards which Names are here wrote Under—Begin from St. Margret's Church.' [22 columns of names follow.]

Nottingham Society, not to be outdone, the following year—March 3rd, 1778—rang at St. Mary's, Nottingham, 10,260 Grandsire Caters, and we understand Squire Fortrey generously gave each company a set of 'cup' handbells, which is still in existence.

In 1771 Fortrey gave a treble bell to Houghton-on-the-Hill, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the country.

In 1753, when John Holt published his 'broadsheet' of peals which contained the treble leads of his six- and ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, his six-part of Union Triples and his three-part peal of Plain Bob Triples without a single. Mr. W. Fortrey, of Galby, is shown as a subscriber of two copies.

The 'cup' handbells presented to Leicester went from hand to hand, and after a chequered career finally finished up in a pawnshop! The late Joseph S. Needham, of St. Saviour's, Leicester, discovered them and redeemed the pledge. One of the bells was found to be cracked, and Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., personally recast this owing to its peculiar shape. On the death of Mr. Needham, his widow gave the bells to the Leicester City Museum, where they have remained ever since. Only one other peal is known to have been rung on them, but this was later found to be false in its composition. E. M.

## THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE



GUEST of honour in this picture—he is facing the camera—is Mr. William Smith, of Turramurra, New South Wales, who attended the August meeting of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Waltham. A native of Long Clawson, Mr. Smith was a frequent peal ringer until he left for Australia. On August 20th he rang the treble to a 20-method peal at Hose with his old friend Ernest Morris.

Another visitor to the Waltham meeting was Mr. J. F. George, of Ilkeston, who was born at this village 75 years ago. Both enjoyed the meeting immensely.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, and Mrs. M. Owen was the organist. An excellent tea was served to over 40 by the wives and friends of the ringers, and subsequently Mr. R. E. Manton presided at the business meeting, at which it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bottesford on September 9th and the annual dinner at Melton in December.

In our picture, from left to right, are Messrs. J. H. Cook, Ringing Master; T. Templeton, District secretary, of Melton; E. Tinsley, of Long Clawson; W. Smith, a visitor from Syd-

ney, Australia; C. Matthews, the Waltham captain, and R. E. Manton, the Melton District chairman.

[Photo by courtesy of 'The Grantham Journal']

### AFTER MANY YEARS!

Of the peal, Mr. Ernest Morris adds the following reminiscence:—

On November 12th, 1927, members of the Framland Society of Leicestershire rang the first peal on the heavy five bells of Long Clawson, in which two William Smiths took part. One was resident at the neighbouring village of Hose and the other had then recently come to this country on a visit to his native heath from Turramurra, Sydney, Australia. This peal was conducted by Ernest Morris.

Mr. Smith, of Hose, died in December last. Now after the long period of 34 years Mr. Smith, of Australia, is again visiting his homeland, and to mark the event a peal was arranged at Hose in which—to the great satisfaction of all concerned—Mr. Smith and Ernest Morris stood side by side once more. This was Mr. Smith's first peal for 34 years, but 'Uncle Ernest' has scored 1,545 during that period.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 1st, 1911.—

Many and varied are the causes of losing a peal, but a painful one has now to be recorded. One afternoon recently, a peal was in progress at—well, never mind where, but in a country tower. The ringing was proceeding merrily and the bells were only two courses from home, when, to the astonishment of the other seven, a howl came from the gentleman in the neighbourhood of the fourth rope; there was a flourish of arms and a rope end was snapping uncontrolled about the belfry. When the rest of the band had recovered from their astonishment sufficiently to set their bells, and inquire what was the matter, they learned that a wasp had settled upon a bald spot on the cranium of the fourth man, and inconsiderately used its sting. From what trivial causes are peals lost! But that fourth man does not agree that a wasp sting is a trifle when it is on a bald pate.

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 4th, 1931.—

Mr. A. H. Pulling rings a thousand peals.

More interesting pictures of the Pilgrimage to The Menin Gate. A course of Grandsire Triples rung on the frontier of France and Belgium—1-2 and 3-4 in France, 5-6 and 7-8 in Belgium.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## REDUCE NOISE TO A MINIMUM

Dear Sir.—I read with interest the letters of Frank Hicks and A. J. Davey in a recent 'Ringing World' on the question of noise from the bells of churches, particularly in residential areas.

The boarding up of louvres, and if possible in such a manner that they can be opened for Sunday and special service ringing, seems to be the answer to avoid complaints from residents, who, after all, have a legitimate cause.

Mr. Davey refers to the Noise Abatement Act, and seems to doubt whether it has any jurisdiction over noise made by church bells.

For what it is worth, I contacted a gentleman in the legal profession, and who may, one day, be arrayed in ermine. He assured me that church bells were not exempted in the Act, and as he saw it there was no defence in law.

If his advice is taken seriously, and I take it as such, it beholds every one of us to reduce the noise and/or annoyance to a minimum.

It would be very interesting to know the percentage of complaints received of the noise of bells ringing for Sunday service; my experience is that they are negligible.

I believe I am correct in saying that no complaint has been made relative to the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe concerning Sunday ringing, but practice and peal ringing—yes, quite often.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HANSFORD.

Winterbourne Down, Bristol.

## ORIGINALITY IN PEALS

Dear Sir.—I hope I can be off some assistance to Honest Inquirer ('R.W.' page 559).

Firstly, I must make it quite clear about the truth of these peals. The first peal quoted is false to New Cambridge (see 'R.W.' 28-10-'60) and so, incidentally, is the other, both having courses false to 32465. The first peal was claimed as a composition of Lincolnshire and is also true to Yorkshire.

Similarity of appearance is often a help in ascertaining originality. Sometimes peals look different, but are not. Take for example these two identical peals:

	B	W	H		O	H	1
52436	—			25346	2		—
35264	X	2		43624	2	X	—
63254	—	3		32654	—		—
23564	2	—		23564	—		2
				23564	—		

In spite of the similarity of pattern the peals quoted by Honest Inquirer are not reversals or transpositions of each other, nor slight variations. They are not the same nor is one an arrangement of the other.

If Honest Inquirer reverses one of the compositions, and then removes all blocks of three, he will find both peals basically the same—B. W. twice repeated—an old basis for a three-part. However, they are built up differently—one contains many homes and is not true to Lincolnshire. I would not myself use the Yorkshire as evidence against the originality of the Lincolnshire.

In the latter peal if the three consecutive wrongs are omitted, and three homes added after the before, the same changes are produced. (An improvement, I feel, as many conductors don't like too many changes of 5ths place bell.) Start with two homes and you have the well known peal by W. Barton. There is no difference whatsoever between them, just a slight alteration.

Finally, I would repeat what Messrs. Barnett, Speed and other experts have said—that there

is little scope for newness in many methods, and the composer's first duty is to collect a vast quantity of peals and see how they can be varied.—Yours sincerely,

Cheadle, Cheshire. P. G. K. DAVIES.

## THE REV. SCOTT'S THEORIES

Dear Sir.—The Rev. J. G. M. Scott has certainly produced a lengthy reply to my letter, and he admits he has to infer a good deal from bits and scraps of newspaper cuttings, much of which cannot be classed as authentic information.

Not all the old ringing matches in Devon were fixed up by or through the local publican, and I quote one at Dartmouth in 1872, when the competitors dined together in the market, under the presidency of the Mayor of Dartmouth. Another competition in 1882 held at Crediton, was followed by a dinner at the King's Arms Hotel, where the prizes were distributed by the Rev. Preb. Smith.

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe would often call on the Shepherd family for their help in his schemes, but some of his writings and utterances about ringers and their drinking bore no relation to fact.

I have referred to the account of 1889 when Winkleigh bells were rededicated, but failed to find the word 'scientific' in any of the speeches. This word was more widely used by call change ringers to denote the difference in ringing technique. When visiting various towers in the county I was often asked, 'Are you a scientific?' By the way, did you notice the ringers dined together, then the toast 'Success to the Winkleigh ringers' was given! Not much tension or storm here between ringers, and no hard feelings.

The accounts of Exeter outings have varied over the years and the local papers often indulged in a little Devon Dialect, but the ringers cannot be blamed for newspaper humour. Ringers as a body whether change ringers, call change ringers or round ringers are all skilled exponents of our art and the first and foremost object of ringing is for Sunday services. For generations we have had to live down quite a lot of stories regarding drinking and smoking in the belfry, of forsaking the pew for the pewter, etc., but my point is that these are isolated cases often exaggerated by people who should have known better, coupled by tactless publicity. The Revs. M. Kelly, J. S. Northote and C. Pearson were three keen clergymen who worked hard for the Devon Guild, and who were known to me personally for many years, but circumstances prevented them doing much essential spade work, so they had to rely on the Exeter and Plymouth Districts for practical progress and instruction away from these centres.

I am of the opinion that it is quite time the alleged bad conduct on the part of ringers should cease verbally and literally. Ringers are well aware that a large percentage of towers have ground floor ringing rooms easily accessible, while many more can be seen from the interior or exterior of the church, yet they are constantly reminded that the ringers of the old days were 'not very nice to know.'

Now that the Devon Guild and the Devon Association are represented on the Central Council I sincerely trust they will work together in friendship and harmony.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## MR. BLAGROVE EXPLAINS

Dear Sir.—Might I ask your readers to consider the following peals.

The first consists of fourteen extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Most ringers would call this a peal in three methods. The second consists of fourteen extents each of Plain Bob with common 4ths place bobs, Plain Bob with common 3rds place singles and Plain Bob with both bobs and singles. I would call this a peal in one method, with two types of call. Further, the first person to say this was Stedman in 1677. Mr. Amos, however, would call it a peal in three methods; Plain Bob, Old and Norfolk.

St. Simon's, Reverse Union and Reading Doubles can be spliced into one true extent of 120 Doubles. I would call this an extent of Spliced Doubles in these three methods. Mr. Amos, however, would call it a new method and give it a name—St. Matthew. What should we call an extent of Spliced Cambridge, Ipswich and York Surprise Minor?

If Mr. Amos would be a bit more consistent in his reading, he would find that I have never said that a peal had been rung in a method named St. George. I merely said that the name had been used before. He then goes on to quote and invoke a Council 'rule' that the band which rings the first peal in a method has the right to name it. There is no such rule or decision of the Council. A band might be just capable of ringing a method which they name after their own village. If they ring it and publish the fact, then it would be a very selfish act for a peal band to ring it and rename it. A Doubles method might be rung and named for the first time by being included in a multi method peal. Does Mr. Amos suggest that he has the right to ring a peal in the method and rename it?

When the Doubles Collection was published in 1952, I immediately wrote to the 'R.W.' and pointed out that the method published therein as Antelope was incorrectly named. The method has no resemblance to the correct Antelope Doubles, and should be named Imperial Doubles, under which name it was first rung at Clewer in 1952. I have also said that the St. Dunstan's Doubles, published by the C.C., is incorrectly named. How, then, have I been inconsistent? Mr. Amos should stick to facts and truth, and not quote imaginary rules and make false insinuations.

The C.C. will recognise peals containing St. Fridiswide Doubles (which has the same plain course as St. Dunstan's). I too believe in all ringers ringing what they like, and the C.C. will accept any method for a true peal, even Stedman's Plain Changes.

Stedman did not publish Stedman Slow Course Doubles. The Campanalogia of 1788 included Stedman Slow Course Minor, so names, presumably, because of the Whole Turns and Half Turns.

Shipway looked at it, contracted it to Doubles and extended it to Triples, etc. He published it in his Campanalogia of 1813 (1816 edition is a reprint).

Most ringers call it Stedman Slow Course. If Mr. Amos thinks it should be called Reverse Chase—so what? —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

## AMERICAN PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir.—S. Parkman Shaw III must, I fear, defer to David J. Dickinson, the American mathematician, who rang in a tower bell peal of Bob Doubles for the Ely Diocesan Association about the time I left Cambridge four years ago.—Yours etc.,

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# SUSSEX TOURISTS' TENTH ANNUAL

## A Yorkshireman's Story

ON Sunday, July 16th, I joined the coach at Guildford, with Miss Wyman and other friends aboard. This was the tenth tour organised by Miss Wyman, and on the last evening Mr. Len Stilwell provided these facts and figures: 270 towers in 36 counties had been visited, over 170,000 changes rung in touches brought round. Len and Bert, with Florrie, had been on all tours; Florrie and Len Stilwell had now rung in every county in England and Wales.

These details were given after Bill Daniels had presented to Miss Wyman, on our behalf, an electric blanket as a token of appreciation and thanks for all she had done in organising the tour.

Hereford was reached about 4.30 p.m., after lunch at Faringdon, where Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston and Bill joined the party. Our headquarters, Castlepool Hotel, was in a cul-de-sac near the Cathedral, and after tea we attended the Cathedral for evening ringing, after short prayers by the Canon. Some went to All Saints' rather than climb the 178 steps or more to the large ringing chamber, to ring for evening service, where Mr. A. T. Wingate and other local ringers were waiting for us. Mr. A. Bashforth, from Thirsk, had now joined us for the week.

After a good breakfast on Monday morning the programme proper had started, with Mr. Harman as Ringing Master for the morning. He welcomed everyone to the tour. Ludlow (Salop), our first tower, has a very nice octave, but ringing is restricted because of the hospital nearby. There is no local band. At Knighton (Rads) we found the treble and second out of action. Despite some very long ropes (one tall man knelt down to ring) some good touches were brought round. The Rev. E. G. Benson met us at Presteigne, a fine old ring of Rudhalls, and joined in the ringing.

Eardisland (Hereford) has a light eight by Taylors. 1953—a pleasure to ring. Some good touches, with local men and girls taking part, followed. After a good tea, we were back to ring at All Saints', Hereford.

**TUESDAY.**—John Eisel, a student at Hereford School, joined us. Our first tower, Burghill, did not produce our best ringing. A missing key at Bromyard curtailed ringing on these anti-clockwise bells. Bewdley eight want well ringing as the tower is badly cracked and takes a hand sometimes in the ringing. London would not go, but that could have been chicken and lemon meringue pie!

Leominster's 10 were enjoyed by all. Rev. E. G. Benson again met us and joined in ringing Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. Much interest was shown in the old clappers, with their long flights, which hang in the ringing chamber. On the way back six of the party left the coach to ring at Holmer, then walked the mile to the hotel in time to join the other at St. Nicholas' for practice, where they have quite a few young learners. Mr. Cheesman and Mr. Cutler were Ringing Masters for the day.

**WEDNESDAY.**—Mr. W. B. Kynaston and Mr. Eddie Rapley were in charge of the ringing. Colwall and Malvern Link, both with nice eights, gave us some good ringing. After a good lunch of steak at the Nag's Head on the moors, we were ready for Madresfield (6, long draught), Powick (6) and Upton-on-Severn (8), all of which produced good ringing and good bells. Paul Webb and Ray Daw, who had been following us around by car, took part in the ringing. In the evening three of the party joined the Cathedral band in a quarter attempt to welcome the new Dean, but were unsuccessful.

## CHARMED WITH WALES

**THURSDAY.**—In the other tours on which I have been there has always been a long day, the high spot of the week. This year, however, words fail me. How can one put into words the beauty of the Golden

Valley, Brecon's mountains, Swansea bay (as seen from Tycock), our pleasure at meeting again Mr. and Mrs. Roderick, G. I. Lewis, Arthur Hoare. Mr. R. J. Thomas, from Aberavon, came especially to apologise for his Vicar not answering Miss Wyman's letter, having mislaid it. Then tea at Mrs. Whitworth's, the new eight at Swansea, and the heavy eight at Ebbw Vale, where we were late and allowed to ring until 9.30 p.m. All I can say it was great and, Florrie, you have done it again. Other towers visited that day were: Devynock, where the Vicar greeted us; Llandeilo, where the bells hang in two threes and all swing the same way; Cadoxton-juxta-Neath (Glam), a very nice six, easy to ring. Colin Lewis, the Rector's son from Glasbury, joined us for the day and the Ringing Masters were Messrs. C. Longhurst, B. Daniels and Miss M. Lewis.

**FRIDAY,** my last day, produced good scenery and good bells (and some of the other sort). Glasbury, the home of Colin Lewis, proved to be a nice octave; Llangorse bells were hard work, but very much enjoyed by the people of the village who are trying to raise enough money to have them rehung. (Nice tone tenor. Pat.)

The hotel where we had lunch had still some old price labels, viz. whisky 20s., brandy 16s., rum 17s. 6d., gin 11s. 6d. per gallon. ('What price Selwyn Lloyd?')

## TWO FUNERALS

Running into a funeral at Llangattock (the Vicar had written Miss Wyman to try and stop us), we went on to Llanfeigan, where another funeral had just taken place. We waited in the village for 100 odd cars to come down the narrow lane from the church. The Rector had given us permission and told the family we were coming. We were allowed to continue on the delightful and easy going eight. The tower is 15th century and contains a fireplace 4ft. wide. Lit by oil lamps and candles the church is only used in the summer.

Back to Llangattock (8), time was too short for us to justice to this ground floor ring. We would like to say thank you very much to the people of these places for allowing us to ring. At Talgarth, our last tower, Mr. D. H. Bennett (Master of the Swansea and Brecon Guild) was awaiting us. Tea, then ringing on this easy going six, was enjoyed by all.

This is where I leave off. Thank you, both tourists and readers, for putting up with me. Till next year, cheerio all.

IRVIN SLACK.

Miss Wyman concludes the story: After good-byes and thanks to the hotel manager on the Saturday there was ringing on the homeward journey at Broadway, Chipping Campden (where the bells required a lot of ringing), Chipping Norton (a very good eight). After tea, at Witney, there was a presentation to Tom, our coach driver. To Mr. Frank Oakshott Miss Wyman tenders her apologies for not giving him an opportunity to be Ringing Master.

During the week nearly 1,000 miles were travelled, ringing took place in 29 towers in 10 counties, 15,282 changes were brought round in about 20 methods. Thanks are also accorded to incumbents and local ringers.

## FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Amos knows there is nothing to prevent him ringing Plain Bob on odd numbers or Grandsire on even numbers (they can be quite nice for a change), also that there is nothing to prevent him ringing anything else he fancies and calling it whatever he chooses—Tripe and Onions Doubles, for example (or omit the words 'and Onions'), just as caprice may move him.

'It is not the man who says the most who has the most to say.'—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

## OBITUARY

### MR. TOM ASCROFT

The death occurred at his home, 53, Queen's Park Road, Heywood, Lancs, on August 16th, of Mr. Tom Ascroft, at the age of 85.

Mr. Ascroft was a lifelong member of St. Luke's Church and served his church in many capacities, including those of churchwarden, vergier, superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the Church Council and manager and caretaker of the day school.

His greatest love though was bell-ringing, and he commenced as a ringer at the church in 1898, and was a life ringing member of the Lancashire Association. He was a regular Sunday service ringer until he was well on in his seventies, and rang on all occasions of local and national interest, the first time being for the Boer War peace and the last being for the birth of Prince Andrew last year.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in his memory on the day of the funeral.

### PREB. E. G. BENSON

#### AN APPRECIATION

Preb. Edward G. Benson was Vicar of the parish of Burghill 1936-50, and his sudden death came as a shock to the many who knew him in and around Burghill, as it must have been to his parishioners at Presteigne, where he was Rector. He was also a Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of Hereford and Rural Dean of Kingston.

He was a great campanologist and recently toured some of the Cotswold towers with the Burghill band of ringers. The love of bell-ringing and the visits to the churches of Herefordshire and Radnorshire were among his many joys. He was no mean authority on church history, and showed it in helping to compile the booklet on Burghill Church. The creation of the Chapel of St. John-the-Baptist and improvements to the high altar were in his time in that parish.

We who knew him well remember his fine qualities, both as a priest and a friend, with affection. He was a man of God—a godly man.

W. A. B.

## LETTERS—Continued

### THE NOISE PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. H. Hicks' letter on the 'Noise Problem' is most encouraging to ringers who see the danger of ignoring this subject and I would like to inform him that at Ecclesfield we had a similar problem and sequel.

Prior to 1952, when our bells were re-hung, they were a heavy going, anti-clockwise ring seldom used and the renewed activity soon brought the usual grumbles. Immediately we introduced clapper stays and car tyre muffs on practice night, which seemed to help for a time, but a couple of District meetings and a peal aroused difficulty, despite the sympathy expressed for our enthusiasm. This, combined with pigeon trouble and soaking wet ropes from a rainy season, led us to experiment with boarding up the louvres almost completely.

Since then we have dispensed with the muffs and now ring 'open' all the time, which, beside Sunday and practice night, includes nearly every Saturday; for if we are not ringing for a wedding or two, we have friends coming along for a peal or long touch practice. The only complaint has been from a lady who lives over a mile from the tower and 'can only hear the bells if there is no wind or it blows in the right direction.'

Many a 'noisy' tower would benefit from ringers taking an interest in the matter and, like East Grinstead, getting the job done.

Only recently while attending a meeting at Peniston I was surprised how much better the bells sounded than I remembered them, and on looking up at the louvres, there was the answer—'boarded up.'—Yours faithfully,

L. E. SMITH.

Ecclesfield, Sheffield.



# OUTINGS

## A DAY AMONG HALF-TIMBER IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Worcestershire is well known for its half-timbered church towers. Two of these, Dormston and Kingston, in adjacent villages, hold ancient rings of three bells. On August 22nd three intrepid ringers set out on a tour of inspection.

At Dormston the bells hang in a massive frame which was apparently constructed with wood from another bell frame, as two timbers bear the numbers VII and VI. The tenor is a 15 cwt. bell, inscribed SANCT MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS, with crowned capitals, and weighs about 5 cwt., note D. The two smaller bells are 17th century, notes F sharp and G. After much rope splicing and breaking, the bells were raised and rung in rounds, although they were not at all easy to handle.

Kington tower is about 7 ft. square and is perched at a rakish angle on the west end of the nave. The three bells are all by William Huntback, 1693. The tenor is 4½ cwt. in D. They are 'long' bells and of pleasing tone. Much tightening of slack bolts was done, vast quantities of oil used and numerous large knots replaced by splices. The bells were raised and sixes rung on them.

During the ringing a local lady arrived—an ex-Wimborne Minster ringer—and scored her 'first on three.' The ropes fall in a straight line, about 1 ft. apart, just inside the main doorway, but in spite of the cramped arrangements the bells go very well. We were told that it was 40 years since the bells were last raised!

After our efforts, a cup of tea in the Rectory was very welcome, as was the invitation to ring at Kington for harvest festival. P. C.

## BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE

Burghill Parish Church ringers, with friends and ringers from Gloucester, visited six churches in the Cotswolds for their annual outing.

The light bells at St. David's, Moreton-in-the-Marsh (8, 12 cwt.), and the heavier, majestic ring at St. Edward's, Stow-on-the-Wold (8, 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D), were rung before lunch. At Stow four members of the party entertained patrons of the White Hart by ringing courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. At Bourton-on-the-Water (8, 12½ cwt.) the non-ringers went to see the model village.

The 'navigators' experienced some little difficulty in locating the next tower. However, with the additional aid of a small map and the coach driver's keen sense of direction, we arrived at Chedworth (6, 11 cwt.) in time to ring before tea.

St. Mary's, Fairford (8, 17 cwt.), is one of the great 'wool churches,' so named from its erection by one of the wool staplers or merchants of the 15th century. It has a lofty lantern tower and the bell ropes hang near the organ. Holy Trinity, Watermoor (8, 19½ cwt.), the last tower of the journey, provided some enjoyable ringing on nicely-toned, easy-going bells.

From a ringing point of view, the highlight of the day was two courses of Stedman Triples at Bourton-on-the-Water. Thanks are due to Mr. A. Leslie Barry and Mr. W. C. Jones for their help in arranging the tour, and to the respective incumbents and secretaries. F. M.

## STOWMARKET DISTRICT

On August Bank Holiday a small party of ringers from the Stowmarket district spent the day in Cambs and Hunts.

Ringling took place at March, Doddington, Chatteris and Somersham, followed by picnic lunch. The eights at St. Ives, Bourn and Royston followed, and the final tower on the home-ward journey was Fulbourn, where ringing was confined to the back six owing to tower repairs.

Methods rung were somewhat limited with a small party. Sincere thanks are accorded to all who met us and helped with the ringing, to Eric, the organiser, and finally to all incumbents. R. E. L.

# RHYTHM AND STRIKING

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

'In ringing, the hand is used to swing the bell, the eye to enable its proper position to be maintained amongst the ropes and the ear is required to judge that both these faculties are rightly used, and at the same time the attention of the mind must never be relaxed from consideration of the method on which the changes are being produced. *The ear must therefore criticise the work of eye and hand, in order that if they be defective, the swing of the bell may thereafter be made longer or shorter as required.*'

JASPER W. SNOWDON, 1875.

The most important skill for a ringer to attain is good rhythm and striking. Simple methods well struck sound pleasant. Any ringing which is badly struck irritates both performers and listeners.

Good striking is a question of rhythm and timing and can only be attained if each ringer can hear his own bell, and indeed all the others, amongst the changes. He is thus aware of any inaccuracies and can correct them.

Accurate rhythm and striking is obtained by ear rather than by sight. The eyes tell the ringer which rope to follow, but only the ear can tell the ringer whether his bell is being accurately placed in each change.

In ringing methods, the rhythm of the whole set of bells should be constant (i.e., 123456-123456-123456123456, etc.), with equal intervals of about ½ second between each succeeding note plus an extra ¼ second for the open lead every other change. The time of ONE PARTICULAR BELL, however, throughout the changes varies according to whether it is hunting up, hunting down, or staying in one place (as at lead, in 2nds or behind).

Study the following changes from Plain Bob Minor and note how the intervals between successive blows (or notes) of ONE PARTICULAR BELL vary as described above.

Row	1	Handstroke	351624
"	2	Backstroke	315264
"	3	Handstroke	132546
"	4	Backstroke	135264
"	5	Handstroke	312546
"	6	Backstroke	321456
"	7	Handstroke	234165
			etc.

For convenience we will disregard the open lead which has the effect that there is normally a slight pause before pulling the sally, whereas the backstroke should be pulled straight down.

In order to make the timing intervals clearer the above seven changes (or rows) have been written out below one after the other as they would be rung. Each space between two numbers represents the normal interval between two bells (about ½ second).

Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5
351624	315264	—	132546	135264
Hand-	Back-		Row 6	Row 7
stroke	stroke, etc.		321456	—/234165, etc.

## IN THE FIRST THREE ROWS.

(a) Count the time intervals between No. 2 striking once and the succeeding blow. She is hunting down and the number of time intervals is 5 (=1½ seconds).

(b) Count the time intervals between No. 5 striking once and the succeeding blow. She is hunting up and the number of time intervals is 7 (=1½ seconds).

## IN THE FIRST TWO ROWS.

Count the time intervals between No. 4 (or No. 3) striking once and the succeeding blow. These two bells are lying still (No. 3 leading full and No. 4 makings 6ths) and the number of time intervals is 6 (=1½ seconds).

Consider No. 6, which dodges 5-6 up at the 4th row (135264). The time intervals between this bell's consecutive blows are as follows:—

2nd to 3rd row=7½ sec. intervals.

Hunting up.

3rd to 4th row=5½ sec. intervals.

Dodging back to 5ths.

4th to 5th row=7½ sec. intervals.

Hunting up to 6ths.

5th to 6th row=6½ sec. intervals.

Making 6ths.

6th to 7th row=5½ sec. intervals.

Hunting down.

Every succeeding time interval in the above is different to the previous one and three different time intervals occur.

Obviously this calls for a lot of skill. How is it done? In order to make a bell ring later at the next blow, it must be held on (or over) balance longer before pulling off for this blow. In the case of a tenor bell which may not be swinging a full circle, extra weight must be put on at the previous pull so that the bell will rise higher in order that the next downward pull may be delayed slightly, thus making the succeeding blow later.

To make a bell strike earlier it must obviously be pulled off sooner. In the case of the heavier bells this may mean checking so much on the swing before the required earlier blow that the bell is prevented from swinging a full circle. On the succeeding pull extra weight must be applied to swing the bell up to normal height. A quicker blow can only be achieved by reducing the arc of swing of the bell.

With a heavy bell this process often involves taking up rope at the backstroke and letting it out for succeeding slower blows and varying the position at which the sally is gripped at the handstroke. Failure to do this means ringing some blows with bent arms, leading to loss of power.

If the above processes are done correctly the row when the dodge is done will sound

1 3 5 2 6 4

and not 1 3 52 64

Here No. 5 has failed to check properly back to 3rds place and No. 4 has failed to hold up into 6ths place but have struck in 3½ and 5½ place respectively.

The above illustrates the ambiguity of the statement that change-ringing should not be attempted until PERFECT bell control is achieved. In actual fact, perfect control is rarely possible until after doing a considerable amount of change-ringing. The early stages of change-ringing, probably 2-, 3- or 4-bell exercises, should, however, be done on silenced bells.

Apart from physical skill, accurate striking requires every ringer to try to count the beats from the lead at every change and see that if, for instance, his bell is to strike in 6th place, it strikes on the 6th beat, etc. The ringer should at least be conscious of the general rhythm and time interval between the various bells.

When plain hunting from 2nds to 6th place and back to lead in minor (if rung with open leads), something like the following should be going through the ringer's mind:—

123456123456—123456123456—123456123456—123456123456—123456123456—

The heavy type numbers are the sounds of the ringer's own bell if properly placed on the beat. The other numbers are the beats of the other bells (not the actual sequences or changes).

One must listen to all the bells, not just one's own and the bell one is following, to get the correct rhythm.

A variety of exercises can soon be devised to give inexperienced ringers practice in rhythm and striking on open bells, once reasonable bell control has been achieved.

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. J. Cockcroft (first quarter) 1. Miss M. E. Pantion 2. C. K. Cooper 3. B. G. Brinkley 4. I. R. Pantion 5. J. P. Crawley (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Bishop of Chelmsford on his nomination to the See of Winchester, also a farewell to the ringers of 1 and 3 on leaving the district.



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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Mureft, Dis. Sec. 8740

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting Grayshott (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. W. Wright, Menevia, Prospect Road, Farnborough. 8737

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenharn, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett, Tel. 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8718

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 2nd. Weston Beggard (5) and Lugwardine (8). Bells, Weston Beggard, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Lugwardine. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 8756

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. For tea notify W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bakic Road, Tonbridge. 8658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By meeting at Higham, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 8700

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Hythe.—C. T. H. 8721

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whaddon, September 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon, Blechley. 8723

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting which was to have been held at Hope on September 2nd has had to be cancelled.—R. Farnworth. 8743

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hammerwood, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (T.N. 438). 8742

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, September 4th, 7 p.m. 8757

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Coker (8), September 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please by September 4th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil, Somerset. 8781

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at Northill. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London and Double Bob. Please give your support by coming.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 8776

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington (8), Saturday, September 9th, from 2 p.m. Special Major methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Little Bob. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 7th to Mr. D. Fewster, 'Lily Lodge', Patrington, Hull. 8755

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 6th, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8719

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Handley, Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, September 7th, please, to Mr. Douglas Johnson, 3, Milton Green, Handley, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 8792

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. Wm. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 8777

CLAWTON, DEVON.—Ringing Day, Saturday, September 9th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 3. Tea 4.30. Ringers' tug-o-war 6.30 p.m. All sorts of sideshows. Names for tea to Scott, Clawton Vicarage, Holsworthy. 8796

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, September 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than September 6th, to Mr. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields. 8760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 9th, at Haslingfield. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8766

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, September 9th, Bishopstone (8). Names for tea essential by 7th, to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 8758

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham, Saturday, September 9th. Ringing 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simons Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 8741

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea and sandwiches for those who send their names to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 8786

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Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall, by Tuesday, September 5th.

NO NAMES NO TEA.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Chilham, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall, cost 2s. 6d. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, September 6th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8680

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, September 9th, Chart Sutton (6), 3-5 p.m. East Sutton (6) 6-9 p.m. Tea at Queen's Head, Sutton Valence, 5 p.m. Please send names to me.—R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 8693

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with Macclesfield Branch, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, at St. James', Sutton, near Macclesfield, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by September 6th, to Mrs. C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. 8794

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at St. Editha's, Tamworth, Staffs. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5 p.m., following by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, September 6th, to Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth, Staffs. 8763

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at Nailsea on Saturday, September 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by September 7th to Mrs. D. Strong, 60, Ridgeway, Nailsea, Somerset. 8735



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Elloe Deaneries Branch and LADIES' GUILD at Fleet, September 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Gedney Guest House 5 p.m. Ringing at Gedney (6) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 6th, to B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Spalding. 8720

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Silk Willoughby, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8746

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, St. Luke's, Chelsea. Bells 3.30-4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business 6 p.m. at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, followed by ringing, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell 8771

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at St. Andrew's, Enfield. Ringing 4.45 to 6.45 p.m. Tea 7 p.m., followed by business meeting. 8783

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Spelsbury, Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 8790

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Horwood, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 6th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 8702

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting, Welford, on Saturday, September 9th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 8767

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, September 9th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, 1, Windmill Lane, Staverton, Daventry, by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock. 8779

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, September 9th, Wilton, and evening South Newton. Tea for those who send names by September 5th, to A. Haines, 4, Fugglestone Bungalows, Wilton. 8773

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 9th, Bradford Abbas. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. All welcome. Names by Wednesday, September 6th, to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham, Bourton 316. 8773

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Final of Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, September 9th. Start at 3 p.m. Names for tea by September 5th, to Mrs. R. Ashforth, School House, Gamston, Retford.—D. Denman. 8768

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8778

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, September 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 'The Black Horse.' Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Jack Newell, 20, Hurst Cottages, Amberley, Arundel, by Thursday, September 7th, please.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 8789

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Curdridge, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Pritchard, 'The Burns,' Lake Road, Curdridge, Southampton, by previous Tuesday. 8784

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, Privett (8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells available 6.30-9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8785

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Ampert (6), September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room, Thruxton (6) after tea. Names by Sept. 5th, to Mr. E. C. Samways, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, near Andover. 8769

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Guiseley, Saturday, September 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, September 7th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, 'Dunster,' Oxford Avenue, Guiseley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8724

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dunksell, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards. Names for tea by 13th, to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 8788

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting, Chigwell, September 16th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone. E.11 (LEY 4342). 8780

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Saturday, September 16th, Thurcaston, Leics (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 12th, to Mrs. W. M. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. All gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8791

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, September 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. A. Richardson, 2 Dudley Road, Brigg, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8790

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Aberdare, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 8795

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, September 16th, at Kessingland. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, please, to Mr. R. C. L. Brown, Market Place, Kessingland, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8782

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, September 16th, St. Mary's, Finchley. 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Southgate. All Saints' 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sunday, 10th, to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 8772

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Those requiring transport from Saxonale crossroads state time when sending names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. L. Exton, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 8765

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify the Rev. C. E. Fisher, The Vicarage, Lingfield, by September 13th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8759

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8753

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CREWKERNE.**—SOMERSET.—Annual tower, Sunday, September 17th. Bells 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. Bells after until 9 p.m. All welcome. 8775

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Rev. Oswald Mowan, Buckfast Abbey. 8761

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival, Saturday, September 30th, in the Farnham District. All fourteen towers will be open at some time during the day. Details later. 8738

**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Annual meeting and dinner, Grantham, Saturday, September 30th. (Please note new date.) Full details later. Dinner, George Hotel, Grantham. Tickets 18s. 6d. each, from J. A. Smith, Police House, Thurcaston, Leicester. 8752

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1961, at the Queen Hotel, Chester (opposite General Station). Tickets 18s. 6d. each. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. All applications for tickets, together with remittance, obtainable from September 16th-30th inclusive, through General Secretary, Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 8662

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the Late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association will be held at

Betty's Cafe, Darley Street, Bradford, at 6.45 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th.

Full details later.

With all members and friends please reserve date.

L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8770

### BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

A reunion of Bedfordshire Young Ringers took place on Easter Monday, when an expedition into North East Hertfordshire proved to be a very happy occasion.

Towers visited in the morning were Baldock and Wallington: at the second tower the six bells were as responsive to the ringing of St. Albans Delight as Baldock bells seemed unresponsive at efforts to ring the eight. In the afternoon, Rushden provided the quaint experience of Doubles ringing with a treble bell half a tone sharp. Latter, hopes of completing a course of Southwark Surprise were relinquished when at Walkern it was seen that only practitioners of 'one-upmanship' could be expected to handle the rope of the second, and then only from the top platform of the five-foot step ladder provided.

The unusual attraction of the day was the opportunity to visit St. George's, the new church at Stevenage. A vivid expression of this age, this edifice is complete with electro-mechanical means of calling people to worship. For those in the B.Y.R. party familiar with a keyboard there was permission to strike out upon the apparatus, for all to hear, the amplified sounds of vibrating rods—all very ingenious. The irony is that this apparatus should be designed to imitate, imperfectly, that which it seeks to supplant. Never mind, live ringers were awaiting the party at St. Nicholas', Stevenage, and in their company the day's ringing closed, with methods on the pleasant-sounding eight.

That the outing was a reunion was not forgotten, and reminiscence and talk of the future flowed later that evening over coffee; talk of youth hostels and towers afar mingled with the chatter of toddlers late home for bed. The forces dispersed with the feeling that, thanks to the organising effort of Michael Stephens and thanks to the welcome of Hertfordshire people, the day had been a happy one. R. W. S.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: J. Lamerion 1, A. V. Coates 2, Thelma Mullins 3, Kathleen Mahinson 4, T. G. Oliver 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerion 8. Rung for Festal Evensong.



### QUARTER PEALS

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On June 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nora Palmer (first quarter) 1, A. J. Adams 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, G. Huxley 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**PAULERSBURY, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 19th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Care 1, Miss J. Downing 2, B. Care 3, P. Amos 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. (Rung for the William Carey bi-centenary celebrations.

**ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. M. Stephens 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, C. Lanxon (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. For morning service.

**SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.**—On July 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Key (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, I. Friend 4, D. Friend 5. A compliment to Mr. T. Wright (son of the Vicar) and Miss J. Edge, of Gnosall, married on July 29th.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On July 22nd. 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Ann Barr 1, C. M. Smith 2, Lucy Allen 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5. First in 11 Doubles methods by all except the third ringer, and on the bells. Rung for St. Swithin's Day, after a peal failure.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 12th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Gillian Schofield 1, T. J. Clarke 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, D. W. Parkin 5, H. B. Schofield 6, J. G. Gipson 7, A. R. Pocklington 8. A 39th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker.

**WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Chambers 1, F. A. Ginn 2, B. Ward 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, J. Murkitt 6. By the Sunday service band for Evensong.

**WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 7th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Bennett 1, M. C. Hughes 2, P. J. Rothera 3, Alice E. J. Lester 4, I. Maycock 5, W. H. Male (cond.) 6.

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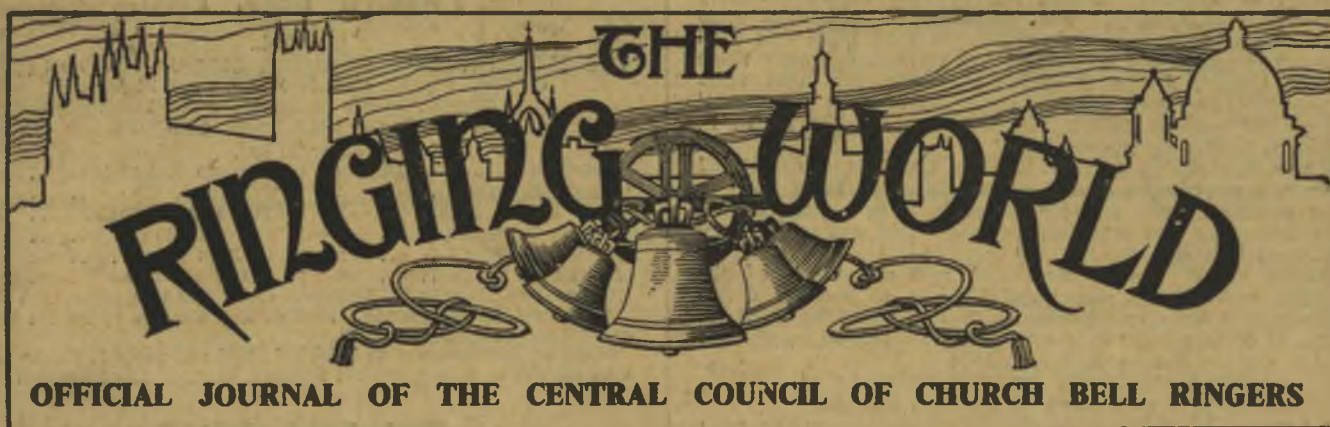
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## ART AND THE BELLFOUNDER

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE study of marks, initial crosses, lettering and inscriptions on church bells is a most interesting pursuit. Quite true it is that 'an old bell, by its inscription, medallions and ornaments, relates the history of the past better than a mutilated stone.'

But apart from any historic or antiquarian interest, one can find on such bells gems in the art of illuminating and decoration. These trade marks, word stops, floral bands and such like frequently reach a high level in artistic merit. This is, of course, mainly true of the mediæval period, but even in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries bellfounders adorned their bells with rich and varied ornamental borders.

On mediæval bells we find two variations; Gothic capitals and black letter 'smalls,' sometimes used together and called 'mixed Gothic' style. Some of the Early London founders used very effective sets of lettering, and special mention must be made of the beautiful and highly ornamental letters on bells of the middle of the fourteenth century London founders. Leicester founders of this period used fine ornamental lettering, which was handed down for two centuries. Thomas Potter, of Norwich (1404), used a very elaborate alphabet in which the letters were filled with grotesque figures and other devices, and a handsome set was used by a Bristol founder about 1450.

Above and below the lettering it is not uncommon to find beautiful ornamental bordering, ranging from the simple fleur-de-lis to most elaborate designs and running arabesques, with figures of grotesque men, animals, birds, and the like. A further embellishment adopted in mediæval times was the surmounting of each letter, or more often the initial letters, with a crown, and numerous examples of this style still exist. Later on came the decoration of bells by adding the donor's coat of arms, through this form is restricted. However, arms of cities, dioceses, and saints are frequently met with.

Continental bells and those of the East, particularly China and Japan, are much more elaborate in ornamentation than those of this country. One may see thereon not only the inscription, but often intricate and beautiful designs. Symbolic, allegoric, fantastic and heraldic art finds a place on these castings. One huge bell in Pekin, weighing over 50 tons and cast over two thousand years before the Christian era, is so beautifully made that its inscription—which consists of all the ancient Chinese lore and shown with many thousand symbols both within and without—can be read by a blind man!

Ancient bells rarely have the names of their founders, but a study of the stops, stamps and trade marks is often the means of ascertaining by whom they were made, and also their approximate date. Some founders merely used their initials, sometimes in a shield or circle, along with other devices. Inscriptions, too, varied as time progressed, from the early invocation to some patron saint to pray for us (ora pro nobis) or for a blessing upon the church and people, down to the quaint and interesting couplets telling the use of the particular bell inscribed, as for example:

'Men's death I tell, by doleful knell.

On Sabbath all, to church I call.

I toll the funeral knell,

I hail the festal day.

The fleeting hours I tell.

I summon all to pray'; and so on.

Other bells commemorate some great event of local or national importance, or maybe sing their donor's praise. As time went on a severer style of both lettering and ornament took place, and the plain Roman alphabet with simple lines around the bells, or at most a plain lozenge or key pattern, was used. This, naturally, is speaking broadly, for many founders went from the ornamental style to plain, then suddenly returned to the decorated.

In the process of cleaning and rehangng the bells of the astronomical clock of Hampton Court Palace, an almost indecipherable founder's mark was discovered on the two quarter bells, which has been identified as that of William Culverden, an early sixteenth century founder. It is a very elaborate shield with a rebus device of the most subtle description which long defied solution until Mr. A. D. Tyssen, an authority on bell history, discovered its meaning. The centre of the shield is occupied by a large bell on which the letters 'fown' of the word 'founder' are visible; below are a 'W' and the figure of a bird. On either side are inscribed the words 'In dñō cofida,' with a trefoil and 'de' below; and on the base a mark like two P's conjoined, one being reversed. The name of Culverden being known as that of a founder from his will, it was ingeniously pointed out that **culver** is an Old English word for 'pigeon,' the kind of bird represented; this combined with the letter 'W' & 'de' gives us 'W. Culverden.' The significance of the text is apparent, for, the Vulgate of Ps X (11) runs: 'In Domino confido,' etc. The other two marks are still unexplained, but the trefoil may indicate reference to the Holy Trinity—Culverden having relations with the Priory of that name in Aldgate. His work has been identified in a number of instances, notably at King's College, Cambridge, Chobham, Surrey, Wimbledon and elsewhere, from 1510-23. His will, dated 1522, is curiously worded after the style of the period, and the following are extracts:

'I, Willm Culverden, citizen, and brazier of London, and parishoner of the parische of Sanct Botulph without Algate of London, bein in my goode hole and parfite mynde (lawde and praise be to Almighty God) make and ordeyne this my put testament and laste will in manner and fourme following, that is to wit...

...and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Sanct Botulph aforesaid when and in such place as myn Executours by the advyse of myn overseer underwritten shall thinke most convenient. ...Item. I bequeth towards the mayntenance of the brotherhood of Ihu kept w'in the church of Sanct Botulph wherof I am brother...xijd. Also I bequeth to the Abbey of Westmyenster where I was brought upp in my youth, to be bestowed in the same church for the welth of my soule xxiijs. viijd. yf it may be borne of my goodes after my detts be fully paide or ells not.'

After giving details of other bequests, etc., he says that his moulds and implements be sold to Thomas Lawrence, another bellfounder, for £120. The two quarter bells mentioned above (at Hampton Court) weigh respectively about 1½ and 2 cwt. The hour bell, weighing about 17 cwt., is of earlier date, being cast by Thomas Harrys (1478-80), whose work is still to be found in and around the city. He used very simple marks, usually with a Maltese cross, and his capitals were crowned like those of Culverden. The clock itself is a curious timepiece and appears to have been constructed in 1540, this date being engraved on a bar of the original wrought iron framework, together with the marks N.C., which are thought to refer to Nicholas Cratzer. In 1575 the dial was repainted by George Gaver, and in 1649 an additional dial was placed on the western side of the tower. In 1711 the clock was repaired by Langley



Bradley, of Fenchurch Street, but in 1835 an extraordinary transposition was made. The works of the old clock were removed and have since disappeared. In their place was fixed a movement with this inscription: 'This clock, originally made for the Queen's Palace at St. James' Palace, for many years in use there, was A.D. 1835 by command of King William IV altered and adapted to suit Hampton Court Palace by B. L. Vulliamy, clock maker to the King.'

Worse than all, the previous dial was taken down and stored away in a workshop at the Palace, the gap left being filled in by a painted board! In 1879, however, a new and sufficient clock movement was provided, the dial found and replaced by Mr. James Thwaites.

During World War II we heard and saw much of the swastika, and it is not surprising, therefore, to find this device used on new bells in Germany. Thus at the Church of St. Mary, of Koenigsburg, it is used with this prosaic inscription: 'Cast in the year of rebirth 1934'

May my chimes give thanks to Merciful God  
Who gave us a leader in our time of need.'

The swastika, also known as the fylfot, gammadion, or cross cramponée, is of ancient origin, having been used by the votaries of Buddha, six hundred years before Christ. Later it was associated with Scandinavian mythology, being known as the Cross of Thor, or Thor's Hammer.

Since Thor was the God of Thunder, the swastika is sometimes used with the idea of protection against thunderstorms, particularly among German peasantry. Subsequently this device of pagan origin became connected with Christianity, and is found in mediæval English heraldry and ecclesiastical art. It is found on one of the earliest monumental brasses in this country (A.D. 1277), that to Sir John D'Aubernon, at Stoke D'Aubernon, Surrey, and also on later brasses in Kent and Essex.

It also became incorporated in the foundry mark of the Heathcote family of bellfounders, of Chesterfield, from 1502 to 1643. The only other founder who used the fylfot or swastika ornament was Thomas Bett, who was Mayor of Leicester, 1529-30. Their bells are still to be found in Lincs, Nottinghamshire and surrounding districts.

As stated above the study of marks, stops, crosses, floral bands and unique lettering will well repay the searcher, and much can be learned from the wide variety of decorations used, which could be applied to any or all works in the illuminating art.

## UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION 1961 TOUR

(ALL PEALS FOR THE ASSOCIATION)

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

*M. JO MORETON .. .. Treble	JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 6
A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 7
*†B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 3	*JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 8
DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 9
DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5	†JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. Treble	†BRIAN COX .. .. 4
*ALISON INCE .. .. 2	JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 5
JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 3	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND E. FINCH.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

TOTTENHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE .. .. Treble	JOHN E. SEAGER .. .. 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 6
JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 7
RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF 5017 ERIN CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
*DONALD E. COBB .. .. 2	*PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 8
*MARY HALL .. .. 3	*TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	*FRANK D. MACK .. .. 10
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 11
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. 6	FRANK HANSFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. First of Erin Cinques by all the band, and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Patrick J. Bird and Mary J. Clarke, who were married at St. Augustine's, Rumney, Mon, on July 29th, 1961.

## TEN BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5094 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 8
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 9
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE (C.C.C. 83).

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

Arranged in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Noon.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT .. 6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 7
BERYL A. REED .. .. 3	*IAN R. PANTON .. .. 8
GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 4	COLIN A. REED .. .. 9
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method, and first on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 24 cwt.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 6
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 8
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 5).

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. CRISP .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 2	ROBERT WAKE .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

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**NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**

*On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours.*

*At the Church of SS. Eurgain and Peter.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*GAY WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 5
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
†MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 3	MARTIN HAWKES .. .. 7
F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by I. H. HOLLAND. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise Major 'inside.'  
Rung as a compliment to Denis and Mary Beresford on the birth of a daughter.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Margaret.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. .. 5
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. N. LEYTON. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.  
Rung as a welcome to Michael David, son of George and Vivian Francis, born on August 4th.

**OXTON (BIRKENHEAD), CHESHIRE.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**

*On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Saviour.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	HOWARD COLLINGS .. .. 5
*RITA E. H. GASSON .. .. 2	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON .. 6
†ELIZABETH C. FARROW .. 3	DAVID R. MARTIN .. .. 7
MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 4	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.' and on eight bells.  
Rung as an engagement compliment to Lois Lean.

**MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Giles.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. Treble	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 2	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6
GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. .. 7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Helen Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephenson, of Duffield.

**HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 6
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. James.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. HAWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES CLEGG .. .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	ROBERT BOLT .. .. 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 7
PAMELA BLAKELEY .. .. 4	M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. JOHN HALLIWELL.

\*First peal. First in the method as conductor.

**EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. James.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 WESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

NEIL BENNETT .. .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. .. 6
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Association.  
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Fishwick, parents of the sixth ringer.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

*At the Church of All Saints.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 CHELTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method. This method, which is Pudsey without 2nds, appears in Corrigan's Collection as Lowestoft (No. 212). The new name is in conformity with that adopted in the peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus rung at Cheltenham on June 24th, 1961.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*CAROL ELDRIDGE .. .. Treble	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 5
O. NEVILLE CURTIS .. .. 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 6
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 3	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 7
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 4	*JOHN PITFIELD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.

\*First peal at first attempt. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. I. Russell, for 32 years churchwarden at St. Mary's.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.*

*At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. 2	ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
JOHN McDONALD .. .. 4	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.*

*At the Church of The Holy Trinity.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
HAROLD A. MAY .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. Walter Boulton.

**SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL .. .. 5
†KEITH H. MILDRED .. .. 2	*J. RICHARD PERKINS .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\*750th peal. †First of Major. ‡First of Major 'inside.'  
Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

**SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*

*At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN G. AMES .. .. Treble	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 2	†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 6
*KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\*First peal of Major. †First of Surprise.

**EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Treble	*ERNEST PRESTON .. .. 5
MRS. COLIN W. REED .. .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\*First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

**CHELTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

—58—6—12—38—14—5—16—7

8ths place lead-end. 6ths place bobs.



**COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.**  
**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 15½ cwt.  
 SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. *Treble* | GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 5  
 JACQUELINE S. KING .. .. 2 | DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. .. 6  
 SHIRLEY PARSONS .. .. 3 | ALAN CARVETH .. .. 7  
 ROBERT E. COLES .. .. 4 | DAVID J. KING .. .. *Tenor*  
 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

**WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.  
 MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE *Treble* | \*ROBERT BOLT .. .. 5  
 JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 2 | NORMAN SMITH .. .. 6  
 PAMELA BLAKELEY .. .. 3 | BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 7  
 \*RICHARD J. PARKER .. .. 4 | CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. *Tenor*  
 Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.  
 \* First peal on eight bells.

**SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**  
*On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.  
 CLIVE M. SMITH .. *Treble* | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5  
 MURIEL REAY .. .. 2 | EDWARDS T. LLOYD .. .. 6  
 DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 3 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 7  
 ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**  
*On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.  
 DIANA J. PERRINS .. *Treble* | JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5  
 ANN BARR .. .. 2 | ANDREW N. STUBBS .. .. 6  
 MURIEL REAY .. .. 3 | GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7  
 EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. *Tenor*  
 Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 MARGARET E. PANTON .. *Treble* | HUGH E. BISHOP .. .. 4  
 JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. 2 | ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 5  
 CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3 | IAN R. PANTON .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.  
 Rung as a compliment to Joe and Mary Roast on the birth of a son; also for the marriage this day of Michael Redhead and Brita Olson.

**BRIGSTOCK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.  
 \*LEONARD B. JEFFERIES .. *Treble* | †CHRIS. L. BELL .. .. 3  
 †CHARLES J. BLAIN .. .. 2 | R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 4  
 J. W. ALLEN .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.  
 \* First peal. † First of Doubles.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 In 11 methods, being seven extents: (1) York and Durham, (2) Wells and London, (3) Annable's London, (4) Bourne, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Norwich, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.  
 \*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER *Treble* | ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 4  
 †JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 2 | RALPH BIRD .. .. 5  
 †RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by RALPH BIRD.  
 \* First peal of Minor. † First in 11 methods.

**BRISTOL.**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.**  
*On Wed., June 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.  
 \*J. WILFRED SCARRATT .. *Treble* | †S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 4  
 ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. 2 | MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 5  
 †A. CHRIS. TYNDALE-BISCOE 3 | DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by MICHAEL J. AUSTIN.  
 \* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor.

**EAST PECKHAM, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 106, 105, 104, 112 reversed, 112, 103 and 102. Tenor 14 cwt.  
 \*ANN GEORGE .. .. *Treble* | RALPH BIRD .. .. 4  
 STANLEY JENNER .. .. 2 | JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 5  
 IAN H. ORAM .. .. 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by RALPH BIRD.  
 \* 25th peal. First of Minor in the method by all.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.  
 \*ELIZABETH A. HOLMES .. *Treble* | JAMES R. HOLMES .. .. 4  
 DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 2 | WALTER WESTON .. .. 5  
 PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.  
 \* First peal, first attempt.  
 A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being extents in seven variations of calling, no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.  
 JEREMY A. TANDY .. *Treble* | WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 4  
 \*RICHARD F. NEWMAN .. 2 | MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5  
 MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3 | PAUL CATTERMÖLE .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by PAUL CATTERMÖLE.  
 \* First peal on six bells.  
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Birch, son and daughter-in-law of the Rector of Hanbury.

**REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.  
 RICHARD S. CHEW .. *Treble* | MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 4  
 WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. 2 | W. DUDLEY WILSON .. 5  
 JOY SMITH .. .. 3 | TONY STEVENS .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by MICHAEL V. POWELL.  
 First peal as conductor for the Guild.

**SHIPBOURNE, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 In two methods, being three extents St. Clement's and four Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.  
 \*ANN GILBERT .. .. *Treble* | DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4  
 MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 2 | BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5  
 MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3 | MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.  
 \* First peal.  
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cross for the birth of their daughter, Jenefer Elizabeth.

**BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
 Being 22 extents of Plain Bob and five 12-scores and ten 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 FREDERICK BLOWEN .. *Treble* | MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 4  
 \*MAY STEVENS .. .. 2 | JOHN J. WEBB .. .. 5  
 W. DUDLEY WILSON .. 3 | TONY STEVENS .. .. *Tenor*  
 Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.  
 \* First peal 'inside.'



**BURSTWICK, EAST YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(The Beverley and District Society.)

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two Oxford T.B. and three Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

JANET I. PORTER .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. THIRKELL .. 4
LEONARD RODMELL .. .. 2	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON .. 5
HENRY RODMELL .. .. 3	RONALD DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. E. E. C. Hollis.

**REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In three methods, being three extents of Kent T.B. and two each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK .. .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 4
LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 2	NORMAN WATSON .. .. 5
CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 3	HARRY B. FULLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Double Court and College Single, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob.

ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD Treble	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* Most methods in a peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

**BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(LINCOLN CHRIST'S HOSPITAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.)

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

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

MRS. NANCIE E. COLLEY .. Treble	MRS. MARGARET A. PARKER .. 4
(Swann)	(Swann)
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 5
MRS. MADELINE E. CROFT .. 3	CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. Tenor
(Lyon)	

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL.

First peal by Old Girls of this school.

**GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD B. JEFFERIES .. Treble	*PAUL J. BERGDAHL .. .. 4
CHRIS L. BELL .. .. 2	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 5
DONALD MURFET .. .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 4
ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

**HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In six methods, being one extent each of Hereward, Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford and Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*JUDY EXON .. .. Treble	ROLAND COOK .. .. 4
*VALERIE LACEY .. .. 2	*JOHN TICKLE .. .. 5
FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

\* First peal in six methods.

**SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CAUSER .. .. Treble	ARTHUR YARROW .. .. 4
PAUL LEGGETT .. .. 2	ALAN W. PAYNE .. .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Scott upon his recent induction at this church.

**LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.**

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*WILFRED C. BOUCHER .. Treble	*D. ROY BOULD .. .. 4
*WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 2	*HARRY STACEY .. .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in more than one method. 125th as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, cast by John Taylor and Co., 1911. A birthday peal for D. R. Bould.

**WATERINGBURY, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

JOHN H. R. BETTS .. .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR**

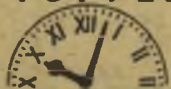
Being extents in seven variations of calling, no 6-5's at backstroke. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. Treble	CLIVE R. CALTON .. .. 4
LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 2	PAUL CATTERMORE .. .. 5
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMORE.

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

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## A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 579)

**St. Michael's Galleywood, Essex.**—Mon., Sept. 29, 1873, the ring of 8 by Warners opened by ringers of the Benington Society—5,060 changes in 10 methods, 'a feat in scientific change-ringing that has never before been heard of.'

**Termination of the Chesterfield Bell-ringers' Strike.**—'...things are now comfortably settled with the Vicar and Churchwardens and the Ringers. . . . We are pleased to see that the churchwardens' promise to white-wash and make the belfry decent . . . the ringers agreed to subscribe 10/- a year to a local hospital, and by-gones are to be by-gones. . . .'

**Longston, Derbyshire.**—Oct. 10, 1873: New Ring of 5 bells by Taylors and presented by Mr. Wright opened by Bakewell ringers after a short Dedication Service by the Vicar, preparatory to the reopening of the church a few days afterwards.

**St. Gregory's, Bedale, Yorks.**—Wed. Oct. 15, 1873—opened after overhaul and two trebles added. Work by Thomas Mallaby of Masham. A ring of 8 and a prayer-bell.

**Brookfield, Lancashire.**—Sat., Oct. 18, 1873—peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 1 min., followed by presentation of a watch to Richard Ainsworth, instructor of the Gorton Change-ringing Society. 'Some splendid music was played by the hand-bell ringers upon their new set of 74 bells . . . vote of thanks to Richard Peacock, Esq., the donor of the church and bells. . . .'

**Belfry Rules.**—'We are often asked for Rules. . . . In Ellacombe's "Belfries and Ringers" there are rules . . . much too long. . . . We have just (i.e. to November 15th, 1873) been favoured with a copy of Belfry Rules at Dundee, which we gladly reproduce. . . . It is especially necessary to exclude all persons who are not ringers. Exceptions there may be occasionally, but the loungers or youths at the idle corner are most objectionable.' The Dundee rules include: Care to prevent injury to bells, frame, apparatus and building, no

'clocking' or 'clapping,' no one present without proper permission, doors locked, no smoking, no liquor except water. Any ringer or probationer having misconducted himself after being warned by the steeple-keeper to be dismissed. One practice night per week or extra if the steeple-keeper approves, but he should bear in mind that 'every residenter is not a lover of bell-ringing' therefore on 'extra' nights the clappers should be lashed. Belfry to be closed to all during services and choir practices. Feelings of sick persons in the neighbourhood to be 'tenderly considered.'

**Bingley, Yorks.**—Last ringing on the six bells, which are to have a new treble and a new tenor added (November 15th, 1873).

**Long Melford, Suffolk.**—September 26th, 1768. Within this steeple was rung complete: A Peal of Treble Bob, and the music sweet, by the Melford company as Doth appear; and if their Names you'd know, why here they are:—

James Ward, as first, the Treble he Did ring:  
Samuel Scott the Second he Did nicely Swing:  
Young Cutts the Miller with the third Did Play;

Jeremias Heard the Fourth Did Sway:  
And the fifth was rung by John Pearson:  
William Smith, the Sixth, being Next in turn:  
John Corder the Seventh, and the Peal Did Call:

George Cadge the Tenor which completed them all.

within three hours and ten minutes space, it was all over, and each Bell had Runn its Race, the changes were five thousand and Six Score, them Being Doone there was no neede for more.

May 10th, 1768.—10.080 Bob Major in 6 hrs. 17 mins.

**Prize ringing.**—'Bob Single,' a correspondent, referring to prize ringing, mentions matches at Wellington and Milverton, Somerset. He goes on, 'May I ask if there was ever a ringing-match got up without the help of an inn-keeper? . . . men have been

known to stand and ring continuously for over 12 hours and strike 20,000 changes simply out of love for the art; but such as these are content to ring only for ten minutes for the love of a few shillings. . . . Art has no enemy except ignorance.'

**Society of Royal Youths.**—Formed Wednesday, November 15th, 1873, with 16 members.

**Laxfield, Suffolk.**—The fine ring of bells which has for twenty years been out of repair has been entirely rehung by Geo. Day and Son, church bell hangers, Eye. Two new trebles have been supplied by Warner and Son, bell founders, London. The six bells were opened in October, 1873—tenor 18 cwt.

**The Minster, St. Albans Verulam, Herts.**—Thursday, December 19th, 1765—5.040 Bob Major—3 hrs. 20 mins., 'being the first ever completed in this church.' Another peal, of Grandsire Triples, 5,040, was rung about 1808, but the record was lost when the old ringing chamber was destroyed in 1833.

**St. Peter's, St. Albans.**—Monday, August 21st, 1865, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, 5,079 Sedman Caters, 3 hrs. 26 mins. 'Rung in Commemoration of the return of the Honble. Henry Cowper, M.P. for the County.'

Tuesday, May 26th, 1767.—5.040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 10 mins., 'being the first ever completed here. . . . In 1787 two more bells were added by Mr. John Briant.'

The Ancient Society of College Youths held their 230th anniversary in this tower, July 1st, 1867. . . . rang 5,000 Kent T.B. Royal in 3 hrs. 27 mins., 'being the first peal in that method on these bells.'

'John Lewis, of this parish, Nonconformist, added two bells to complete the peal of twelve and rang them on Tuesday, May 19th, 1868. He died Wednesday, May 27th, 1868.' He was Mayor 1856-7. His son rang the second in a peal of Grandsire Triples, April 2nd, 1870.

**Announcement by Mr. Sottenstall, of Sowerby, Yorks.**—'He wishes it to be known that he has composed a peal in three parts which produces as many changes as there are verses in the New Testament.'

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

## The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



## QUARTER PEALS

**ADDERBURY, OXON.**—On Aug. 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. L. Roper 1. Mrs. A. Bennett 2. M. W. Sayers 3. C. C. Clarke 4. B. J. Davis 5. J. E. Sayers 6. M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7. J. G. Wyatt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Reeves, mother of Bob.

**ASKERSWELL, DORSET.**—On July 31st. 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Hopgood 1. Betty J. Marsh 2. W. G. Trevett 3. N. J. Hayne 4. H. J. Ford (cond.) 5. J. H. Hayne 6.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Hopkins 1. E. Wills (first of Cambridge Major) 2. J. I. Dear 3. E. Buck 4. R. Castledine 5. C. Harwood 6. P. Flack 7. J. S. Dear (cond.) 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1. A. W. Beard 2. J. Carrott 3. Miss J. Peacock 4. F. G. Richardson 5. A. Gargrave 6. D. Salisbury 7. F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On Aug. 15th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bailey 1. L. Allen (cond.) 2. R. Cooper 3. E. J. Whiting 4. J. F. W. Allen 5. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baker.

**CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Crofts 1. F. Bird 2. Miss M. Rhodes 3. H. Brown 4. J. Wilkinson 5. F. Bailey (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Minor by the local band. Rung for the wedding this day of the Rector, Canon W. E. Brooke, and Miss Marjory Finch.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 15th. 1,248 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. Fray 1. R. G. Beck (cond.) 2. E. C. Wadman 3. E. J. Chivers 4. M. J. Horseman 5. J. Brain 6. First in the method for 1, 5 and 6.

**CLYST HONITON, DEVON.**—On Aug. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. F. Bye 1. Miss M. Browne 2. Mrs. G. E. Retter 3. P. E. Jupp 4. G. E. Retter (cond.) 5. K. G. E. Wannell 6. D. A. Wills 7. A. P. R. Williams 8. First of Triples for 2, 6 and 8.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Y. M. Obbard (first of Minor) 1. Miss J. Phillips (first of Minor) 2. E. E. Pearson 3. W. H. Minnear 4. W. Ivings 5. C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Janet Phillips on gaining entrance to Bristol University.

**DRONFIELD, DERBYS.**—1,440 Killamarsh Treble Bob Minor: Angela Scutt 1. A. Wilson 2. K. R. Goodall 3. R. Bradbury 4. L. Goodall (cond.) 5. G. Goodall 6.

**EALING, MIDDXX.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,288 Little Bob Major: L. Way 1. A. H. Fulwell 2. N. Harding 3. A. M. Stacey 4. F. Ranson 5. M. Gathercole 6. F. Bishop 7. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**ENFIELD, MIDDXX.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Newcombe 1. T. Hawkins 2. H. Howson 3. R. Wood 4. D. E. Towers 5. J. Duggan (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of David Mark Towers on August 12th.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross 1. A. R. Mann (cond.) 2. A. G. Orbell 3. E. Jaggard 4. C. F. Sargeant 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Hilda Cross, a local ringer.

**GOATHURST, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 17th. 1,440 combined Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: D. Miller 1. D. J. Gay 2. Mrs. A. Short 3. F. Sweet 4. M. Stone 5. R. D. Short (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Aug. 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. L. Duffield 1. Mrs. H. Marshall 2. Deborah Hopkins (first as cond.) 3. E. J. White 4. J. H. Edwards 5. A. Lumbis 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Kilby, donor of one of the bells.

**HATHERN, LEICS.**—On Aug. 6th. 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): J. Bradbury (first quarter) 1. C. Cowley 2. D. Swift 3. T. Harris (cond.) 4. R. Carter 5. H. Lacey 6. For Evensong.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): R. Blackshaw 1. S. Meredith 2. D. Bradley (cond.) 3. H. W. Harrison 4. A. Larkin 5. F. Bradley and B. Mills 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Canon Tinsley, Rector.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.**—On Aug. 13th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): W. Peacock 1. K. G. Spavins 2. H. B. Whitney 3. O. J. Rogers 4. R. Churchill (cond.) 5. I. N. Pett 6. W. Rivett 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Fisher, a local ringer.

**KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 24th. 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. E. Cobb 1. Joan Grey 2. C. Richard 3. K. Lawson 4. M. J. Horseman 5. J. Brain 6. P. M. J. Grey 7. J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

**KINGSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Down 1. H. E. G. Jeanes 2. D. Hill (first in method) 3. F. Priddle 4. W. E. Turner 5. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 26th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): Miss T. Staples 1. A. Smithson 2. M. J. Kirk 3. E. A. Harrison 4. J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For St. Bartholomew's Day.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Aug. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Corson 1. Sylvia Holt (first quarter) 2. A. E. Stamp 3. R. H. Dove 4. C. B. Dove (cond.) 5. C. E. Watkinson (first quarter) 6.

**LINTON, HEREFORDS.**—On Aug. 23rd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): May Stevens 1. W. E. Spiers 2. Joy Smith 3. R. G. Powell (cond.) 4. M. V. Powell 5. F. Turner 6.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Yeomans 1. N. Simon 2. R. Hayward 3. J. Bennett 4. F. Rowsell 5. G. I. Lewis 6. T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7. W. J. Goodfellow 8. First in method by 2 and 3. Rung as part of the celebration of the 14th centenary of the Diocese.

**LLANOVER, MON.**—On Aug. 25th. 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. King 1. Mrs. A. Carveth 2. Mrs. D. J. King 3. D. G. Clift 4. A. Carveth (cond.) 5.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 25th. 1,260 Doubles (six methods): D. M. C. Hill 1. Mrs. A. F. Godley 2. M. V. Powell 3. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4. R. G. Powell 5. A. J. Lewis 6. First in six methods for 1 and 2.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 28th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Skelly 1. Mrs. R. Quint 2. J. Riley 3. Jennifer Brake 4. H. L. F. Derrick (cond.) 5. Olwen Quint 6. A compliment to Miss Olwen Quint, on her 15th birthday.

**NORTHLEIGH, OXON.**—On Aug. 23rd. 1,260 changes (540 Plain Bob Minor, 240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles): Mrs. P. E. Pimm 1. H. Miles 2. D. Floyd 3. H. Floyd 4. A. Hicks 5. W. Butler 6. A birthday compliment to Princess Margaret and Princess Anne.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On Aug. 24th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Wooldridge (first of Minor) 1. M. J. Fellows 2. J. A. Tandy 3. P. J. Brown 4. P. L. Bill 5. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. By Stourbridge Grammar School Society.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Mayell (cond.) 1. Miss J. E. M. Hills 2. Mrs. F. W. Blatch 3. H. Smith 4. R. Hills 5. F. W. Blatch 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Aug. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1. F. E. Day 2. J. H. Bluff (Stamford, Lincs) 3. W. G. Lavers 4. H. F. Myers 5. D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. T. G. Myers 7. W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong, and for J. H. Bluff, on holiday.

**PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 28th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Beale 1. R. Welch 2. J. Cornelius 3. R. Dean 4. F. Welch 5. J. T. Locke (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Harry Bungay.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Uphill 1. Gillian Neal Smith 2. D. C. Brookes 3. J. W. Wallace 4. A. R. Millidge 5. C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Uphill 1. A. R. Millidge 2. J. W. Wallace 3. L. Allen 4. Gillian Neal Smith 5. A. S. Bishop 6. C. F. Mew (cond.) 7. D. C. Brookes 8. First on eight 1, 2 and 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for 4 and 7. For Evensong.

**RUSHALL, STAFFS.**—On Aug. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E. Butcher 1. J. S. Eastwood 2. R. Coleman 3. A. Botterill 4. K. Williams (cond.) 5. G. W. Hughes 6.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**—On Aug. 18th. 1,296, Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marilyn Barton 1. Judith A. Harding 2. R. G. W. Robertson 3. M. Barton 4. M. Hawkes 5. R. J. Trebilcock 6. An engagement compliment to Ross Robertson and Judith Harding.

**STANWELL, MIDDXX.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss P. Harris 1. C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3. M. Lane 4. P. Brand 5. D. Pickett 6. For Evensong.

**STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On Aug. 21st. 1,920 Doubles (April Day, Clifford Pleasure, Little Aston, Seighford, Litchurch, St. David, Wyehbold, Dedworth, Oldswinford, Salwarpe and six unnamed variations): P. J. Brown 1. M. J. Fellows 2. J. A. Tandy 3. P. Cattermole (cond.) 4. M. D. Fellows 5. The conductor's 100th quarter.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—On Aug. 28th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Harding 1. F. Penn 2. Mrs. F. Penn 3. A. Knight 4. C. Butcher 5. J. Lucas 6. F. Slatford (cond.) 7. R. Burbidge (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Jack Arlett, organist and choirmaster at this church.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): L. J. Cox 1. A. F. Lee (cond.) 2. J. R. Hobbs 3. D. J. Barnett 4. T. J. Milsom 5. J. W. Isaacs 6. D. F. Jefferies 7. D. J. Burt 8. First quarter in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Terry Milsom.

**UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.**—On Aug. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: May Stevens 1. M. V. Powell 2. Joy Smith 3. W. E. Spiers 4. R. G. Powell (cond.) 5. F. Turner 6.

**WALKINGTON, EAST YORKS.**—On Aug. 25th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Wight (first quarter) 1. J. Rank 2. Miss J. Gray (first quarter) 3. J. Singleton 4. K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5. I. Goldthorpe 6.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Pain 1. Mrs. R. J. Chapman 2. Miss S. Secker 3. Miss J. Whitcher 4. Miss J. Secker 5. R. J. Chapman (cond.)

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline A. Reason (first of Minor) 1. Myra J. Wilkins 2. Gillian M. Hussey 3. M. J. Hobbs 4. I. G. Smith 5. A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Preb. C. W. Francis, Vicar of Warmley for 10 years.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On July 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Ford (first quarter) 1. M. Peterson (cond.) 2. J. Evans (first 'inside') 3. Christine Glastonbury 4. W. G. Dare 5. Rung for Evensong.

**WHITNASH, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 26th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stella T. Trindall 1. W. H. Male 2. Pamela M. Turner 3. P. Rothera 4. H. C. Burt 5. I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Cockburn and Margaret Dee.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Church 1. Gillian Wall (first quarter) 2. R. Bath (cond.) 3. F. Farr 4. H. Noakes 5. E. Hunt 6. Rung on the 70th birthday and in honour of Edwin Hunt.

## OUTING

**ASHBRITTLE & SAMPFORD ARUNDEL**  
The Ashbrittle and Sampford Arundel ringers had a very happy day on their outing to South-East Devon. Two schools of thought were represented; Ashbrittle are method ringers, Sampford Arundel ring call changes. Both towers are in small villages, so the experts from the adjoining Deaneries who came with us were extremely welcome.

We rang in six towers—Stockland, Colyton, Seaton, Sidmouth, Ottery St. Mary and Dunkeswell—and the ringing ranged from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A traffic jam outside Honiton prevented our ringing at Offwell, for which we had planned.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains who made everything easy for us, and especially to Mr. Stanley Bristow for the trouble he took to ensure that everyone rang in every tower according to ability.

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The Bishop of Coventry is visiting the Church of St. Gregory, Tredington, near Shipton-on-Stour, Warwickshire, on September 22nd for the millenary of the church and the chaplain of Jesus College, Oxford, takes the harvest Sunday service on September 24th at 11 a.m. Tredington has six bells (tenor 16 cwt.), hung on ball bearings. A special welcome is extended to teams of bellringers throughout the year and those interested should contact the Rector (the Rev. Gower-Jones) or the chief bellringer (Mr. C. Matthews).

Three peals were rung during the Universities Association tour—at Leighton Buzzard, Cheddington and Totternhoe.

The ringers of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, on September 3rd, send their best wishes to Miss Frances Elizabeth Fulwell, daughter of the tower captain, Mr. A. Fulwell, married on September 2nd to Mr. M. B. B. Houghton.

We are still getting correspondents who, in submitting peals for publication, fail to conform to the recognised pattern. This indifference to repeated requests means, not only extra work at the editorial desk, but is the frequent cause of essential omissions from the report.

It would seem that Mr. Bob Smith now has a rival to contend with: As a result of two 100 per cent. successful peal weeks, a North Staffordshire 'personality' rang 25 peals in August. He modestly admits, however, that this has been a really exceptional month, and as holidays don't last all the year round he doesn't quite expect to attain the 300 mark this year!

There have only been two responses to the appeal by Mr. W. F. P. Kelly, of P.O., Kilifi, Kenya, for the Kilifi Church Bell Fund. Towards a cost of £3,200 about £2,600 has been collected. One who responded was a Mr. Hobson, serving in the R.A.F., Nairobi, who is a ringer. We should like to see more ringers supporting this venture. Kilifi is, however, a long way to go for a tower grab!

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Prompted by two learners from Lincoln Christ Hospital Girls' High School at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, inquiries were made as to the possibility of Old Girls of the school making a peal attempt. The following band was collected during the summer holiday: Mrs. Croft (Southampton), Mrs. Colley (Sutton Coldfield), the Misses Burch-nall (Sutton-on-Trent), Mrs. Parker (Nettleton) and Miss Dillamore (Lincoln) and a successful peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Blankney. The organiser was told to hurry along the learners for a Major attempt next year.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has rung his 750th peal.

It was intended to attempt a peal of Triples at Hanbury on August 21st. The company met one short and a peal of Minor was rung. Peter J. Brown kindly stood down.

Joining London University Society in their North Wales and Cheshire tour this year was Mr. Bryan Cox, a graduate of Adelaide University.

In submitting a peal of Minor at Launceston, Mr. E. J. Ladd questions whether it was the first peal on the bells, which were cast by John Taylor and Co., in 1911.

We present to our readers this week the first of a series of articles entitled 'Treble Bob for Beginners,' by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Subsequent parts are Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bobs in Treble Bob.

We have no doubt that the ringers of the Northern Province will celebrate the enthronement of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York on Wednesday, September 13th, and we suspect that ringers from the South will be glad to join in.

We have received a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering), rung on August 27th, half-muffled in memoriam a parishioner. Unfortunately the name of the place where this was rung is not recorded, and the name and address of the sender is not given. Even the postmark did not help us. The cancellation was so complete that the place of posting was indecipherable.

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## ELY ASSOCIATION HAVE BELLS WITH ORGAN

Members of the Ely Association from the Ely, Cambs and Hunts Districts joined hands on August Bank Holiday to enjoy a day's ringing in North Bucks, and with the help of Mr. D. E. R. Knights, late District secretary, a most enjoyable day was spent among towers around Blechley. The weather was on its best behaviour, and Mr. R. Adams, organist at Over, added to the pleasure of the trip, with a series of organ recitals at the churches visited. Fenny Stratford, Blechley, Loughton, Stoney Stratford, Shenley, Wolverton and Newport Pagnell comprised the programme.

Mr. Knights met the party at Fenny Stratford, and with his car piloted the party. Of the churches visited four were sixes and the remainder eights. At Fenny, standard methods, including Cambridge and St. Clement's, were rung. Our guide, however, slipped up on the way to Blechley, and after a turn round St. Mary's was reached in time for some good ringing, which included an excellent touch of Stedman, in which the veterans, Messrs. Marks and Sear, took part.

Thence to an excellent lunch at the Fountain Inn, Loughton. The village church, detached from all main arteries of traffic wore a peaceful aspect, and the bells, not too tuneful, were offset by a sweet little organ, which our organist exploited to his heart's content. Shenley (another six) was next on the list, had many admirers, and most of the able bodied folk made pilgrimages to inspect the frame and fittings in apple-pie order, as well as enjoying a ring on these 'well tuned cymbals.'

Stoney Stratford was reached in due course and good ringing included Stedman, J. W. calling his famous B.B. and C. variation here. Here again our organist got busy and, supplemented by the ladies and a gent or two, gave one the impression that choir practice was on, in the organ loft. After an excellent tea, the anti-clockwise circle at Wolverton caught some napping, but on the whole ringing did not suffer much. The steepness of the belfry stairs severely tested those with arthritic knees, and were worthy of a place in the 'keep fit' curriculum. Lastly, Newport Pagnell was reached and touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Superlative, etc., ended a splendid day's ringing, on this majestic ring.

With ringing appetites thus sated, attention was turned to convivialities, and at the Cannons the party adjourned till closing time. With a good piano at his disposal our organist kept customers as well as ringers in cheerful mood with an excellent repertoire of music and song, and even earned the grateful thanks of the landlord. Through the medium of the 'R.W.' all join in a very big 'Thank you' to Mr. and Mrs. Don for the arrangement of a very pleasant day's outing, and not forgetting those in attendance at the various churches.

T. R. D.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The summer quarterly evening meeting of the West Central District was held at Rickingham Superior on August 19th. The belfry of the now unused church was crowded with about 35 ringers, including friends of the Norwich Diocesan Association from Thetford, Caston and Pulham St. Mary. We were also pleased to welcome members from the Ipswich and Bury districts, and also Leslie G. Brett, the Suffolk Guild Ringing Master.

Ringing was under the guidance of the District Ringing Master, Mr. Robert E. Lester. During the first touch the treble rope broke, just short of the wheel, causing a delay while the deft fingers of the Ringing Master short spliced as a temporary measure. Afterwards ringing started with a swing, with methods to suit all tastes.

During the evening two carloads visited Thornham Magna for a quick ring. The new set of ropes, with each tuft of a different hue, a gift of Lord Henniker, gave colour to the belfry.

Reluctantly, members made their various ways home at 9.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks to the District secretary, Mr. Hubert A. Mitson, for making the necessary arrangements. E. H.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—36



MR. ARTHUR V. PEARSON,  
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

When a ringer scores his first peal, and then does not ring any more for seven years, it is usually assumed, during this period, that he has lost interest. Sometimes, however, if that ringer starts again and is encouraged by the right people, his enthusiasm is rekindled, and he is able to develop into a first class ringer and conductor. Such a person is Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, who lives at Wombourn, Staffs, and who was born in Fulham, London, in 1918, though he has never rung there yet. He was educated at Fulham, obtained his school certificate, and when his parents moved to Wolverhampton, he learnt to handle a bell at Penn in 1931, ringing his first peal there—Grandsire Triples—the same year. He rang no more peals until 1938, partly because he had taken an early interest in golf, at which game he got his handicap down to 6!

In 1938 he went to work in Ipswich, and was fortunate enough to meet Messrs. C. W. Pipe and C. J. Sedgley. Although Arthur was still only in the elementary stages of ringing, these two stalwarts gave him every help and encouragement in the higher methods. He was very pleased to become a member of the famous St. Mary-le-Tower Society, and eventually rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus with them in 1939. This very quick progress was unknown to his Staffordshire friends, who did not realise Arthur's potential. Shortly after scoring his peal of Cambridge Maximus, he returned home, and Mr. Howard Howell, of Walsall, was making up a band for a peal of Bob Maximus. As Arthur's peal of Cambridge had not yet been published in the 'R.W.', he was not invited to stand in, as they did not think he was good enough!

After the war interval, he began peal ringing again in real earnest, and conducted his first peal—Cambridge Major—in 1948. His present total is 762, of which he has conducted 166, and he can count amongst them a large number of interesting performances. He has rung 591 peals of Surprise in a wide variety of methods, and on all numbers, mostly with George Fearn and the Birmingham band, and whilst with Tom Lock's touring party. He has done extremely well in the field of Spliced Surprise Major, having rung 41 peals and conducted 31 of them from 4-12 methods. He has rung over 100 peals of Stedman Cinques, has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, and he was one of the three who first completed ringing peals of Surprise Major with all the letters of the alphabet.

The one peal about which he feels more elated than with any other was rung in December, 1959. The band had met at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, for Lincolnshire, but Henry Fearn said he wouldn't

start for this method! Accordingly Arthur was persuaded to call 4 Spliced, but did not have a composition with him. He wrote down one of Pitman's peals from memory, gave it to Brian Woodruffe for checking, and they rang a very good peal. Unfortunately for Henry, as peals at this tower usually start at 1 p.m., he was too late to see the Villa! Another peal of which he is very pleased about is calling 12 Spliced Surprise at Shirley, Birmingham, in February, 1960, as these bells are very fast turning.

Arthur was secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society in 1947 and 1948, and when he is at home he is attached to the band at Claverley, Shropshire. They are a company who are very keen, regular attenders, and enjoy a good social side, so important in keeping a band together. By profession Arthur is an installation and service manager for a subsidiary company of the B.M.C. group, and travels abroad very extensively. He has recently been on business in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany and Russia (Moscow), and is shortly going to Rumania. His photograph was actually taken on Ostbanen Railway Station, Oslo, Norway, on July 24th!

Arthur has a quiet and unassuming manner and has shown that providing a ringer has the necessary ability and enthusiasm and, more important, gets in touch with the right people, all the interesting fields of ringing are open to him. He has taken advantage of the opportunities which have been offered him, and accordingly has become a popular figure in the Midlands. APACE.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 8th, 1911.—

The ringers of St. Clement's, Hastings, are on strike. The cause is said to be a picture placed over the cross on the altar in the Lady Chapel. A local newspaper thus describes the event, which occurred on Sunday week:

'The strike broke out with dramatic suddenness on Sunday among the bell ringers of St. Clement's with the immediate result that the Old Town was bereft of the customary peals in the morning and evening, and people who have been in the habit of regulating their habits by the bells of the Parish Church were nonplussed and their households thrown into a state of chaos. In fact the whole Sunday social organisation of the Old Town was thrown out of gear by the refusal of the bell ringers to perform their duties.'

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 11th, 1931.—

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose name will for ever be associated with Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886.

## A VILLAGE INDUCTION SERVICE

The induction of the new Rector of Rattery, South Devon, a village lying about midway between Exeter and Plymouth and almost on a parallel with Robert Herrick's church at Dean's Prior was a memorable occasion for local ringers.

The church stands on a hill. Its five bells 'go' remarkably well although there is a long draught. Before the service some excellent call changes were rung by local ringers, assisted by visitors from neighbouring towers, among whom was a popular lady ringer from the mother church of Plymouth, who fully appreciated the opportunity of ringing in a new tower.

The Lord Bishop of Plymouth took part in the service and gave the address. At the conclusion of the service he personally thanked the ringers. After a particularly happy tea in the Parish Hall, there was further ringing and one of the last acts of kindness of the evening was the offer of the local skipper to bring the writer home in his car, an offer which was gratefully accepted.

A. L. B.



## FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS' FAITHFUL SERVICE

A RINGING career of 58 years has closed with the retirement through ill-health of Mr. Harry Parrish, of Kirklea, Leyburn Road, Middlesbrough, the captain of the Middleham belfry, North Yorkshire.

Bellringing and the name of Harry Parrish at Middleham are synonymous. There is little doubt that but for his efforts this art might well have been lost to Middleham years ago, and what will hurt him most in his enforced retirement will be a silent belfry, if that day ever comes.

Harry was 16 when he joined the team of change ringers gathered together by the late Dr. H. C. Pauli in 1901. These were the days when youth had to provide its own entertainment and recreation, and Harry found bellringing an absorbing pastime.

There were the practices, two a week, the Sunday duties, and the outings to ring at other churches. These journeys were made in a wagonette drawn by two horses.

### 4 a.m. HOMECOMING

One especially memorable day's outing he recalls was that to Pateley Bridge. The party of ringers set out from Middleham at 6 a.m. At Kirkby Malzeard they rang the church bells for their breakfast, which was eventually served at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn (now closed), just across the road from the church.

After this welcome repast the party travelled on to Pateley Bridge where the bells were rung and lunch taken. Then another carriage and pair was hired for the journey down Nidderdale to Birstwirth for more ringing. Back to Pateley Bridge to pick up the original transport and tea. The journey home took them until 4 a.m. the following morning.

On the death of Dr. Pauli, just after the 1914-18 war, Harry took over the captaincy of the Middleham ringers, a position he has held until now. He has taken a leading part in upholding the art of change ringing and as a member of both the Yorkshire and Cleveland and North Yorkshire Associations, he has rung at belfries many parts of Yorkshire and South Durham.

### MANY PEALS

He has taken part in hundreds of peals in many methods, ranging from 720 to 5,040 changes. Peals have been rung in his honour, the most recent being a peal of Grandsire Triples of 5,040 changes, rung by members of the Yorkshire Association on the Middleham bells, 'as a compliment to Mr. Harry Parrish, who has been a ringer at this church for 52 years.' That was on May 4th, 1955.

At one time there were three Parrishes in the Middleham team—Mr. Harry Parrish, his sister, Miss J. Parrish, and their nephew, Mr. R. Parrish.

Harry Parrish also popularised handbell ringing, of which he has been a keen and competent exponent and leader. He recalls with pleasure having rung the handbells one Christmas with his Middleham team for Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was staying with Lord Swinton at Swinton Castle, near Masham.

His activities for the church have not been confined to bellringing for he has been a devoted member of the church choir at Middleham for well over 50 years. For many years he was actively associated with the local Boy Scouts and was a founder member of the Toc H movement in the town.

Naturally enough Harry Parrish has also taken a keen interest in the history of the bells of Middleham, and has in his possession belfry records from 1901 when, in December of that year, it is recorded:

'A movement, having for its object Belfry Reform and the promotion of the art of change ringing, began to take a practical shape in a complete renovation of the ringing chamber and the institution of regular practices on silent bells by probationers of both sexes.'

### 60 YEARS WITH THE CLEVELANDS

In 1901, after renovations and improvements to the ringing chamber, membership of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was sought and granted to the Middleham band, and the autumn meeting of the Association in 1902 was held at Middleham. Members arrived by brake from East Witton and Richmond and by train from Guisborough, Harrogate, Middlesbrough, Olley, Saltburn, Sharow, Stockton and Thirsk.

'A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the presence of the congregation, an incident probably unique in the annals of bellringing,' a report tells us, though this has been done on many occasions since that time.

But the early years were not altogether plain sailing for the new band. They continued up to 1904 by just meeting and practising for they were one of two bands of ringers operating in the town, and it was the old band that rang the church bells for the services. This state of affairs at this time was changed and the new band of ringers came into their own.

### OLD BAND RESIGNS

An entry in their records, made in June, 1904, reads:

Rang for service for the first time, being in possession of the belfry, a plain course of Bob Doubles. The old band being in disagreement amongst themselves could not ring and would not resign so were requested to do one or the other by the Rector. They resigned.

The day before the Rector's ultimatum the new band, or method change ringing band as they were known, were called together by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Topham, and asked to ring for the services. They agreed and Dr. Henry C. Pauli was appointed Ringing Master.

The entry in the records of this meeting ends with the rather cryptic message: 'Here is the death and burial of Churchyard Bob.'

The first peal of 5,040 changes was rung on November 29th, 1906. By 1909 such peals had become a common occurrence. The longest touch on the six bell ring came on April 22nd, 1910, when the first even 7,200 was achieved.

### A 'TRAGEDY'

There was a 'tragedy' during practice on July 16th, 1910, however, for on that day it is recorded 'the treble fell out.' The old wooden frame which held the six bells was found to be so decayed that it was decided that the bell should not be rehung. Subsequently at a meeting 'of the churchmen of the parish it was decided to have a new peal of eight bells at a cost of about £570.'

The ring of eight bells, costing £600, with a tenor bell of 18 cwt., was made by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and is fitted in a steel frame. The bells were provided chiefly through the generosity of the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Topham and his family, and were dedicated on June 23rd, 1911.

Since that time bell ringing has continued at Middleham, with varying fortunes, and it is hoped that, although Harry Parrish will no longer be climbing the belfry steps to take charge, it will long continue to thrive and bring pleasure to those who take an interest in it.

[From 'The Darlington and Stockton Times.'

## JOINT MEETING AT PENISTONE

The Yorkshire Association (Southern District) and the Barnsley District Society happened, by coincidence, to desire a meeting at Penistone within a week or two of each other and after a compromise over the date had been agreed, a very successful joint meeting was held there on August 12th. A brand new set of ropes added a further touch of brightness to a newly decorated belfry, and it was noted that the Barnsley Society had the laugh on the others in coping with a 'fistful' of Yorkshire rope-end.

This handy ring of eight was put to good use and many methods were rung, including a course in an appropriate method, Penistone T.B. Minor. Cawthorne's ring of six was open before tea and the six of Hoylandswaine after tea. These additional towers were well patronised.

The Vicar of Penistone, who paid a short visit, extended a warm welcome and regretted not being able to stay for the meeting. The meeting opened with an appropriate prayer by Barnsley Society secretary, Mr. J. W. Buxton. Mr. N. Chaddock (vice-president, Southern District, Y.A.) took the chair and welcomed the presence of several visitors from the Western District, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Manchester and Northampton. He was particularly pleased to see Mr. Dan Smith, late vice-president of the Southern District and secretary of the Barnsley Society and Ringing Master, also Mr. Harold Chant, now happily recovering from his illness.

Messrs. R. Sheekleton, D. Scargill and S. Ramsden were elected members of the Association. The sum of £1 1s. 6d. was collected for the bell Repair Fund. It was decided that the Southern District should hold their next meeting at Campsall, near Doncaster, on November 18th. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. J. Seager and Mr. H. Chant, and before offering a closing prayer Mr. J. W. Buxton commented on the success of this joint effort and hoped for similar get-togethers in the future.

## LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

It is generally felt that the last academic year was the most successful one yet in the history of our small but thriving Society. We were well represented at the Northern Universities' meetings at Manchester and Sheffield as well as at several local meetings. The Easter term saw the first annual dinner of the Society and it is hoped that subsequent ones will be as enjoyable and well attended as this one was.

Three peals were rung during the year: one of four Minor methods at Wragby and two of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' at Leeds. One of these peals was the first of Major 'in hand' for all the band. Several quarters in a variety of methods on tower bells and 'in hand' were brought round, including one of Spliced Minor at our own tower—St. Matthias', Burley.

Robin Brown and Stella Trotman became engaged during the year, as did Keith Williamson and Josie Hutchings—we wish both couples every happiness. Quarters and peals were rung in honour of both events.

At the A.G.M. the retiring president and founder member, Keith Williamson, together with the vice-president, Keith Goldthorpe, secretary, Mike Swift, and treasurer, John Todd, was sincerely thanked for doing a really first class job. New officers were elected as follows: President, W. R. Read; vice-president, M. G. Swift; secretary, W. J. Couperthwaite; treasurer, J. F. J. Todd.

W. J. C.

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## REQUESTS OF INTEREST TO RINGERS

By ERNEST MORRIS

ONE of my hobbies is genealogy and in my research into family histories I find many curious and interesting bequests in wills of various people, especially in the 16th and 17th centuries. Only a few days ago I read one, in which the testator left: 'My worst suit to my friend —: my best suit to friend —: my breeches to my eldest son; the bed, whereon I now lie to my eldest daughter...; £5 to my youngest daughter... at 21 or marriage.' In 'Beerbohm's Evening Corn Trade List, March 22nd, 1911, is quoted a will which will be of interest to our Wath (Yorks) friends. It runs thus:

'Mr. Tuke, baker, of Wath, near Rotherham, by his will, dated December, 1810, bequeathed one penny to every child who attended his funeral; one shilling to every poor woman in Wath; **ten shillings and sixpence to the ringers to ring one peal of "Grand Bobs,"** which was to strike off while they were putting him into his grave; to seven of the oldest navigators one guinea for puddling him up in the grave; to his natural daughter four guineas per annum; to his old and faithful servant, Joseph Pitt, twenty-one pounds per annum; to an old woman who had for eleven years tucked him up in bed, one guinea only; forty dozen penny loaves to be thrown from the church leads at 12 o'clock on Christmas Day for ever; two handsome chandeliers for the church; and **twenty pounds for a new set of chimes.**' Wath has for many, many years been noted for its six bell ringing.

### LEGACIES FOR BELL ROPES

At Ansley, Warwickshire, it is stated that 'the sum of 6s. 8d. yearly' was charged upon a small cottage and croft, late in the occupation of George Izon, to find bell ropes for the church bells (but by whom is not known), which cottage and croft in the year 1765 was purchased of the parish by the late John Ludford for £30, which—together with other bequests—was expended on rebuilding the Poor's houses, and the income is now paid to the Overseers of the Poor. Thus the endowment for bell ropes has lapsed, having been diverted to other purposes.

There are many similar instances in wills left by goodly disposed persons for bell ropes and the like, perhaps one of the best known being that of a 'croft' left by Jno. Billingsley, of Birmingham, in 1629. This 'croft' is now in the heart of a busy thoroughfare and greatly appreciated in value, so it is very unlikely St. Martin's, Birmingham, will ever be silent for lack of bell ropes. The late Mr. Albert Walker was one of the trustees for this endowment.

At St. John's, Peterborough, in addition to various bequests to bells referred to in the churchwardens' accounts, there is a modern one which takes effect on March 15th annually.

Matthew Wyldbore, Esq., sometime Member of Parliament for the city, died March 15th, 1781. By his will, he made the following bequest: 'I also charge and make chargeable the estate which I bought of the Rev. Mr. Bates, lying in the parish of Peterborough, with its hamlets, with an annual payment of five pounds to the Minister of the said parish to be annually disposed of on the day of my death to the ringers of the said parish church of Saint John the Baptist in Peterborough, as the said Minister shall think best, on condition that the said ringers ring one peal or more of the said bells on the same day.'

Mr. Wyldbore is buried in this church, where there is a mural marble tablet to his memory. It is said that his health was much improved by the exercise of bellringing—hence his bequest!

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## LETTERS

### ORIGINALITY IN PEALS

Dear Sir.—The following may help 'Honest Inquirer' ('R.W.' page 559).

Th peal of New Cambridge is false to that method, but true to Yorkshire and the falseness was pointed out by Mr. R. F. B. Speed in your issue of October 7th, 1960.

Taking the two compositions as peals of Yorkshire and comparing them I find that, strictly speaking, the two compositions are the same.

If we take each composition and remove the Q sets we are left with the touches:

'A'	'B'
2345678 (7)	2345678 (11)
5738264 (6)	5738264 (1)
8674523 (5)	8674523 (2)
—6423857 (4)	4263857 (3)
3547682 (3)	—2357486 (4)
7852364 (2)	7836245 (5)
2684735 (1)	6485723 (6)
*4365278 (11)	5243678 (7)
5738426 (10)	3728564 (8)
—7826543 (9)	—7864352 (9)
6483752 (8)	4582736 (10)
3542678 (7)	2356478 (11)

Twice repeated.

Now, touch 'B' is merely touch 'A' starting from the '\*'. To reverse the touch read upwards from the '\*', inserting the bobs in the reversal at the same distances from the course head as they are from the course end in the original, e.g., the first bob is at the 4th lead head before the course end, therefore the first bob in the reversal will be at the 4th lead head after the course head. (The figures in brackets may help.)

It should be noted that it is not always possible to substitute one set of courses for another set as can be done in these cases.

As stated above, strictly speaking the two peals are one, but I would be content to regard them as two peals on the same plan. —Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham  
(See also letter on page 591.)

### RECORD LENGTH OF SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—The last published record length of Surprise Major was Bristol, 21,920 changes. I have examined a number of methods, mostly unknown, and find that Mr. Blagrove's C.P.S. No. 136 was to 22,976 changes with plenty of true leads to spare. As this is of general interest I shall welcome any inquiries addressed to me.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN SEGAR.

16, Green Lane,  
Seacroft, Skegness, Lincs.

### HIS IDEA!

Dear Sir.—There would be no need for striking competitions if tower masters were more ruthless. Why not start a strikers' union—it could be run on E.T.U. lines?—Yours, etc.,

'A FLAT.'

We learn that one of the most notable lords of the manor of Cowley, Gloucestershire, was one named Henry Brett. He was an eccentric man, and was notable for his fondness for bellringing, which he gratified by constantly travelling about the country with a company of ringers. So costly was this amusement that in the end he is said to have thus dissipated a splendid fortune—a reminder of the musical tastes of Henry Brett is to be found in the ring of six bells which he gave to the Church of St. Mary, at Cowley, in 1730.

## TREBLE BOB FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

### I INTRODUCTION

The Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners' dealt in an elementary way with the Grandsire and Plain Bob methods on the lines of the earlier 'Notes for Beginners.' Articles in these columns have extended the series to Stedman ('R.W.' January 1st, 8th and 15th, 1960) and Double Norwich ('R.W.' August 26th and September 2nd and 9th, 1960). The four so-called standard methods are usually reckoned to include Treble Bob, but not Double Norwich, but the latter was dealt with out of turn for various reasons. Musically it is probably the finest of the even bell methods—certainly on eight bells. It is the method which can best lead from Plain Bob to a large number of other plain methods, many well worth ringing, but sadly neglected by the Exercise. And it is an easy introduction to the use of internal places to obtain different methods. Now we must fill the gap and turn our attention to Treble Bob.

Depending upon the way the places are made there are two popular variations of Treble Bob—Kent and Oxford. The latter was the form of the method which first became popular, especially in the eastern counties, but the Kent variation is the more widely practised nowadays. As will be seen the regular coursing order of the bells is maintained far more in Kent, thus making the method easier to ring and to conduct. But the basis of the two methods is the same, so we will try first to explain the Treble Bob principle and then deal with each of the two variations.

### II TREBLE BOB PRINCIPLE

We have seen that in plain 123456 methods the treble has a regular 214365 path from the lead, through the various positions 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 426153 etc., until it reaches the back 645231 (6th or 8th, etc., according to the number of bells). After a whole 654321 pull at the back it then hunts 563412 in a regular path down to lead 536142 again. A plain hunt on six bells therefore gives us the 315264 figures inset here. 132546

Now let us write the same 123456 thing out again giving the treble a dodging path—214365 dodge in 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 123456 up and then, after a whole 214365 pull at the back, in 5-6, 3-4 241635 and 1-2 down, before leading 426153 again. Another word for dodging 241635 is 'bobbing' (as in the ex-426153 pression 'bobbing and weaving') 462513 so that we can now see the 645231 reason for the name Treble 462513 Bob. 645231 And let us make all the other 654321 bells dodge likewise. The first half of the lead will be as this inset. But we can see at a glance that this won't do. We have repeated every pair of rows and the whole idea at the back of change ringing is the ringing of changes without repetition. So we must make some alterations to ensure that there is no repetition. But we must do this without altering the path of the treble, which must retain its fixed dodging path as the basis of our method. The way we make our alterations determines the variation of Treble Bob that we obtain.

(To be continued)

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## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY—ABROAD

'Plyll Rhaidar and Wrexham Steeple, Snowden's Mountain, without its people, Overton Yew Trees, St. Winifred's Well, Llangollen Bridge and Gresford bells,'  
'Seven Wonders of Wales.'

THIS year's summer tour, from August 12th-20th, took place in North Wales and Cheshire, during which we visited four of these wonders. We stayed in a women's training college in Wrexham, where good food, hot water and wash basins were abundant. We were told that the college was in sight of the Welsh hills—a fact we did not discover until the fifth day, when the sun first shone! For most of the time it was cold and miserable, but ringing spirits were not damped while drinking ones were.

The company this year was rather smaller than usual, but contained plenty of variety. There was the Yorkshire party, who preferred chance to maps, and Harlech was not on any itinerary. Alternatively, there was the lady who did not believe in main roads and could not be convinced that they are usually the quickest way between towers. We also welcomed Bryan Cox, a graduate of a very distant university—Adelaide. We were all car-borne, and only a flat tyre marred the whole tour.

The majority of this company joined up sometime in Chester on August 12th. Here we rang at 3 churches, St. Mary-on-the-Hill (8), St. Mary-without-the-Walls (8) and the Cathedral (10) (despite the efforts of a local newspaperman!). We then found our various ways to Wrexham.

On Sunday, after early Communion, we split up to ring at Wrexham, Pulford, Holt and Gresford, where a well struck quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples was lost due to a late start. The rest of the day was spent reminiscing and ringing handbells, although some energetic members (not the youngest) climbed Moel Famau—over 1,800 feet. After supper the majority adjourned to England for refreshments, lack of which on Sundays 'abroad' is disappointing.

### A PINT OF LIME JUICE

From Monday to Friday we spent the time rushing from one tower to another, with a brief break at lunchtime in a local public house. One gentleman delighted in surprising the various bartenders each day by asking for pints of lime juice. Apparently, 'No one before, in my time as a publican, has asked for such a thing.' We also caught the aforesaid person winning a game of dominoes—we now know where he was brought up!

On Tuesday we were honoured in being allowed to ring at Liverpool Cathedral (12). All the men suddenly became 'strong' each trying to grab the tenor of the heaviest ring, but a good touch of Erin Cinques was rung. We climbed the 347 steps (by lift) and were taken into the immense belfry, where we could walk around the bells whilst ringing was in progress. Another esteemed member of the Society was actually seen with a torch, contemplating taking a rubbing of the tenor as it swung. The same member, Mr. Randal Clouston, on arrival at a Flintshire church, found that someone had, in his absence, removed a bell from the churchyard. But he found the incumbent who assured him all was well. On the way to Liverpool we rang at Bidston (6), near Birkenhead. Very few touches came round here as the bells are very light, the tenor being only 5 cwt.

Wednesday was dull and chilly, but we started the day well at Bangor-is-y-Coed (6), with plenty of detective work. As no one met us we hunted high and low for the keys and then for the lights. Eventually all was well and the bells pealed out over the River Dee, which flows by the churchyard. That day we also rang at Gresford (8) and last a well struck quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples!

### THE PEAL ATTEMPTS

Four peal attempts were made—2 of which were successful. Yorkshire Surprise Major at Northrop, and Plain Bob Major at Oxtou. Birkenhead, were gained. The attempt for Grandsire Caters at Wrexham was lost after 1½ hours; our spies say the treble and tenor

managed to cross over, but this did not convince everyone! At Shotwick the attempt for three Minor methods failed, but a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was scored.

Luckily Thursday was sunny and we made our way to the west coast, via Llanfyllin (6) and Machynlleth (8), where the first touch of the tour of Stedman Triples came round. We arrived at Barmouth (8), with our own ropes, but only needed to use two of them. The scenery was really wonderful and made some of us wonder why we had not been to Wales before.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to six Spliced Surprise Major, via a touch of Original Major, which did not come round, and Grandsire Doubles, with various trebles. Friday was the president's wedding anniversary and in honour of this a touch of Spliced London, Oxford and Bristol was attempted—in vain. The standard of ringing was reasonably good, but no one could claim, by the end of the week, not to have been asked, 'Listen to it.'

Friday was spent in the countryside of Cheshire, finishing up with ringing at Eccleston (8). This is rather an ornate church with lovely bells and there was good ringing here. Earlier in the week we rang at Bodelwyddan, Flint (8), the 'marble church', with slender, white spire, which according to the architect was unsafe so we could only ring for half an hour. But our esteemed and inquisitive member on investigating found the tower swayed only because the bell frame was not fixed to the floor! Also at this church we broke a rope and our short members came into their own.

### THE MINUTE'S SILENCE

On the Friday night and Saturday morning the traditional party was held with all sorts of hilarious games. The singsong was not forgotten, although the chief songster was absent due to his marriage later that morning (accordingly the usual minute's silence was held). But no one will ever forget the Yorkshire version of 'Who killed Cock Robin?' Saturday dawned hazy for most of us and we had to pack up to move on for the last day. Our last tower in Wales was Llangollen and the organiser had carefully arranged a late start here! We journeyed to the lovely, old town of Shrewsbury, where we spent the night. On the way we rang at Oswestry (8), where we helped ring for a wedding, and Bictou (6), where half an hour was spent trying to find the key. At dinner that evening we presented Rex and Anne Agg with a set of flowered table mats at a small token of our grateful thanks in arranging such an enjoyable tour, which allowed coffee time and exploring time. On the Sunday morning we helped ring at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12), in Shrewsbury, before dispersing to various parts of the country.

We must also thank all incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells and to everyone who helped make the Society's first tour outside England such a happy one. We all left very tired, but jolly, especially as we could now proudly say we knew how to pronounce 'it.'

J. A. H.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. CHARLES GREEDY

Many ringers will be saddened by the passing of Mr. Charles Greedy at the age of 83. For over 44 years he was a ringer at St. Woolos' Cathedral Church, Newport, Mon., and for most of the time tower warden.

Mr. Greedy was a Somerset man and was well known in many towers of Somerset and Devon, and had rung and conducted peals both in the West of England and South Wales.

He was very proud of the ring of twelve at St. Woolos', their easy going and tone. Whenever a party of visitors came to St. Woolos' he always endeavoured to meet them and renew old acquaintances and make them welcome.

In addition to being the tower warden, he was also a sidesman of the Cathedral. He was recently made an honorary life member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association of Change Ringers. A most loyal and sincere worker for both the Church and the Exercise, he will be greatly missed.

On August 30th, the day of the funeral, members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association rung the 12 bells of St. Woolos' half-muffled. On returning to the Cathedral, after interment, the bearers rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles half-muffled, the band being Messrs. P. Mason 1. L. Baynam 2. D. King (cond.) 3. D. Pike 4. C. Baynam 5. J. James 6. A peal is being arranged in the near future.

P. R. M.

### MR. DUNCAN McNEIL

Some readers may have learned from the Press of the tragic death on September 29th of Duncan McNeil, Ringing Master of St. Michael's, West Retford, Notts.

Duncan, together with his wife, Mary, and 11-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, were returning from a motoring holiday in Scotland, when they stopped the car to allow Elizabeth to go to a farmhouse on the edge of the road. It is believed she went to tell the farmer that pigs were straying on the road. Whilst she was at the front door a cattle truck ran into the back of the car and both vehicles plunged into a stone wall, and were completely wrecked. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil were killed instantly.

Duncan was physics master at King Edward VI Grammar School, Retford. He was keenly interested in amateur dramatics, and was well known in Retford for his performances in the Little Theatre. He was in charge of the electrical department of the School Theatre Club. Duncan took up ringing in 1953 when it recommenced at West Retford. He was a natural teacher, and was soon appointed Ringing Master. As such he taught very many people to ring at West Retford, many of these being pupils at the Grammar School. He had recently taught a young band to ring, including his daughter, Elizabeth. He was not a keen peal ringer, although he had rung three peals at West Retford, two being all local band, taught by himself. In 1958 he was appointed chairman of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and was keenly interested in the Guild's affairs.

He was a keen churchman and had sung in West Retford church choir for several years.

Readers will readily appreciate the suffering and loss sustained by Elizabeth. She had just taken her 11-plus exam, and to help her education and welfare, the headmaster of the King Edward VI Grammar School, Retford, Notts, has launched an appeal fund.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil were popular and well liked in and around Retford, and they will be greatly missed.

R. H.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Gorseinon on September 2nd when there were 25 present, including three visitors, from Yeovil, Cardiff and Yorkshire. A service with a sermon was conducted by the curate, Rev. Geraint Hughes, who took the place of the Vicar, on holiday. Tea was provided by the ladies of the church, who were thanked by Mr. David Lewis, of Cadoxton. The Rev. G. Hughes presided at the meeting after which there was ringing till 8.30.

J. T. W.



# THE BELLS OF TULIP TOWN

By T. A. BEVIS

**WHEN** we think of tulips we think of Spalding, for there is no other town in the land which has given its all to this popular flower: and in return, the tulip having thrived and developed in the neighbourhood of that prosperous Lincolnshire town over for over 200 years, has well and truly placed Spalding on the nation's floral map.

Sprawling each side of the River Welland, Spalding is the ideal centre for those who possess more than a passing interest in horticulture and agriculture; it is also convenient to any who delight in the grand old churches of Fenland, for within a 15-mile radius of the town are glorious fanes to be discovered at Crowland, Long Sutton, Holbeach, Pinchbeck, Gosberton, Surfleet, Boston, and many more.

Spalding, too, has a rare gem in her floral crown. The writer possesses fragrant memories of a stroll through the gardens of Ayscoughfee Hall, admiring the colourful display—tulips, of course!—and at the same time listening to the bells ringing in the nearby steeple of that most impressive church dedicated to Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

Dating from 1284, the Priory church has just about everything. A bewildering array of arches rise to support a hammer beam roof. There are no less than four arcades and the church is almost as wide as it is long. It has an interesting array of windows—particularly the widely splayed lancets of the chancel.

Of impressive proportions, the tower has a goodly display of Early English work. Graceful pinnacles lend support to flying buttresses, which give the impression of flinging themselves at the delicate ball-encrusted 15th century spire.

## NOTED RINGERS

The porch gate and a sanctus bell are to the memory of Sgt. Richard Mackman, who died at Alexandria, 1915, and his brother, M. E. G. Mackman, killed in France during the First World War. Their father, Richard Mackman, vergar, and a very capable ringer, was for many years captain of the local team. Mr. J. G. Ames is the present captain, and has been a ringer at Spalding since 1919.

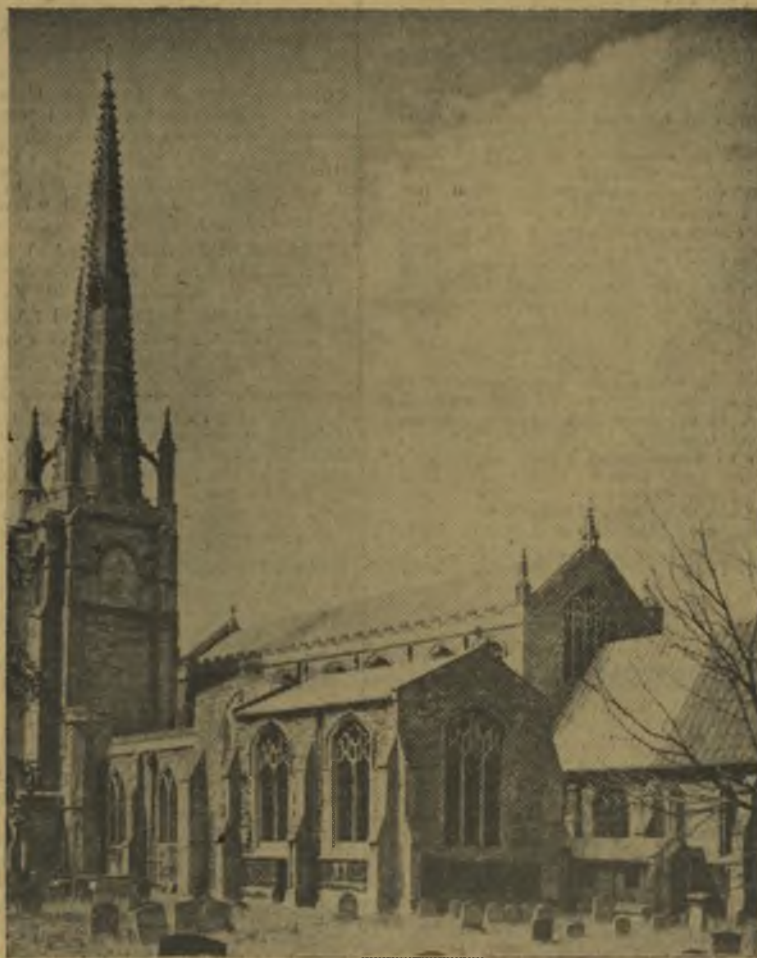
A new wooden floor has greatly improved the ground floor ringing chamber, at one time open to the south aisle.

James Stanley Wright rang the bells from 1841-1909 and his memory is colourfully perpetuated in the beautiful rendering of a single light stained window, showing an Abbot of Crowland and no less than 16 bells. A useful addition, the clock is in memory of A. J. Farr, who was captain for several years, and who died on December 8th, 1956.

The ropes form a very good circle and the bells, contained in a steel frame, handle well—and sing well! They were originally a mixed octave, the treble and second being cast by Warners (1885)—previous to this date there was a ring of six. The third was by Osborn (about 1800), the fourth by Warner (1904). Number five is dated 1733 and the sixth 1744. The seventh claims to be granddaddy of them all, it first seeing the light of day in 1648. The tenor in F (originally by Osborn, 1801) is usually given in peal reports as weighing 16 cwt., but Dove has it at 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

John Taylor introduced all these bells to the furnace in 1926 and they were rehung at a cost of £2,200 the same year. The octave is suspended approximately 12 ft. below its former position, thus reducing the strain on the steeple. A service of dedication of the recast bells took place in the parish church on March 7th, 1926, conducted by the Rev. B. G. Nicholas, assisted by the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet.

The tenor is dedicated in the name of the church's patron saints, St. Mary and St. Nicholas; seventh is in the name of the Angel Gabriel; 6th, St. John the Divine; 5th, St. Peter; 4th, St. John the Baptist; 3rd, St. Thomas of Canterbury; 2nd, St. Martin; treble, St. George: 'May the men who fell in the field of Honour and who died to save England be ever held in remembrance.'



THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, SPALDING.

Many peals—and more recently Surprise methods—have been rung on the bells and various records are fixed to the tower walls, a few given below.

## FIRST PEAL 1804

The earliest consisted of 5,040 'Plain and Treble Bob,' rung on February 23rd, 1804, the time recorded in true stop-watch manner: 2 hours 57 minutes and 38 seconds! The team was J. Sharpe, J. Robinson, D. Page, F. Woolley, W. Sawyer and J. Cepe.

Two peals in seven methods were rung on February 12th and May 24th, 1884, respectively, conducted by R. Mackman, who also conducted three other peals before the augmentation to eight.

On May 13th, 1886, the octave sounded forth to its first peal of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Mackman being the conductor. This was followed by an extent of Court Bob Triples on January 24th, 1888, under the helmanship of the previous conductor.

A former captain, the late Mr. R. Jarvis, conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 26th, 1895. Other peals were scored from time to time: one of these—Plain Bob Major—was rung in honour of the 100th birthday of George Jarvis, who at that great age was still active as churchwarden. The occasion occurred on May 29th, 1936, and the conductor was Mr. J. G. Ames.

## RUPERT RICHARDSON'S LAST PEAL

Another notable peal was that of 5,056 Double Norwich Court Bob (conductor P. A. Corby) on September 26th, 1946. It was the last peal rung by Rupert Richardson, a former Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Mr. Richardson passed away on January 13th, 1947.

Richard Mackman was a member of the Guild for 50 years and following his death, in 1934, a peal of Siedman (half-muffled) was brought round on June 22nd of the same year.

The tower is in possession of an interesting book which records all ringing activities from 1883. Another intriguing item is to be seen attached to the west wall: it is an ancient handbell bearing strange symbols, and was used 200 years ago by the town crier of Whapload, Lincs.

It is well worth visiting Spalding in spring-time when thousands of flower lovers from far and near converge on the town and feast their eyes on the splendour of a glittering Lincolnshire carpet designed by man and inspired by nature—narcissi, hyacinths, daffodils and the all-important tulip—second only to the radiant Tulip Queen on her magnificent processional tour.

Visit the gardens of Ayscoughfee Hall and if you are lucky you may hear the music of Spalding bells.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Gainford, one the county's loveliest villages and where there is no band to ring regularly, was visited by the Southern District for their meeting on August 26th. Members from Yorkshire were among those who rang touches in a number of Doubles and Minor methods, from Plain Bob upwards, in the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar (Rev. Ieuan Samuel) conducted the service, and the vice-president (Mr. F. W. Cooke) presided at the business meeting, after tea, when it was agreed that the next meeting should be held at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, in November.

Further ringing after tea included touches of Double Oxford and London Surprise.



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**SCHOFIELD**—On Thursday, August 31st, 1961, to Sara Anne (née Sutton) and John Schofield, at 32, Lyndon Avenue, Wallington, Surrey, a daughter (Isla). 8828

## ENGAGEMENT

**ORMAN-NEWSTEAD**—The engagement is announced between Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Orman, of High Road, Thorington, Essex, and Rachel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newstead, of Glendenning Farm, Thorington, Essex. 8801

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, September 9th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lanyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 8719

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Chesterfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at Creswell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Notts.—A. B. Cooper, Sec. 8800

**DEVON GUILD**—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Teaburn St. Mary, on September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (drinks only provided) 5 p.m., followed by meeting. 8807

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 9th, at Haslingfield. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8766

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham, Saturday, September 9th. Ringing 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simons Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 8741

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea and sandwiches for those who send their names to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlows, Hemel Hempstead. 8786

## THE SECOND LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

September 9th

to be held in the Wolverhampton area. Towers available:

Morning.—Walsall 10.30 to 11.45 (12 bells). Penn 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8), Sedgley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8).

Afternoon.—Coseley 1.30 to 2.30 (8), Bradley 3.15 to 4 (8), Tettenhall 2 to 4 (8), Wolverhampton (St. Peter's) 2 to 4.30 (12).

Service at St. Peter's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. in St. Peter's Institute. Evening.—Willenhall 6.30 to 9 (10), Penn 6.30 to 9 (8), Codsall 6.30 to 9 (8), Bushbury 6.30 to 9 p.m. (6). 8736

**LADIES' GUILD**—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with Macclesfield Branch, **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**, at St. James', Sutton, near Macclesfield, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. **LADIES' GUILD**—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at St. Editha's, Tamworth, Staffs. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5 p.m., following by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth, Staffs. 8763

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Melton Mowbray District.—Because of unforeseen circumstances the meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, September 9th, will not be held as a meeting, but will be made a practice night. The bells will be available for ringing practice from 5.30 to 9 p.m. All neighbouring ringers and visitors welcome. 8822

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, St. Luke's, Chelsea. Bells 3.30-4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business 6 p.m. at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, followed by ringing, 6.45 p.m.—M. Powell 8771

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, at St. Andrew's, Enfield. Ringing 4.45 to 6.45 p.m. Tea 7 p.m., followed by business meeting. 8783

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Spelsbury, Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8778

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5) on Saturday, September 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 'The Black Horse.' Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Jack Newell, 20, Hurst Cottages, Amberley, Arundel, please.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 8789

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Curdridge, September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Pritchard, 'The Burns,' Lake Road, Curdridge, Southampton. 8784

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Ampert (6), September 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room, Thruxton (6) after tea. Names to Mr. E. C. Samways, Waterloo Farm, East Cholder-ton, near Andover. 8769

**GRANFORD, MIDDLESEX**—No practice Friday, September 15th. Decorating. Old friends in old clothes welcome.—P. J. Woodgyer. 8825

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Kings-on Seymour, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8666

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fivehead, Saturday, September 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport, Somerset. 8827

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Luton District.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service. Future ringing contests to be discussed at this meeting. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning. 8824

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Wirral Branch.—Joint meeting with Liverpool Branch of **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** at St. Andrew's, Bebington, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8832

**DEVON GUILD**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dunksell, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business afterwards. Names for tea by 13th, to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 8788

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**—Meeting arranged for Matlock, September 16th, cancelled, until further notice, owing to serious illness of the Rector.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8826

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8833

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—S.W. District.—Meeting, Chigwell, September 16th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11 (LEY 4342). 8780

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Coaley (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 8816

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Cirencester Branch.—September 16th, Great Barrington, 3 p.m. Taynton 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Quarterly business 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 8819

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst (8), on Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. 8838

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 8814

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 16th, Monken Hadley (8). Bells 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5.15. Barnet 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by 13th, please, to Mr. C. Ward, 12, Alston Road, Barnet, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 8818

**LADIES' GUILD**—Midland District.—Saturday, September 16th, Thurstaston, Leics (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 12th, to Mrs. W. M. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. All gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 8791

**LADIES' GUILD**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cavendish, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. E. J. Tester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, September 13th. 8803

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, September 16th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. F. Blackledge, 100, Chorley Old Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. Buses on A.6 to Clayton Green, and on A.675 to Brindle Bar; also 298 bus passes the church.—L. Walmsley. 8835

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. George's, Mossley (note change of venue), on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 8831

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurmaston (6) on Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service



4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in the Parish Rooms. Names for tea by 13th. please, to Mr. C. Barnacle, 23, Westdown Drive, Thurleston, Leicester. 8829

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, September 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. A. Richardson, 2 Dudley Road, Brigg, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 8790

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Aberdare, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 8795

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Egerton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Usborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 8804

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Staines on September 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Peter's 4.40 p.m., followed by further ringing at St. Peter's.—F. T. B. 8842

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, September 16th, at Kessingland. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th. please, to Mr. R. C. L. Brown, Market Place, Kessingland, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8782

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charminster, Saturday, September 16th. Bells, recently augmented to 8, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 13th, to Mr. E. Amey, 1, West Hill, Charminster, Dorchester. Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8810

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster on September 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by 12th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 8812

**SELBY & DISTRICT AND DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting at Campsall, Saturday, September 16th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8817

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, September 16th, St. Mary's, Finchley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Southgate. All Saints' 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sunday, 10th, to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 8772

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Those requiring transport from Saxondale crossroads state time when sending names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. L. Exton, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 8765

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify the Rev. C. E. Fisher, The Vicarage, Lingfield, by September 13th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8759

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, September 13th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8805

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke, September 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Rectory. District striking competition after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. Chapman, 68, Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke, by previous Wednesday, please. 8805

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, September 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8753

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 23rd. Halse (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Heathfield available later. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8811

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Syder, The Laburnums, The Street, Stisted. 8813

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting, Wellington (6), September 23rd. Service 3.45 p.m. Methods: Chester Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob. Navenby bells available in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 20th, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8834

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, September 23rd. Leicomb Regis (6). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by September 19th. please.—G. W. Bishop, Moor Lane, West Hagbourne. 8809

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Grelton, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8841

**SOCIETY FOR SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—1672.—Joint meeting with SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD, Mansfield District, on September 23rd, at Hucknall. Bells 3 p.m. Service, Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please to Mr. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. 8821

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South-West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. 8837

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Goole on September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.15 p.m., in the Parish Room, Church Street. Tea, followed by general meeting, same premises, at 5 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8837

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South-West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8840

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual dinner, Tennerden, Saturday, September 30th. Meat 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tickets, 12s. 6d., limited to first 100 applicants, available from Miss Violet Relf, No. 3, Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tennerden, on receipt of S.A.E. and cash. Closing date for applications Tuesday, September 26th.—C. T. H. 8802

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—During September please address emergency correspondence to Miss Cross, School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. From October 1st my address will be Exeter College, Oxford. Dinner in Manchester on January 6th, 1962. 1962 tour, Shropshire.—D. J. Roaf. 8807

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual commemoration dinner to the late Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers will be held at Betty's Cafe, Darley Street, Bradford, on October 14th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets (15s. each) no later than 9th from Mr. F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, near Leeds. Earlier application (giving names) much appreciated. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-6 p.m., Idle (8) 2.30-5, Ilkley (8) (home tower and burial place of the late J. W. Snowdon) 2.30-5.15 p.m. Chair to be taken at 6.45 p.m. prompt, by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8836

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## AFTER 49 YEARS!

At the meeting of the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held at Groby on August 26th, Mr. John W. Spencer, of Melbourne, Australia, attended specially to meet his old friend and instructor, Ernest Morris, whom he had not met for 49 years! It was on August 24th, 1912, that these two veterans stood together in a 7-method Minor peal at Groby, which was a farewell to Mr. Spencer, who left for Australia the following week. This peal was conducted by Ernest Morris and so, almost to the date, 49 years after, these two (with Victor and Ernest Geary who were also in the 1912 peal) met again.

Mr. Spencer joined the Melbourne Cathedral band and rang several peals there, the most noteworthy being the historic peal of 5.038 Grandsire Cinques rung on November 11th, 1934, when six Australian ringers and six of the 'missionaries' took part, during the 'Great Adventure' tour. Mr. Spencer recalled his first peal—also conducted by Ernest Morris—which was the first rung at the neighbouring village of Kirby Muxloe on June 19th, 1909. With Ernest Geary, who was also present at this 1961 meeting, they are the only survivors of that peal.

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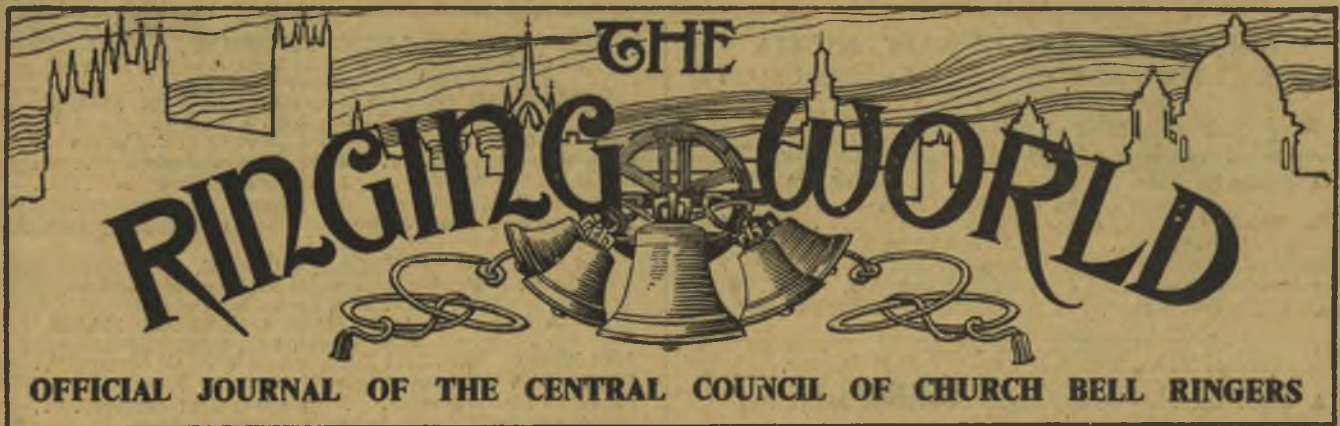
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### THE LOCUM

WE have all at this time of year sent for our family doctor or waited in his surgery, only to find that a stranger has taken his place for the holiday period. And almost always we have felt disappointed that our old family friend and confidant has not been at hand when we needed him and that we have had to confide in and depend upon a—to us—new doctor. If we stop to reflect we may well conclude that our own doctor is as much entitled to a holiday as we are ourselves, though somehow it seems most unfortunate that he has to have his holiday just when we needed him. And if we think still further we may realise how difficult it must be for the newcomer. He is expected to treat us correctly and sympathetically when he knows nothing of our background or medical history and while well aware that he is but a temporary occupant of his position and will never know the result of his care and attention.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are for two weeks this year in the position of the unhappy patient described. Hitherto, editors of our journal have taken their work on holiday with them. They have been able to a certain extent to get the routine work done beforehand or they will have to catch up on it when they return. But for last minute matters they have arranged to deal with business during their holiday. Not only must they do 52 weeks' work in 50, but even then the remaining two weeks are not clear of the inevitable concern associated with the regular weekly production of a technical journal.

This year it has been the endeavour of 'The Ringing World' Committee to see as far as possible that our Editor has his holiday reasonably free from the cares of office. How far we shall be successful in that remains to be seen. And how far we shall succeed in pleasing our readers is perhaps even more doubtful. But whatever the result may be, for this week and next there is a locum in the editorial chair. So if your notice of meeting is not very accurate, your donation to 'The Ringing World' is not acknowledged promptly, your initials are incorrect in the peal columns (heinous offence), or the number of changes in your peal of Plain Bob Major is not divisible by 16, then please console yourself with the thought that for the other 50 weeks in the year all these things are dealt with efficiently and accurately. And if, in spite of this plea, you

still wish to write a letter of complaint to the Editor, will you please blame the locum, so that Mr. White is not visited with the errors and omissions of another.

In undertaking this stand-in arrangement we are sure of one thing only—that the whole Exercise will join us in wishing our Editor a very happy and health-giving holiday.

W. G. W.

### OUR SERVICE TO RINGERS

IT is difficult for the Editor to write about our paper—partly because modesty forbids and partly because he is so much aware of the dependence of the Exercise upon its continued existence that he may well assume that others are also aware of it. But an unusual letter came in his post this week which highlights another way in which our paper has been useful to ringers. The Rev. Michael Freeman, of Messingham, Lincs, writes referring to an advertisement which appeared at the beginning of the year for holiday accommodation at Torquay. He recommends the private hotel concerned as a very good place to stay—comfort, good food, convenient situation, friendly atmosphere and reasonable terms. The proprietor, he says, has good ringing contacts, but non-ringers will be glad to know that he doesn't talk ringing from morn until night!

We are, of course, doubly pleased to get this letter: pleased that Mr. Freeman enjoyed his holiday, and even more so that our advertising department has justified itself so well. So to our advertisers we say, please continue to support us, and to our readers, please support our advertisers. And help us to find more of them—for our good and your own.

W. G. W.

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**CHESHIRE RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA**

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. 10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. .. 6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Sun., Aug. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
BASIL JONES .. .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
BASIL JONES .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION,

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	PETER LAFIN .. .. 8
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 9
JOHN WORTH .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 10
BASIL JONES .. .. 5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 11
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

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## CHESHIRE YOUNG RINGERS' PEAL TOUR IN FIVE COUNTIES

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

GORDON RUMNEY .. .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 4
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 5
GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH.

First peal as conductor, and 25th peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*GILES B. THOMPSON .. Treble	JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 4
*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5
†EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. Treble	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 7
†GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Treble Bob Major 'inside.'

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5
*GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 2	JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 6
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 7
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

\* 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4
GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* 25th peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

50th peal as conductor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

### A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composition traditional. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH Treble	*GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. 2	*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. 7
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Sandal Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Kingston Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GORDON RUMNEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 4
GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

## A WEST MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WYLDE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia Bibby, of. Frodsham, Cheshire.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two three-extent blocks and one extent.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. Treble	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of London S. Minor. First in the method on the bells.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERRURGH,

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being two three-extent blocks and one extent. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal of Yorkshire S. Minor for all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Mr. F. E. Wilshaw has now 'circled the tower.'

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 6
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. .. 3	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 4	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

\* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First in the method on the bells, and as conductor.

MORETON CORBETT, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Durham and Wells, two of York and three of London. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 4
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor in four methods.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Norwich and Ipswich and three of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.



## CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.

\* First peal of Surprise. First as conductor.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Treble	*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 4
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Surprise in seven methods. First of Surprise in seven methods as conductor.

## KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two three-extent blocks and one extent. Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' First peal of Ipswich for all the band.

## DOVERIDGE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 3
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Tenor  
Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

## ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN J. WYLDE .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
*DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WYLDE.  
\* First peal of New Cambridge. First of Major and of Surprise as conductor.

## SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	†CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 6
†K. PETER JONES .. 3	†BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 7
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 4	†GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by RODERICK W. PIPE. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.  
\* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First in the method.  
First of Major in the method on tower bells, in the county, and for the Association.NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	†ALAN D. STEELE .. 6
†K. PETER JONES .. 2	†CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 7
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	†BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 8
†GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 9
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.  
\* 25th peal this month. † First in the method. Mr. F. E. Wilshaw has now 'circled the tower.'

## TEN BELL PEAL

## BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 77 lb. in D.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
*MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 5	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal on an 'inside' bell.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

JACK PILGRIM .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY .. 5
ALAN R. BRIDGES .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
C. JACK GIBSON .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 7
RAYMOND PECK .. 4	PETER S. BEDFORD .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK PILGRIM.

First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented to eight.

## DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*AUDREY M. HALES .. Treble	*SONA G. FEAKIN .. 5
VESTA E. HEADLAND .. 2	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3	GEORGE WRIGHT .. 7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4	MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER DALE .. Treble	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 7
ROBERT B. SMITH .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JANET I. PORTER .. Treble	†JOHN A. SINGLETON .. 5
HAROLD F. GIBSON .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR .. 6
*KEITH GOLDTHORPE .. 3	†GEOFFREY W. PYBUS .. 7
†IAN G. CAMPBELL .. 4	§RONALD DUCKER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First of Bob Major. § 25th peal. First of Bob Major as conductor.

A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Taylor.

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE, et al. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.



# SIX BELL PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELEANOR BOLOUGHAN .. Treble	*MRS. MARY DODD .. .. 4
KEITH NEWBY .. .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 5
HAROLD TEMBY .. .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble	† PHILIP WOOD .. .. 4
*PAUL J. ATKINS .. .. 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 5
*DAVID F. GRAY .. .. 3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

A 15th birthday compliment to Paul J. Atkins.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	*ERIC RIGG .. .. 4
FRANK BIRKETT .. .. 2	ERIC BIRKETT .. .. 5
BRAITHWAITE RIGG .. .. 3	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Vicar (Rev. Ellison), for the wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. Ellison, and as a birthday compliment to Frank Birkett, head ringer at Langdale.

BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,920 Plain Bob and 3,120 Grandsire.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY HARRISON .. Treble	† DAVID OLIVER .. .. 4
JAMES BUTLER .. .. 2	SYDNEY ADAMS .. .. 5
*GRAHAM FISHER .. .. 3	† LESLIE BUTLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY .. 2	JOHN MACHIN .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Leslie Wilkinson, a former server and chorister at St. Andrew's, and Miss Phyllis Welbourne, married this day at St. John's Church, Grantham.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 4
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 2	MAURICE BENNETT .. .. 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

In honour of the birth of Rosemary Joy Noon.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. Treble	NOEL WAITE .. .. 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 5
*ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson on their golden wedding.

# HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

In memoriam Harold J. Poole.

\* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

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**BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

At the Church of St. James on September 6th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Airlie 1. Hazel Arrowsmith 2. Jill Riley 3. Tony Parsons 4. A. T. Shorey (cond.) 5. T. J. Lamb 6. First for ringers of 2 and 3. first inside for ringer of 4.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**

On Sept. 4th. 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. A. Page 1. R. N. Marlow 2. Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 3. E. C. Read (first quarter of Surprise inside) 4. R. Haines 5. H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss P. Sharp and the Rev. R. Keeley on their engagement.

**BROUGHTON, STAFFS.**

On Aug. 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Lucy Key (12. first quarter) 1. H. Roberts 2. Pamela Key (14. first inside) 3. B. G. Key (cond.) 4. E. Young 5. A. H. Lawton 6. D. W. Friend 7. F. Beech jun. (8). A birthday compliment to E. Marion Key.

**COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1. Janet Taylor 2. E. Eldridge 3. D. Kirkaldy 4. A. Pugh 5. T. Tocock 6. J. Muller (cond.) 7. B. Lake 8. Rung as a compliment to Bertram and Juliet Lake, ringers at this tower, on the birth of Elizabeth Ann.

**DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.**

At All Saints' Church on Aug. 25th. 1.320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Catchpole 1. C. Catchpole 2. A. G. Harrison 3. H. Moss 4. G. Maynard 5. H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John C. N. Draper, who was associated with this church for 73 years as chorister and 24 years as churchwarden.

**DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**

On Sept. 3rd. Westminster Surprise Minor: Angela Gaitt 1. K. R. Goodall 2. Eileen A. Osborne 3. A. Wilson 4. G. Goodall 5. L. Goodall (cond.) 6.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**

At Christ Church, on Sunday, Aug. 27th. 1961. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: N. D. J. Webb 1. Adrienne Gibson 2. George A. Cockman 3. Sylvia Marsh 4. William Parrott 5. David Herschell 6. John Munton (first of Major) 7. Frank Oakshott (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Irene A. Cross 1. A. R. Mann (cond.) 2. J. Y. Parker 3. E. Jaggard 4. R. K. Russ 5. Arranged for Mr. Ronald Russ from Reading.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.**

On Sept. 1st. 1.344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. G. Anthony 1. Mrs. H. G. Hart 2. Mrs. C. E. Slade 3. H. G. Hart 4. B. C. Burrough 5. R. E. Waters 6. B. E. Matthews 7. C. E. Slade (cond.) 8. To mark the wedding of John Anthony, which took place the following day at Radlett, Herts.

**HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.**

On September 3rd. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. D. Robinson 1. Mrs. F. M. Marshall (first inside) 2. Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (3). K. E. Pinney (first in method) 4. G. Gaylard 5. H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6. Rung in appreciation of the work done by the Rev. Mr. Russell (Ruissip) during his holiday stay in the village.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Bob Minor: Genebeth Mooring (first of Minor) 1. Jean Warner (first inside) 2. H. Colcombe 3. J. Martin 4. C. N. Chinnery 5. J. King 6. A welcome to Margaret Anne, a daughter for Pam and Derik Bird and a brother for Stephan.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**

On Sept. 2nd. 1.260 Doubles (All Saints', Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew): N. D. Davies 1. C. E. Hill 2. J. J. Walleit 3. W. T. Hill (cond.) 4. R. G. Jones 5. For the wedding of June P. Harvey and Malcolm H. Osborne, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**

On Sept. 7th. at St. Nicholas'. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Norma Jeffery 1. Donald A. Bedford 2. William Byford 3. Alan Duggan 4. Philip Bedford (cond.) 5. Rung for Mrs. Monk, of School Lane, 90 on Sept. 6th.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**

At St. Michael's, on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Worth (cond.) 1. J. Morridge 2. H. C. Lonyon 3. M. M. Mottershead 4. J. Taylor 5. V. J. Norbury 6. First in the method for all except ringers of 1 and 3.

**QUARTER PEALS****MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.**

On Aug. 30th. 1.260 St. Simon's Triples: J. Riley (first on 8) 1. L. Derrick 2. E. Chivers 3. C. Richards 4. D. Cobb 5. J. Brain 6. M. Horseman (cond.) 7. H. Hardwidge 8. First in the method by all.

**MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Billing 1. A. Keen 2. H. Heath 3. L. Grey 4. H. Blacker (cond.) 5. R. Terry 6. For Evensong.

**NEWBURY, BERKS.**

At St. Nicholas', on Sept. 3rd. 1.296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss Jean Curtis 1. Miss Susan J. Reed 2. Miss Mary Williams 3. H. Lawrenson 4. R. B. Pike 5. C. J. Castell 6. W. Hunt 7. F. E. Turner 8. H. P. Reed (cond.) 9. B. Cooper 10. First quarter 1 and 10; of Caters for 2, 3 and 5, and of Bob Caters for the rest! For Evensong.

**NEWPORT, MON.**

At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 6th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Ford 1. John Evans 2. Mary Pryor 3. Hazel Everett 4. Christine Glastonbury 5. Christopher Bainham (cond.) 6. Richard Smith 7. Rung with treble leading. First quarter 7. First as conductor.

**NORTHENDEN, LANCs.**

On Sept. 2nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Riddle 1. Mrs. D. Holland 2. M. Bingham 3. M. Holt 4. R. Eccles 5. D. Holland (cond.) 6.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**

On Aug. 6th. 1.260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Bills 1. Miss J. Drury 2. Miss P. Drury 3. A. D. Leach 4. J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service.

**OXFORD.**

At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: P. Walker 1. M. S. Cloke 2. W. G. E. Collett 3. D. O. Wilks 4. D. A. H. Bennett 5. J. H. Gardner 6. A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7. G. H. Webb 8. For Evensong in the octave of St. Giles'.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**

On Aug. 26th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Horseman 1. G. Skelly (first inside) 2. J. Riley (first as cond.) 3. B. Goodliffe 4. C. Brown 5. R. Haskins 6.

**PUBLOW, SOMERSET.**

On Aug. 30th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. P. Swann 1. L. B. Coles 2. R. W. Treasure 3. C. Allward 4. F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5. L. Batten 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Gordon Treasure, brother of the 3rd, whose funeral took place at Pensford that day.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Milledge 1. A. Bishop (cond.) 2. L. Allen 3. B. Bull 4. B. Coatsworth 5. For Evensong.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**

On Aug. 27th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Ward 1. R. D. Tomlin 2. W. Ellis 3. G. Blower 4. E. J. Blower 5. M. J. Hallett (cond.) 6. A. J. House 7. D. Belcham 8. On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Catton 1. Miss A. Martin 2. A. House (cond.) 3. F. May 4. P. Smart 5. G. Sandwell 6. D. Belcham 7. E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**

At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, on Aug. 31st. 1.260 Stedman Triples: W. Hibbert 1. J. W. T. Hibbert 2. Jane Thurmott (first quarter) 3. P. G. Davies 4. D. Papworth 5. C. J. Hibbert 6. R. G. Burton (cond.) 7. V. Cherrill 8.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**

On Sept. 6th. 1961. 1.280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jennifer Sceeney 1. F. R. Scott 2. W. D. Ward 3. Pamela M. Jervis 4. D. P. Hilling 5. D. K. Walters 6. W. Birmingham 7. J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and first in these two methods for all the band. Specially rung for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St. Peter's, Chalvey, a daughter church of Slough Parish Church, and for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

**SWINTON, LANCs.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sharples (cond.) 1. G. Barbara Sharples 2. R. Bryan 3. Margaret Wheat 4. K. Cooke 5. G. Wheat 6.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**

On Sept. 2nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1. June Sinfield 2. F. J. Cook 3. R. J. Scott 4. J. Claughton 5. J. Newman 6. R. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7. W. F. Gladman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Mary J. Pratt, buried at this church the previous day.

**WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.**—On Aug. 13th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Goodall 1. G. Clare 2. M. R. Reed 3. T. R. Bush 4. R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. N. Greenacre 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Matins.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**

On Aug. 27th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Butler 1. A. Howes 2. Barbara Butler 3. Margaret Thewlis 4. V. Fox 5. G. McIlhone 6. Susan Howes 7. F. Absalom (cond.) 8. To celebrate 'Warborough Feast'.

**WARNFORD, HANTS.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Maureen White 1. R. Stone (first 'inside') 2. Mary White 3. Miss R. Gould (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4. K. Waller 5. R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. To welcome Lorraine Ann, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**

On Sept. 3rd. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: P. E. Pratt 1. Jennifer M. Bunyan 2. R. D. Bell 3. R. G. Smith 4. B. B. Hullah 5. W. G. Paul 6. D. Laud 7. R. G. Bell (cond.) 8. For evening service.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**

On Aug. 19th. 1.320 Doubles (Candlesby, St. Paul's, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. King 1. M. King 2. M. A. Beaumont 3. E. P. King 4. M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5. H. Toogood 6. A farewell to Edwin P. King, a member of the Wentworth band, who married this day and leaving the district. Also on Aug. 20th. 1.320 Doubles (Candlesby, St. Martin's, Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. West 1. A. King 2. M. A. Beaumont 3. M. King 4. M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5. A. Beaumont 6. In honour of the wedding of Edwin P. King and Edna Yvonne Marshall at the Church of St. Nicholas, Bradfield, on Saturday, August 19th.

**STONE, STAFFS, RINGERS AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL**

The annual outing of St. Michael's ringers was this year spent in the Liverpool area. Leaving Stone at 7.45 a.m. the party arrived at Prescott, the first tower of the day, well on time. We were welcomed by two of the local ringers, and the bells were soon going to Stedman Triples. Touches of Kent Major and Plain Bob were also brought into rounds. Leaving our Prescott friends, the short journey to Liverpool was made, with the Cathedral ring the high-spot of the day.

We were soon on our way by lift to the ringing room, and received a warm welcome from Mr. Joe Ridyard and other members of the Cathedral band, who were raising the great bells.

Before ringing we were taken up to view the bells, and after seeing them, our confidence in ringing them was nil. A little nervously, we took the ropes of the front octave, and found the bells a pleasure to ring, a well struck touch of Stedman being rung. With a Liverpool ringer on the tenor, rounds on the 12 was attempted, but proved a little too much for the treble ringers, so we went back to the front eight, with a good touch of Bob Major. Grandsire Triples concluded the ringing, and we left the fine Cathedral for New Brighton for lunch.

Leaving non-ringers on the front we made for St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6), and enjoyable touches of Minor were rung: Edwin Jones met us. After tea we left for home with a call at Nantwich on the way. We were met by the local captain, and the lovely-toned eight provided the nicest ringing of the day.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Erin and Bob Triples.

We are indebted to the Dean of Liverpool and incumbents of towers visited for their kind permission to ring their bells, and the local ringers who met us and made us so welcome, with a special mention of Mr. Ridyard, who made the visit to the great Cathedral possible. Thank you, 'Joe'.

ONE OF THE PARTY.



# RINGING VERSE

We do not know whether the recent increase in ringing verse submitted to us is inspired by John Betjeman's 'Summon'd by Bells' or is merely the sense of rhythm bursting forth. But we think that the following, by the late J. Armiger Trilope and published many years ago, will bear repetition:

## YE LAIE OF YE ANTIENT RYNGER

I  
Ye menne of ye Tower of Sainte Ioseph  
Of ye village of Sumthyngforde, (See Note I)  
Were assembl'd onne daie, in ioviale waie,  
Adowne ye festal boarde; [Glasses  
And with Pipes, and with Songyes, and with  
They were merrie with onne accorde.

II  
Then, warm'd with ye festiv spirite,  
Their fancyes flighte tooke wynges,  
And they tolde Grete Thynges of their doynge,  
And of menne of olde did they synge,  
And ye 'Famous Pele of Stedman's Cinques,  
That ye Colledge Youthes did rynges.'  
[(See Note II)]

III  
Then upp spake an Antient Rynger,  
Of hoarie miene was hee.  
'Ye talke,' quoth he, 'of your doynge,  
And what fine fellowes yee bee,  
But lysten, and I will tell you,  
Of ye thynges that have happen'd to mee.'

IV  
Then a hushe fell over that meetynge.  
For they'd heard ye yarne before, [started,  
And they knew, when ye olde manne was  
Hee was goode for an hour or moore;  
And those at ye furthest corner  
Began to crepe to ye doore.

V  
'It was,' quoth that Antient Rynger,  
'In ye summer of Forty Two,  
Wee ascended ye towere of Saint Ioseph,  
Eight lustie merne and true.  
To ryng of ye pele of Bobb Maiors  
Forty thousand three hundred and two.  
[(See Note III)]

VI  
And I was ye Manne at ye Tenor.  
And ye bobbes were call'd by Mee,  
And ye ingenious Composition,  
I had worked out latterlie:  
And ye seven obey'd allye orderes I gave  
With grete fidelite.

VII  
We started at six of ye mornynges.  
And range through ye reste of ye daie,  
And ye folloyng Mornyng was breakyng  
When ye manne at ye fyth gave waie:  
So I tooke his rope in addition to myne.  
Though that's nothyng to me but plaie.

VIII  
Mornyng was wanyng to evenyng  
Ere ye Third and ye Sixth felle oute,  
So I tooke onne rope with my elbowe  
And wounde ye other aboute  
Ye parte that I usually sitt onn;  
And continu'd ye bobbes to shoute.

IX  
Then an hour or two laps'd sans excitement  
And a peale I'd begun to compose.  
When another manne's rope fell vacante,  
I really forget now whose.  
So I took yet taile end in my mouthe  
And call'd ye bobbes through my nose.

X  
Ye dawne of ye fyth daie was breakyng  
When ye peale at length came rounde,  
And settyng ye eight bells I was ringyng  
I look'd about mee and found  
Seven prostrate, lifeless figures  
Scatter'd about ye grounde.

XI  
'Saie Ryngers! Telle Mee trulie  
Have I not glorie wonne?'  
Hee look'd around, about ye boarde,  
But answer came there nonne.  
By two's and three's they'd all clear'd oute,  
And left him nere a onne.

Note I.—The name of this place does not appear in any atlas, and its position is doubtful. One learned commentator has identi-

fied it with Prospero's island, mainly on the grounds that it 'was full of sweet sounds that give delight and hurt not'; but in other quarters this opinion is bitterly contested.

Note II.—A song written by the late James Dwight, and at one time popular at College Youths' meetings.

Note III.—The voracious historian who condescends to prose informs us that the actual number attempted was the extent of the method, 40,320, not 40,302; but the deuce is in it if the poet is not allowed a little licence.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## CORSTON AND TWERTON OUTING

Thanks to the kindness of the Rev. R. O. Fry, who made all the arrangements, a party from Corston and Twerton towers spent a pleasant afternoon in the Yeovil area on August 26th. They met at Ilchester to enjoy a ring on the very pleasant five, and then went on to the somewhat heavier five at Chilton Cantelo. The next tower was Mudford, where the heavier bells, though very tuneful, were more difficult to handle. The Rector, who welcomed us, was an interested spectator of the proceedings, with a running commentary by Mr. Fry.

Tea in the Church Hall at St. Michael's, Yeovil, was a truly generous spread, prepared by three members of the Young Wives' Group; this was followed by Choral Evensong, conducted by the Rev. R. O. Fry.

In the evening visits were paid to the eights at East and West Coker, the merits of which are too well known to need elaboration. Methods ranged from rounds for the beginners to Cambridge Minor. Our grateful thanks are particularly due to Mr. Fry for making all the arrangements, to the Young Wives for preparing the tea, to the various incumbents for permission to ring, to the people who met us at the various towers and not least to the organist for her efforts at the service.

G. T.

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Having attended a recent meeting at Bolney, Sussex, we can attest to the keenness of the local ringers, to the interest of the 'History' and the usefulness of the pencils, referred to in a letter in this issue.

The quarter peal at Reading on August 31st was Mrs. Thurmott's first. Mr. W. Hibbert writes that she and her husband, Maurice, will be sadly missed at St. Laurence's, but their loss will be Bicester's gain, as they go to live there this autumn.

Unless you are a genius, the only way to master mathematical problems is to get down to them with pencil and paper. We would impress upon beginners in our art that this is also the way to get the benefit out of our technical ringing articles.

Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of Knowle, Warwickshire, has been accepted for training for the Ministry and goes to Wells Theological College on October 24th. He will find at least one other ringer there—Mr. Iain Lipscomb. We wish Mr. Upton well in his chosen vocation.

We believe that our 'Servants' and 'Personalities' series have proved popular among our readers. There are, however, a number of well known ringers who have not replied to invitations sent them for their biographical details. We are sure that this is due to a most becoming modesty, but we ask those concerned to realise that we are interested in reading about them and they need not be too modest.

A news cutting tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, of Thames Ditton, have been 'summoned by bells,' but this time, we are sorry to say, it was the fire brigade. We hope, Frank, that the damage has been put right and the insurance company has been generous.

'The Wiltshire Times' for August 25th publishes a long and interesting account of the bells of Edington and the recent peal there. The account was written by the peal organiser, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, of Highclere, Hants, and a large photograph of this fine church was included.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Some of us, while admiring the new Guildford Cathedral on the day of the ringers' visit to Pyrford in memory of J. S. Goldsmith, were standing near to the Pulling memorial bell. An elderly lady, not a ringer, was heard to remark, 'What a lovely name for a ringer!'

Is it chance that the series of mishaps on the U.A. tour should be continued afterwards in the Nottingham area or is it really due to the presence of a well-known cleric?

Correction.—The ringer of the third in the quarter of Stedman Triples at Hughenden, Bucks. on August 9th (page 587) was Mr. B. W. Willgress and not as submitted and printed.

A lady's coat was left in the ringing chamber at Easthampstead, Berks. after the combined practice on August 19th. Will the owner please collect or contact S. G. Scott, Linden, Skimped Hill, Bracknell.

The ringers in the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles', Oxford, on September 3rd, send compliments to two couples married on September 2nd—Dermot J. Roaf to Caroline Hughes and Christine M. Woodward to Geoffrey Lanegan.

Mr. H. J. Blacker, B.Sc., only son of Mr. Harold Blacker, popular chairman of the Chippenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is to be ordained in Lichfield Cathedral, on September 24th and will be taking up duties at Wednesbury Parish Church, Staffs.

The peal at Goole, Yorks, recently was for the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Taylor and also Jack's 40th peal! The ringers taking part would like to place on record their appreciation of a splendid tea before the peal and ample refreshments afterwards—in the usual Mrs. Taylor fashion.

Of the quarter peal at Newbury on September 3rd, Mr. Reed writes that this is the first time the ten have been rung to a quarter by an all-resident Sunday service band—a just cause for pride. They welcome Mr. W. Butler's recent move into the district and send their good wishes to Mr. Ted Curtis, in hospital in Reading.

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## S.F.E. WHITSUN TOUR

THE programme for the Society of Friends of the Exercise Whitsun tour was headed 'Devon and Cornwall,' but the first tower was at Buckland St. Mary in Somerset. A 'splinter group,' travelling westwards by another route, joined the local practice at Walton, near Street, and were told that this heavy five had not yet been rung to a peal.

Upon arrival at our headquarters, the King's Arms, East Budleigh, we found that our title had led to some confusion, as the Diocesan Advisory Office in Exeter had received a letter from an incumbent who said that 'a party of Quakers' wished to ring on his bells! Our thanks are due to Mr. E. Maurice Atkins for sorting out this misunderstanding.

We also discovered, when bedrooms were allocated, that Jacqueline Purnell was to share a room with John Hunt and John Gilbert, she having been confused with David Purnell. This problem solved, the 'K.A.' settled down to the disturbed type of slumber which prevails when the Society is in residence.

Saturday morning brought the sound of cows passing beneath the windows on their way to milking and the city dwellers, unused to such sights of the countryside, gazed down in wonderment from above. We were soon in the holiday traffic on the A.30 to Bridgestowe, and then along pleasantly contrasting lanes to Stowford, where the ladies rang Stedman Doubles. Our next call was Lifton, where an hour's ringing on this splendid eight gave us time to ring Spliced Surprise Major, as well as Triples for the benefit of those who like to ring the tenor behind, with a good beat.

The afternoon took us to Launceston, first to another good eight, St. Stephen's, and then to the less well known six of St. Thomas'. Back into Devonshire, our enthusiasm was dampened by a broken rope at St. Swithin's, Pyworthy, but we soon recovered upon reaching Holsworthy, where the ringing concluded with a demonstration of the automatic chiming mechanism playing 'Holsworthy Church Bells.'

On Sunday morning the party joined local towers for service ringing. One enthusiast, on a borrowed bicycle and, with trousers tucked into socks in the best tradition of the local inhabitants, pedalled with great effort to Lymington, only to find that there was no ringing. Some bathed at Sandy Bay.

We were privileged during the afternoon to ring the bells of Exeter Cathedral for Evensong and the Society brought round Stedman and Grandsire Cinques in good style. Two quarter peals were rung for evening service, at St. David's, Exeter, and Exminster.

Monday's programme comprised a succession of sixes, commencing with Talaton and Payhembury; the Gillett tenor at the latter tower sounded much heavier than its true weight of 15 cwt. Whilst travelling between these towers, we saw a hen pheasant and her family of chicks, the chicks scuttling back and forth at the foot of the steep roadside bank as we drove slowly past. This was an unusual sight even in such truly rural surroundings.

At Feniton we saw some ingenious bell-hanging, where a new treble had been hung above an existing five. The space for the additional bell was so restricted that a section of the roof timbers had been removed to accommodate it and its rope ran between the flanges of the tenor below.

Awliscombe proved heavy going and unusual, and the six at Honiton nearly deafened us so we were glad to arrive at Luppitt, where the well kept ringing chamber is a credit to the local band, who rang a peal here last year, which included five 'firsts.'

The signpost said 'Dunkeswell ½ mile' but, by a miracle of navigation the writer expanded this to three miles before arriving within sound of this peculiar ring, where 3-4 strike almost the same note. There was some speculation as to whether they were in this unmusical state when rehung in 1959. Hemyock bells were well worth ringing, but the same could not be said of Culmstock, only eight of the day.

We finished in Somerset, as we began, on the excellent Gillett six at Churchstanton and said 'farewell until next time.' But that was not the end of the story, for some were accidentally reunited at Bristol Temple Meads Station at the witching hour of midnight, and the last weary 'savage tourist' climbed into bed as the cocks were announcing the arrival of Tuesday morning.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—37



MR. GEORGE E. FEIRN,  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Farming and peal ringing do not always go together. The daily duties of a farmer are such that he cannot usually spend as much time as he would like in the belfry. However, Mr. George E. Feirn, of Kinton Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs, has managed to do both very successfully, because since 1943 he has run a farm of 55 acres, of which 44 are arable, and he has also found time to conduct a large number of multi-spliced peals of Minor and Major, both on tower- and handbells. In this branch of our art he is one of the country's leading exponents, and his wonderful memory has helped to put the Lincoln Guild in the forefront for these types of peals.

George Feirn was born at Bigby, Lincs, on April 10th, 1914, and was educated at Brigg Grammar School, and at the Midland Agricultural College at Sutton Bonington, Notts, which is now part of Nottingham University. He first learnt to handle a bell at Grasby, which has a four-bell tower, in 1931, but later returned to Bigby, where he was taught change ringing by the late George W. Blanchard, who conducted George's first peal at this tower on December 10th, 1932, consisting of four 720's of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob Minor. He was also given encouragement by Archdeacon Parry, who was then Rector of Bigby, and also a member of the Central Council. He is proud of his first peal as conductor, because it was a handbell peal of Bob Minor, rung at Barnetby on June 22nd, 1933. Very few ringers call a handbell peal for their 'first.' While at Sutton Bonington he rang several peals at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, under the conductorship of Colin Harrison, and also conducted his first eight bell peal at this tower. George's present peal total is 440, of which he has conducted 225, and of this total 144 have been on handbells, with 98 as conductor.

Ringing Spliced peals has always interested George, and he has conducted 65 of these, including Minor, Major and Royal. On June 16th, 1939, he conducted the first ever peal in 100 methods at Bassingham, and followed this up by calling 102, 104 and finally 125 Minor methods in nine 720's at Bigby. This was the record until Mr. Roland Beniston called 126 methods at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, on June 30th, 1951. On handbells, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, he rang several multi-method Minor peals, culminating in 105 methods on June 30th, 1947, and 106 methods on August 8th, 1955, again the record for three months, until the Yorkshiremen rang 109 methods in November, 1955. He has also composed and conducted many multi Plain Major methods 'in hand' up to 27 methods. Actually his band had rung up to 50 methods but, by an unfortunate error in the composi-

tion, 12 multi-Major peals were found to be false, though this in no way detracts from the brilliance of the performances.

One peal which George is very pleased with was Original Major rung at Walesby on May 29th, 1938, which he composed and conducted. It was the first one rung with 4th place bobs, and there were 720 of them! These calls can come as often as every two changes, making this a very clever performance.

George holds several offices with the Lincoln Guild. He has been Ringing Master of the West Lindsey Branch since 1945, peal secretary since 1948, a member of the Guild Committee from 1947, and he has been a Central Council representative since 1945, serving on the Peals Collection Committee since 1957.

In 1944, George married Frances Blanchard. Although she is not a ringer, she enjoys being hostess to all ringers who visit Cleatham House Farm. The keeping of poultry is a main feature, and there is a breeding flock of about 2,000 birds. Mrs. Feirn takes a very active part in this side of the farm work, and has thus enabled George to give more time to his ringing activities. Despite his many fine achievements, George is of a very modest and retiring nature. His knowledge of composing and conducting has been gained mostly through hard study and self-instruction, and reflects credit on him for his perseverance and enthusiasm, coupled with the loyalty of his friends.

APACE.

## FILM ON BELLRINGING

Dear Sir.—The Central Council Committee, of which I am convener, has been commissioned to investigate and report on the possibilities regarding a film on bellringing. Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will no doubt be able to contribute useful ideas or even technical assistance towards such a project. I shall therefore be grateful if anyone with definite ideas or able to help in any way will communicate with me or with 'The Ringing World' so that all aspects regarding a bellringing film may be taken into account.

There would be little purpose in going to the expense of producing a film unless it was likely to be put to some general use. A film could possibly cover three main aspects, either as a whole or in separate parts:

- 1 Publicity and educational, for showing to non-ringing audiences.
- 2 A film designed to introduce non-ringers to bellringers with a view to obtaining recruits.
- 3 A film for ringers—covering instruction in the main branches, with perhaps emphasis on bell control and elementary change ringing on tower- and handbells.

The first part could include anything connected with bells and bellringing likely to stimulate the public to interest and understanding and it might be possible to obtain the co-operation of some non-ringing body or commercial enterprise in a film of this nature.

A film purely on bellringing instruction would have to be financed by the ringing fraternity so a great deal of thought and care must go into its production to be sure that it really would meet a need and be of real use to a good number of people.

The method of presenting the material in the film needs careful thought. Greater interest might be created by interweaving a narrative and introducing imaginary characters and such a production would call for literary ability as well as technical knowledge of bells and ringing.

The detailed technical arrangements of production would call for specialised knowledge in sound reproduction, photography, etc.

A decision would also have to be made on what type of film, 8 or 16 mm, black and white or colour, sound or silent, should be used and various factors would have to be taken into account in deciding this.

There are many other factors to be considered and the above mentioned ones need further expansion. The ideas and suggestions of readers will be very welcome.—Yours, etc.,

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# TREBLE BOB FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 607)

## III KENT TREBLE BOB

This is the simplest variation of Treble Bob. Let us divide the lead of the method into sections of four rows each—four when the treble is in 1-2, four when the treble is in 3-4, and so on. And let us examine the first section.

### Dodging only

1 2 3 4 5 6  
2 1 4 3 6 5  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
2 1 4 3 6 5

### Kent variation

1 2 3 4 5 6  
2 1 3 4 6 5  
1 2 4 3 5 6  
2 1 4 3 6 5

We may not alter the path of the treble, so in the first section we may not alter the path of the second either. If we alter the positions of five and six we shall have 65 striking at back stroke, which is unmusical. Therefore, let us alter three and four. Instead of these two bells dodging let three make thirds and fourths places and four make fourths and thirds places. At the end of the first section we still get the row 214365, but we have avoided the repetition with a minimum of alteration.

Now let us look at the second section of Kent, starting from 214365. The treble moves into the 3-4 position and as we must not interfere with its dodging path we cannot make our necessary alteration in this position. We could, of course, make a variation in the 5-6 position, but, while at this point we should not get the unmusical 65 at backstroke, we might at other points in our composition. And as we left the 5-6 position unaltered in the first section, let us try to keep it unaltered all the way through. That leaves the 1-2 position in which we have in our example the second and the fourth. Let one of them lead full and the other make second's place over it—instead of dodging. This alteration corresponds to our 3-4 places in the first section and has the desired effect of cutting out the repetition.

Now let us look at the third section—starting from 246153. To avoid repetition in this section we could not, even if we wished, make our variation in the 5-6 position, because we must leave the treble to its dodging path. We have the choice of varying the 1-2 or 3-4 positions. As the previous section had its alterations in 1-2 our forefathers decided to continue using this position. In our example the second and sixth are in this 1-2 position and we can again let one of those bells lead full and the other make seconds over it.

We have now got halfway through our lead of Minor and the treble starts its dodging path down to the front again. In the fourth and fifth sections we make our variation in the 1-2 position as we did in the second and third sections. In the fourth section the second and fifth are the bells concerned and in the fifth section the second and the third. In each case the second makes seconds place over the other bell which leads full

Now we get back to a section where the treble has to dodge in 1-2. So we must make our variation elsewhere. The natural position to do this is in 3-4 to correspond with the alteration in the first section of the

At the end of this section and the beginning of the next lead the treble leads a whole pull. If the bell that dodged with it (No. 2) were to make seconds, as in Plain Bob, then the other bells would dodge and rounds would come up. But we do not want rounds after one lead, so we let the bell in sixth place stay in that place at hand- and backstroke. The other bells will plain hunt into the row 142635. Here is the whole lead we have rung, with lines dividing it into the sections we have discussed. If we repeat the process from our new lead end 142635 we shall get to 164523; thence another repetition will give us 156342, another 135264 and a fifth lead will bring us back into rounds. This will be a full course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. As there are five working bells, there are five leads and each of these bells does the same work, merely starting from and finishing at different parts of the cycle.

Space prevents us writing out the whole course here, but, using this lead as a model, you should write out the full course just once. If you use squared paper and fill in the path of the treble first that will help to prevent mistakes. If you also fill in at the treble's full lead the starting rows of each lead, as given above, that will be a further safeguard to ensure that your figures are correct.

Having written out a whole course— $5 \times 24 = 120$  changes—let us follow the work of one bell throughout the course. It doesn't really matter which bell we take. Snowdon, in 'Standard Methods,' uses the second, and draws his 'blue line' along the path of that bell. The Ringers' Diary uses the tenor (in Minor the sixth). When we are first learning to ring we are far more likely to be ringing the second than the tenor, so let us draw our line through the work of the second.

It starts with a dodge with the treble in 1-2. It has to, as we may not alter the treble's path. Then it leads a whole pull. That allows the treble to get away from the front and another bell (the fourth in this case) to get to the front. Make seconds place over this bell. Lead a whole pull again. Seconds place over the next leading bell (six in this case). Lead again. Seconds over the next bell (five). Lead again. Seconds again (over three this time). Lead again. Then the treble appears on the front again, so performe dodge with it in 1-2. This work is called 'The Slow' and consists of alternate leading and seconds place over each of the other bells in turn (four of them in Minor, six in Major and so on). This slow work starts with

a dodge with the treble in 1-2 and ends likewise, so that makes it easy to tell when to start and when to finish it. After dodging with the treble, make third's place, then fourths place. This is called 'First places up.' Dodge 5-6 up, whole pull behind, dodge 5-6 and 3-4 down. Then lead a whole pull. No dodge on the front because the treble is not there to dodge with. Again make thirds place and fourths place. This is called 'Second places up.' Dodge 5-6 up and down; then 3-4 down. Lead again. This time as you get to 3-4 up the treble will be coming down into that position, so you must dodge 3-4 up with it instead of making places. Carry on with the dodging work in 5-6 up and down and again in 3-4 down. This time it is with the treble which is going up and it is a warning that next time you go down through the 3-4 position you must make places. Lead, dodge 3-4 and 5-6 up and 5-6 down. Then places in fourths and thirds—called 'First places down.' Lead, Dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 up and 5-6 down. Places in fourths and thirds again—called 'Second places down'—and as you go down to the front again you are back to where you started and have to dodge with the treble and go in Slow again.

A little practice will show that this is quite simple. Apart from the easy Slow work described above, you dodge always in 3-4 and 5-6 up and down except when you make places in 3-4. And you do that going up when you come out of the Slow and again the next lead. And you do that going down when you go into the Slow and in the lead before that. In each case the treble will be nearer to the front than you are and that is a useful guide. At other times, if you are not dodging in 3-4 with the treble, it is behind you in 5-6 (or 7-8 in Major).

The only real difference in ringing Kent Treble Bob Major instead of Minor is that it is much longer. Instead of a lead of 24 changes and five leads in a course, you have a lead of 32 changes and seven in a course, making 224 changes. Additional dodging takes place in 7-8 up and down. There are four sections in each half-lead, instead of three, but the variations to avoid repetition in the extra two sections merely add two more sets of lead and seconds place to the work of the bell in the Slow.

(To be continued)

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EALING, MIDDXX.—On Sept. 3rd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Creak 1. H. J. Eldred 2. A. Fulwell 3. S. Croft 4. F. Ranson 5. M. Gathercole 6. F. D. Bishop 7. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Woodbine Delight Minor: Beryl R. Simpson 1. P. J. Joyce 2. V. M. Cox 3. D. P. Treble 4. R. E. Finch 5. P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 6. First of Delight by all. For Evensong

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ANOTHER LINK WITH SQUIRE FORTREY

The history of the Nottingham cup handbells, referred to in the article on Squire Fortrey ('R.W.' September 1st, 1961, page 590), is brought up to date with the following note, sent us by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. Another coincidence which would be too much to expect in a novel!

The bells, which were given to Nottingham, came into the possession of E. H. Lewis some 39 years ago through his brother-in-law, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. It was the intention of them both that they should go back to St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, where they could be sure that they would be kept in the tower and be entered on the church 'arrier.' Mr. Lewis, considering that this could now be done, returned the bells on August 28th in a glass-fronted cupboard, in which there is a plate engraved as follows:

These Bells  
formerly belonging to Lawyer William  
Doubleday Crofts  
and this Cupboard  
were given by Edwin H. Lewis in memory  
of his brother-in-law  
Harold S. T. Richardson, Priest and Bellringer.  
Mr. Lewis' father's first curacy was at St. Mary's, from 1869-1871, when he became Vicar of St. Ann's, Nottingham. His father-in-law, Archdeacon Richardson, was Vicar of St. Mary's from 1886-1900.

## ATTEMPT ON EXTENT OF MAJOR

Dear Sir.—I give notice that, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, an attempt will be made to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 9 a.m. The composition is appended.  
—Yours faithfully, ROBIN G. LEALE.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR  
Arranged by DENNIS KNOX  
23456 W V M H

42635	—	3	—
65234	—	3	S —
26534	—	3	—
52634	—	3	—
62435	—	3	—
36425	—	3	—
45362	—	3	S —
34562	—	3	—
53462	—	3	—
42365	—	3	S —

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh and calling single for bob at every third part-end.

## BELLS FOR EAST AFRICA

Dear Sir.—I read with interest Lt.-Col. Jerram's helpful suggestion for Kilifi bells (August 11th issue). Evidently it was not clear in my letter that Taylors' quotation was C.I.F., Mombasa, complete with all fittings, except the frame, which is being made from local seasoned hardwood by the chairman of our committee, Mr. W. G. Lillywhite. The only extra cost will be the transport from Mombasa docks, 40 miles (£3).

Another point is that the framework of the tower and church is reinforced concrete, designed by structural engineers for a ring of this weight, which was considered an above average, but not outside, six bell ring. It would seem a pity to underbell it, now that it is finished, especially as it has a special purpose as a memorial to two great pioneers. Our church was consecrated by the Archbishop of East Africa on August 25th in the presence of a congregation numbering about 200, of whom the majority were local Africans.  
—Yours faithfully, W. F. P. KELLY.  
Kilifi, Kenya.

## KILL THE BOLNEY BOGEY

Dear Sir.—In the early part of this century a firm of bellfounders recommended that a new frame be installed for the ring of eight bells at Bolney. However, the old frame continued in service. Another firm, when estimating for work in 1946, wrote to say that a new metal frame would be the answer, but the P.C.C. could not afford the cost and the old frame creaked on. Now this year yet a third firm has estimated for a new metal frame to dispel the bad 'go' of the bells.

Can you please help us to kill this bogey, which has been around for over half a century? Please read on.

The bells were silent for some months until June, 1960, when a young band, composed of choristers and servers, began training under the instruction of ringers from the Southern Division of Sussex. The original six made good progress in spite of the badly going bells and, indeed, it was a very thrilling moment when they rang for their first church service on Christmas morning last year.

Since then two more boys and two more girls have commenced training and are progressing well.

What excitement there was when the instructor called, 'This is all,' at the end of the evening's struggle for a successful quarter peal, which was the first for each of the 'original six.' This was in July, 1961.

The P.C.C. has a heavy burden of expenditure following the architect's five year inspection of the fabric. However, having listened to a glowing account of the young ringers' enthusiasm and progress they agreed to place an order for a new bell frame, when £750 has been raised towards the final cost. The ringers hearing this news 'set to' right away on money raising efforts.

The Vicar and ringers searched through all the old churchwardens' accounts and old minute books to get information for compiling a 'History of Bolney Church.' This they compiled, complete with photographs, and sold at the church fete for 2s. 6d. each. There are still a number of copies available.

Five gross of specially engraved pencils are being sold, all profits to the Bell Fund. A jumble sale is to be organised by the ringers and Christmas carol ringing, too.

Several parishioners have given handsome donations (and so have the owners of the other 'Eight Bells' in the village!). Another couple in the congregation have given all the sixpences they saved in a whisky bottle.

Bolney is a small village, where the number of possible recruits to the belfry is small, therefore we cannot afford to lose the present youngsters owing to badly going bells.

Can readers help us in our efforts? A donation to the Rev. E. Matthias, The Vicarage, Bolney, Sussex, or to either of the undersigned, will be gratefully acknowledged. Or would you prefer to buy a pencil or a history of the church?

Please help these loyal Sunday service ringers.

Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours, etc.,

S. and H. BROWN  
(Joint Captains).

9 and 11, Highfield Drive,  
Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

## KENT RINGERS IN EAST SUSSEX

On August 9th, a party of ringers, mainly young, had a busy and enjoyable day at Hawkhurst, Ticehurst, Wadhurst, Speldhurst, Leigh, Shipbourne, Wateringbury and Hunton. A feature of the day was that at each tower a different ringer acted as Master. G. B. T. sends thanks to the incumbents concerned and to the drivers.

## NOISY BELLS

A correspondent writes: Many years ago 'The Ringing World' published an account, I think, of Boston tower, when the roof was being built and the bells hung on a new level.

The bells, I think, must have been finished before the tower, or the tower roof off before the bells. Anyway, the result with the roof off was stated to be a vast improvement, letting out the sound for miles and keeping it away from the immediate neighbourhood.

Remembering this, when a tower in my neighbourhood (Cornwall) was to have a new roof, I went into the matter with the head of the bell firm and the architect.

We all agreed that the ideal tower was one with no louvres and no roof! but for the rain, and the following compromise was decided upon.

All openings in the tower to be blocked up: the new roof to be made with a square opening, over which was to be placed a pent roof; the top of this pent roof not to come above the battlements of the tower. That would let all the sound out upwards, where it was wanted.

Alas, that particular tower could not be done, as, when stripped of its lead, the architect found the roof could not be condemned.

But a similar idea has recently been carried out in a new tower, with, I believe, perfect results.

I do not imagine that any church can afford to condemn a roof. But where roofs have to be rebuilt it is worth thinking about and I know the two bellfounders would be sympathetic.

As a compromise, louvres, which ought never to have been invented, ought to be abolished and windows blocked up, leaving a small opening above the level of the bells.

The old Cornish fashion of flat slated windows, with a few holes cut in patterns, was ideal.

Louvres, unless properly made, which they hardly ever are, only attract the rain into the bell chamber.

To keep, at least, sallies and ends dry in a wet climate is quite simple. Have a block and whip in the belfry ceiling and hoist your ends up when not in use. The difference between the one left down for chiming and the rest is quite remarkable.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### Northern District

Another hot summer day welcomed members and visitors to Esher tower for the quarterly district meeting. Ringing, under the direction of Mr. Norman Bagworth, catered for all tastes for an hour when a move was made to Kingston for the service. This was held in St. James's Chapel and was taken by the Vicar. Miss Margaret Lewis and her helpers had an excellent tea waiting and among those who enjoyed it were the Vicar and organist.

At the routine business meeting, chaired by the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, the highlight was the election of eleven new members. These included seven from Walton-on-Thames, at which tower the Association had given a course of instruction earlier in the year. Especially welcome was the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Evans), himself one of the recruits. After the usual votes of thanks ringing at Kingston concluded a very pleasant day.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Kingston (first quarter) 1. R. H. Rogers 2. F. E. Hall 3. C. J. Hall 4. G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. E. E. Goodman, leaving shortly for India.

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## Robin Leale's Team Tour Hereford District

**H**ALF the party were on time at Hampton—the meeting point for Robin Leale's 1961 touring team. Such rare punctuality was taken as a good omen and we set off in high spirits only 20 minutes late.

The first tower of the tour was Evesham, where we had planned to attempt Treble Twelve. Unfortunately, because of illness at home, one of the band couldn't make it and, even with Geoffrey and Gerald Hemming who met us at the Bell Tower, we were only eleven. One of the visitors stood out and we rang a peal of Cambridge Royal, with Philip Mehew on the box showing us that he 'didn't care a fig' and pushing the tenor along at a fine pace. After a couple of settling-down courses for the less experienced, the ringing was pretty good and marred only by too many trips from the more experienced! However, the result was a fair peal which enabled two of the tourists to score their first of Surprise Royal and Geoff Hemming to need only two more to 'circle' his home tower for the fourth time.

We were delighted to be met at the Kerry Arms Hotel, Hereford, where we were spending the week, by Wilfrid and Jo Moreton, who were in the city for a few days. The hotel turned out to be very comfortable without being too expensive; in fact, just what we wanted.

After various cold baths, press-ups, etc., we rang for morning service at All Saints', Hereford, and then half the party went to look at the River Wye—allegedly one of Britain's finest salmon rivers. Unfortunately it came on to rain just as we got there and the fish must all have taken shelter under the bridge for we didn't see one.

Our afternoon peal attempt was at Burghill and Mr. F. Morris, the local captain, asked us to ring half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Preb. E. G. Benson, who had died so suddenly on holiday and been buried at Burghill a few days before our visit. A full obituary has already appeared in this journal and here suffice it to say how sorry we all were that Preb. Benson would not be joining us, as planned, for our attempt at Presteigne—his last living—late in the week. A good peal of Cambridge was achieved, after which the band were treated to some real Herefordshire hospitality by Mr. Morris, whose wife had sent lemonade for everybody.

We got back to Hereford in time for Evening ringing at the Cathedral, where we were responsible for some very indifferent touches. This strange old ring seems to get odd struck as the years go by.

The rest of the evening was spent in eating, drinking and a game of baseball, in which Deason's Demons beat Cannon's Cocks by 13 home runs to 9.

Monday dawned bright and early for eight of us, but the other three—Robin and the ladies—didn't put in an appearance at breakfast and condescended to wake up only after repeated bashings on their various doors. So it was decided that as Pat Cannon had the best alarm clock plus the loudest voice he would be official 'knocker-up'—a duty he successfully performed for the rest of the week.

The morning's towers included Whitney-on-Wye, Clifford (where the Vicar recorded some Superlative) and Glasbury—the first in Wales for some people. After lunch, we map-read our way to Llanfeigan, which is almost completely isolated in the mountains and an ideal spot for 40,000. (Take your own light, though!) The bells are superb and a clinking peal of Belgrave was polished off. The evening tower was Ebbw Vale; these magnificent bells have already been eulogised frequently and we hope our ringing did them justice. At any rate, it was a great pleasure to meet so many of the local band who turned out to welcome us.

Tuesday was a two-peal day. The morning attempt at Knighton succeeded after some re-hanging and rope alteration had been carried out. The party then moved on to Eardisland, where we were welcomed by Leslie Evans—a true personality of the Exercise to whom post-war Herefordshire ringing owes so much. Eardisland is considered by many to be the most beautiful village in England; a lot of ringers would say that it has bells to match!

There are certainly none better weight-for-weight and we were inspired to ring a tip-top peal of Bristol. After tea came the quaintest tower of the week: Pembridge has a noisy old five hung in a detached all-wooden campanile rather similar to Brookland in Kent.

That evening we went again to our favourite Hereford restaurant—the Wing Hong. Although the food was not typically Herefordshire there was plenty of it and the service was good. We never really decided whether Prawn Chow Mien was better than Lobster Foo Yong. Both were delicious although one literary member of the party preferred grilled steak. (This is an interesting point and it might well account for the fact that there are so few Chinese tenor kings.)

Next morning a good peal of Rutland was scored at Presteigne—a pleasant eight which went 'like clockwork.' We were very pleased to meet Mrs. Benson and to be able to express to her the sympathy not merely of ourselves but of the whole Exercise. She had asked us to ring open and those of us who had known Preb. Benson agreed that that was what he would have wanted.

Llanfihangel Rhyddelion lies in the depths of darkest Radnor Forest, which is not really a forest at all but an area of rolling mountains. It was at this tower that 'five-peals-in-a-day' were first rung. Nobody could understand why except that the place is so remote! After a short ring, two of the three drivers decided to take a short cut shown on the map as going 'over the top' to New Radnor. The third driver knew the district quite well so decided to go by road! The four in this car waited at the tower for half an hour and then attempted rounds on six. Since double-handed ringing was not anybody's strong point, the rounds weren't too good. However, the villagers said it was the loveliest tune they'd ever heard on the bells—so everyone was pleased. Two hours later, just as the mountain rescue squad was about to be alerted, the two missing cars arrived very much bespattered in mud and carrying so much assorted foliage that we thought they'd been camouflaged for a private military exercise. Apparently, the metalled road had literally disappeared and most of the journey was made through semi-jungle. At one stage, Hector Bennett's Mini-Minor got bogged down in bracken so high that, had it not been for a loud horn, the car and occupants would have been lost without trace!

The evening was less eventful and Old Radnor, Kingon and Lyonshall—all sixes—were grabbed on the way back to Hereford.

Thursday morning brought the first tragedy of the week! Ross was the tower and Ralph Edwards had specially journeyed from Bristol to ring the tenor to London. After just over an hour's average ringing, the treble rope broke just below the sally and that was that. Maps and Dove were hurriedly scanned and Linton was selected as the target for a 'knock-knock' grab. The Vicar was most agreeable and even suggested that we also rang at Upton Bishop—his other parish—which we did. Linton has a very attractive new six and we would recommend any tourists to try them.

Yorkshire was the method for the afternoon attempt at Monmouth. Perhaps it was because the bells didn't go too well or perhaps we were getting tired; anyway, the peal was not exactly outstanding. We called at St. Weonards for a pull on the way home. When the oil lamps were lit we discovered that the bottoms of the sallies were just about floor level, which made things a bit difficult for those over two feet tall.

It must have been pay day in Hereford for that evening our noisy (but sober) party became quite inconspicuous.

Cradley, Mathon and Colwall were the next morning's towers. Nothing of note happened except our failure to ring past the first lead-end of a touch of Spiced Kent and Double Norwich.

The afternoon peal of Superlative at Ledbury proved that we were getting tired for, although the bells were good, the ringing was not up to the high standard achieved at the

start of the week. A grab at Sretton Grandison and another feast at the Wing Hong completed the day.

Saturday morning produced a really spectacular fire-out at Leominster! We started for Cambridge Royal in fine style, with Phil Mehew on the tenor. It was so soon after his cold bath that he had to ring fast to get the blood circulating again. One experienced listener said that the ringing varied between very good and excellent. (And who are we to argue?) The seventh course-end rolled up beautifully after 1 hour 35 minutes and the peal was 'in the bag'—famous last words! A few leads later we went from rhythmic Cambridge Royal to well struck firing in just one whole pull. The noise was magnificent and everyone was so enthralled that nobody bothered to sort it out!

We had enough time to wander round the huge Priory Church at Leominster and were most intrigued by 'Ye Olde Ducking Stool,' in which people who talked too much used to have their spirits dampened. Various suggestions for its present-day use were made...

The tour continued via Kimbolton and Eye to Ludlow, where the grand eight went very well to some five-epiced. In the evening we rang at Leintwardine (not very exciting). Wigmore (where a touch of Original produced a multi fire-up) and Aymestrey.

Back in Hereford for the last evening we enjoyed a final visit to Wing Hong (incidentally, the author is not an advertising agent for this restaurant) before going back to the hotel.

After a Matins ring at Bromyard, where the local band kindly gave up the bells to us, the party broke up—homeward bound.

It was a good week—good company, good bells, good scenery and, most important, good administration by Robin. In conclusion, we would like to thank all the ringers who made us so welcome and the incumbents who allowed us to use their bells.

J. D. R.

N.B.—A special note of appreciation must go to Canon Fireup, who has kindly consented to a certain memorial ring of bells being hung in his church tower. We understand that arrangements are proceeding apace.

## TALGARTH RINGERS IN GLOUCESTER DISTRICT

At 8.15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30th, a party of ringers and their friends from Talgarth, Glasbury, Gilwern, Old Radnor, Eardisley and Brecon left Talgarth on their annual tour.

The first tower, St. Mary's, Ross, was reached shortly before 10 a.m. Here, on the ring of eight (tenor 24½ cwt), some Grandsire and Siedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. After ringing the party left Ross at 11.15 and made their way along the M.50 to Gloucester, where everyone went their separate ways to lunch.

After lunch the next tower visited was at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Slymbridge (6. tenor 12½ cwt), where touches of Grandsire, Siedman and Cambridge Surprise were brought round. After the ringing, a tour of the Wild Fowl Trust at Slymbridge was very much enjoyed by all.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall, and was supplied and served by the ladies and friends of the local band. This was followed by a session of handbell ringing, when the company were entertained by a course of Grandsire Triples and tunes.

On returning to Gloucester the ringers went to ring at the Cathedral. Unfortunately ringing was confined to the 'back eight,' owing to the treble rope breaking. However, the ringing was still very much enjoyed and we were all sorry to have to make our way home.

The thanks of all the ringers are expressed to the incumbents, who granted us permission to ring and also to Mr. D. H. Bennett, the Talgarth tower captain, who organised the tour.

M. R. T.

**GREAT GRANDSDEN, HUNTS.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies (first of Minor) 1. J. Sherman (aged 82 years) 2. Lucy Allen 3. A. J. Davey 4. C. J. Blain 5. R. F. Baker (cond.) 6.



# JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON & YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

By the **GENERAL SECRETARY**

Mr. L. W. G. MORRIS

**T**HIS year, members and friends of the Yorkshire Association attending the Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Bradford will have an opportunity of visiting Ilkley, his home town, to enjoy a ring on the bells, and to view his grave and memorial window. This has been made possible by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Cook, M.A., and ready co-operation of Mr. W. H. Crawshaw, of the local company, to whom sincere thanks are due.

It may, therefore, be appropriate to refer briefly to the dynamic personality of Jasper Snowdon and the part he played in establishing the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

Much has already been said and written in praise of his sterling qualities, strength and force of character, and outstanding ability. Apart from the practical side of ringing, of which he was no mean exponent, he possessed an extensive insight into the complex theoretical issues and, aided by an inherent literary brilliance, originated a series of text books on ringing that are today acknowledged as authoritative works, widely known and extensively used throughout the Exercise.

His early works were mainly designed to introduce the art of change ringing to beginners. Subsequent ones, notably *Treble Bob*, Part I, dealt extensively with the proof of *Treble Bob*, being the first clear exposition of the subject, and it still forms the foundation on which many of our modern composers build up systems of composition and proof in the ever widening range of *Surprise* methods.

Jasper Snowdon was born at Ilkley on June 18th, 1844, second son of the Rev. John Snowdon, Vicar from 1842-1878. He first took up ringing in 1861—exactly 100 years ago—being taught, he afterwards wrote, to ring Oxford Minor by the negative means of learning off the course by heart. Finding this unattractive, and at variance with his own theories, he relinquished ringing for nine years when, following the break-up of the local company of the day, he founded the Ilkley Amateur Society in 1870, and under his leadership, so rapid was the progress made, he conducted its first peal (Minor in seven methods) on December 7th, 1872.

## FOUNDATION OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Research into the records reveals that at this time a movement originated in the county in favour of holding periodical, friendly meetings of ringers at various places. At these meetings Jasper Snowdon was a regular attendant, and as each gathering proved more successful and satisfactory than the preceding one, it was agreed at a meeting held at Bradford in January, 1875, to form a definite organisation. At a subsequent meeting held at York, delegates were appointed from the various companies, who met to form a Constitution and draw up a code of rules. At that meeting Jasper Snowdon was unanimously voted to the chair, and at the following meeting held at Birstall on October 30th, 1875, he laid before it a set of proposed rules, which was adopted, and he was unanimously elected first president.

Thus was born the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, which prospered and expanded rapidly under his guidance and sage counsel, the resident membership increasing from 104 in 1875 to 419 in 1885. By this time he had become a national figure, and his lamented and untimely death not only came as a stunning blow to the members but was mourned throughout the Exercise. His stature and prestige was such that change ringers throughout the land contributed to the cost of erecting a memorial stained glass window, which is to be found in the north-west aisle of Ilkley Parish Church. Part of the window depicts a bell in the 'down' and 'set-up' positions, while other sections show it at various levels in flight. Underneath is a plaque bearing the following inscription:



ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH

To the Glory of God  
In memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon  
Historian and Expositor of Change Ringing  
Died November 16th, 1885, Aged 41 years.  
This window was inserted in A.D. 1887 at the  
sole cost of the Change Ringers of the  
Country.

His grave is on the north side of the church, close to the north-western corner of the vestry. On a stone basement are four slabs, one to the memory of his father, another to his mother, another to an elder sister who died in infancy, whilst the fourth bears the inscription:

Here resteth Jasper Whitfield Snowdon  
who died November 16th 1885 aged 41.  
Second son of the Rev. John Snowdon  
and Margaret his wife.

Year by year the bells so softly  
O'er the graves shall music pour  
Where the dust of Saints is garner'd  
Till the Master come once more.

The centre of each slab is occupied by the shaft of a cross, which spreads out into a floriated head, while in the corners of the cross in the latter slab are arranged four bells bearing the words SPES—MEA—IN DEO—EST (My hope is in God). The whole plan of the tomb is from the designs of his brother, William Snowdon, who succeeded him as president, and held office for the next 25 years. Like his illustrious brother, he was first and foremost esteemed as one of nature's

gentlemen, and under his influence and guidance the creation of his brother—the Yorkshire Association, our heritage—went from strength to strength.

It is fitting that such names should be remembered, and on October 14th this year the Bradford Cathedral company have the honour to act as hosts to fellow members, friends and guests who assemble to pay tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the Yorkshire Association.

## SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

### Nottingham District

Some 50 ringers from various parts of the country came to Colston Bassett on September 2nd. The ring of eight bells there, one of the best in the county, was rung in the following methods: Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, Siedman, Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Bristol, London and Plain Bob Major. Our thanks to Mr. G. Payne, for making the tea arrangements at the local, and to all who came to make this a most successful meeting. S.A.

**HODNET, SALOP.**—On Aug. 26th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: P. Morris 1, J. B. Jones 2, F. Cattell 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, R. E. Morris 5, T. M. Davies 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, W. Hayward 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8.



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**CRAWLEY.** — To Betty (née Payne) and John, at Chelmsford, on September 2nd, 1961, a son, Derek Geoffrey, brother for Alan and Brian. 8852

**HALL.** — To Joan (née Cooke) and William, on September 2nd, 1961, a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth; 6, Yew Tree Close, Woodchurch, Birkenhead. 8885

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage between Freda May Hankey and Alan Streeter, of Redhill, will take place at St. John's Church, Redhill, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 1961, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 8884

## ENGAGEMENT

**JAMES—ROSS.** — The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. James, Cranford St. John, Kettering, Northants, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ross, of Woodbeck, Retford, Notts. 8848

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Short is now The Shieling, Church Close, Chilton Polden, Bridgwater. 8855

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**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—Sunday service ringing will be 8.45 to 9.30 and 5.30 to 6.30 until further notice.—E. Buck. 8872

**DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Any ringers coming up to Durham as freshmen are invited to contact the secretary, Miss Mary Marshall, St. Hild's College, Durham City. 8865

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon. The five bells will be dismantled for adjustment, increased to six, and not available for ringing from September 19th next for about a month.—C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon. 8843

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—Practice night is now on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. and not Wednesdays.—J. King, tower captain. 8849

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## MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, September 16th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: September 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; September 26th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; October 3rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; October 10th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8867

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (8) 3.30–5.30 p.m. Grappenhall bells (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—C. Raddon. 8879

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8833

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting, Chigwell, September 16th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11 (LEY 4342). 8780

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Ewhurst (8), on Saturday, September 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. 8838

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 16th, Monken Hadley (8). Bells 3.40–3 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5.15. Barnet 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Ward, 12, Alston Road, Barnet, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 8818

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Egerton on Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 8804

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting at Staines on September 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Peter's 4.40 p.m., followed by further ringing at St. Peter's.—F. T. B. 8842

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on September 16th at 6 p.m. Special methods: Reverse Grandsire and Siedman Doubles.—B. C. Castle. 8861

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charminster, Saturday, September 16th. Bells, recently augmented to 8, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Amey, 1, West Hill, Charminster, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8810

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster on September 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 8812

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting, September 16th, St. Mary's, Finchley, 3.40–3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Southgate. All Saints' 6–8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 8772

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, Whetton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Those requiring transport from Saxondale crossroads state time when sending names for tea to Mr. W. L. Exton, Burton Lane, Whetton, Notts.—B. N. Reed. 8765

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 8805

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, September 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Wores. 8753

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.** Crewkerne, Somerset.—Annual Tower Sunday, September 17th. Bells 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. Bells after until 9 p.m. All welcome. 8853

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 23rd, Halse (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Heathfield available later. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8811

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Worle, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.—David H. White.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mobberley, September 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—C. K. Lewis.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crews Branch.—Church Lawton, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by September 20th, to R. Budd, 30, Lichfield Road, Talke, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 8863

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Ormsby (8) on Saturday, September 23rd. Names for tea to P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 8864

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Rev. Oswald Mowan, Buckfast Abbey. 8761

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8868

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Sisted on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Syder, The Laburnums, The Street, Sisted. 8813

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Elkstone (5), September 23rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business. Practice method: Siedman Doubles. Names essential by September 19th.—Marv Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 8874

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—North Forest Branch.—Meeting, Redmarley D'Abot (6), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—Mrs. Dudley Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley, Gloucester. 8883

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Branch.—Meeting, Wellington (6), September 23rd. Service 3.45 p.m. Methods: Chester Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob. Navenby bells available in evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 20th, to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 8834

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, September 23rd, Uttoxeter. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, September 20th, to Mr. E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8764

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Kenninghall, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillipps, Hon. Sec. 8875

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Middleton Stony on Saturday, September 23rd, 1961. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me at least five days before the meeting.—Cyril H. Kitch, Hon. Sec., 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8871

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, September 23rd, Letcombe Regis (6). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by September 19th, please.—G. W. Bishop, Moor Lane, West Hagbourne. 8809

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Hughenden, Saturday, September 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names, by 19th, to Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8820

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Gretton, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8841

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division. Please note! Practice meeting at Waldron on September 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beoney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8870



# CHESHIRE RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

Our party was unfortunately reduced to eleven this year, but we assembled at The Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, late on the evening of Friday, August 11th: ready, willing and (as it proved) able to ring the bells in and around Suffolk.

Glorious sunshine greeted us on Saturday morning as we made our way across town to the Church of St. Margaret where the bells were off in good time to the music of Lincolnshire. This handy eight saw the first peal of the tour round in 2 hours and 35 minutes, which proved to be the quickest peal of the week. We were very pleased that George Symonds was able to make our number up for the attempt for Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower in the afternoon, and we were more than pleased to see how well he is still ringing at 86 (now just four peals short of his century of Surprise Maximus peals). It took us 3 hours and 37 minutes to complete a peal on these famous bells that saw the first peal of Surprise Maximus round just 53 years ago. Some members of the party went along to the practice at St. Margaret's in the evening, while the remainder went dancing.

It was once again a fine morning, to which we awakened on Sunday, breakfast being followed by a journey to Stonham Aspal, where we met William Button and Leslie Brett. Here we enjoyed their company as we rang Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters for service. We meandered along the lonely Suffolk lanes, passing through several picturesque little villages on our way to Elveden, a church set in a little 'Garden of Eden.' Even the 'wild life' here seems to contradict its definition, grouse and partridge observing the progress of our vehicles with interest. The bells at Elveden are in keeping with the surroundings and must surely be of the best in the country for their weight. Everybody 'sat back' and enjoyed a peal of Yorkshire, which took 3 hours and 24 minutes. An invitation to 'grab' Euston (a pleasant five), was eagerly accepted by those members who had not previously rung in a five-bell tower, before a dash back for dinner at Ipswich.

On Monday it was rather overcast as we made our way to Helmingham, where the 'old men' rang a peal of London in 3 hours and 1 minute. Sandwiches and ale at the local refreshed all those who were to take part in the attempt for Cambridge at Framdsen in the afternoon. A second start had to be made after about 15 minutes' ringing, due to a rope coming untucked. The peal over, those who had earned something to eat and those who had stood out were regally entertained by Mrs. Brett, before returning to Ipswich.

Tuesday saw us bound for Debenham, where Peter Laflin had everything ready for our attempt. We rang what is perhaps the slowest

peal on these fine toned bells, but it was enjoyed by those listening outside and those taking part. Grundisburgh bells (a very fine 10) were a joy to ring to Yorkshire Royal, which seemed to be no sooner started than finished!! Some of the party joined the local company at the 'Tower' practice, where Cambridge Maximus and London Royal were rung. The 'rebels' saw '101 Dalmatians,' drinking again?

We were a few minutes late arriving at Leiston, the home of many famous ringers (notably the Bailey brothers and Gabriel Lindoff). It was a pleasure to listen to these bells to the familiar music of Bristol and a peal was duly completed in 3 hours and 19 minutes. Following lunch, we set out for Ufford, with rain falling lightly, which meant that Denis Moutershead had to stop to put his trousers on!! Much has been said about the quality of the bells at Ufford, and we were not disappointed with the music when London was being rung. Our 100 per cent record was maintained when this came round in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Dinner over, the youngsters were again on the move to a practice at St. Clement's, Ipswich (a tuneful ring which are no trouble to ring).

A long journey into Norfolk, on Thursday morning, rewarded us with two peals. The first, at Saxlingham Nethergate (an easy going light eight) was Gainsborough Surprise and took 2 hours and 55 minutes. A late start had been arranged at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and it meant that a little siesta could be enjoyed by all. Maximus, late in the week, we found to be a bigger job than anticipated, but a peal of Yorkshire was completed in 3 hours and 47 minutes.

The anti-clockwise eight at Foxearth caused a little confusion, on Friday morning, as a large clock case in the centre of the ringing chamber hides ringers from one's view. After a shaky start, the ringing settled down and a peal of Yorkshire was completed in 2 hours and 50 minutes. The collapse of England's cricket team at the Oval did not deter the band ringing at Long Melford on Friday afternoon and a peal of Superlative gave no trouble. Ted Jenkins kept everybody very much awake, on Friday evening, when he told of an interesting escapade he had when serving in H.M. Forces.

The surprise of the week came on Saturday, when we attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Ives, Huntingdonshire. No, we didn't lose the peal, but we were thrilled to ring such a glorious ring of bells, as well as keeping the record of 100 per cent success intact.

Our thanks are extended to all those who had so readily made their bells available, and to all who made us so welcome on our arrival in East Anglia. R. B. S.

**SOCIETY FOR SHERWOOD YOUTHS.** 1672.—Joint meeting with **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**, Mansfield District, on September 23rd, at Hucknall. Bells 3 p.m. Service, Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Bramley, 1, Church Drive, Hucknall. 8821

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea after service. All friends welcome. — R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8860

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** —South-West District.— Meeting at Clare, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Next general meeting at Goole on September 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.15 p.m., in the Parish Room, Church Street. Tea, followed by general meeting, same premises, at 5 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 8837

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — South-West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8840

**GUILDFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.** —September 30th, 1961.—Bells available: Bagshot (8) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Yorktown (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Hawley (8) 11 to 12.30 p.m.; Farnborough (6) 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Pirbright (6) 2 to 3 p.m.; Worplesdon (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m. Ash (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Seale (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Aldershot (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.; Farnham (8) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Crondall (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Bentley (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Frensham (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Grayshott (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Aldershot, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by Wednesday, September 27th. 8858

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** —Annual dinner, Tennerden, Saturday, September 30th. Meet 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tickets, 12s. 6d., limited to first 100 applicants, available from Miss Violet Relf, No. 3, Bungelow, Shrubcote, Tennerden, on receipt of S.A.E. and cash. Closing date for applications Tuesday, September 26th.—C. T. H. 8802

**LADIES' GUILD.** —Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Putney on September 30th. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., then service. Tea in Vestry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, Putney, S.W.15. 8869

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom on Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 8876

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Tea at Prittlewell, Park Cafe, St. Mary's Hill at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. D. Yomlin, 15, Mount Crescent, Hockley, Essex, by Wednesday, September 27th. J. A. H. 8797

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — West Central District.—Meeting at Rattlesden, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be in by September 27th. Drinkstone bells (6) available in evening.—H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket, Dis. Sec. 8878

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Easton Neston on September 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous.—W. A. Yates. 8866

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.** — Quarterly meeting and Six Bell Contest, Longwood, October 7th. Bring own tea: cups of tea provided. Ringing to cease by 7.30 p.m. Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 8873



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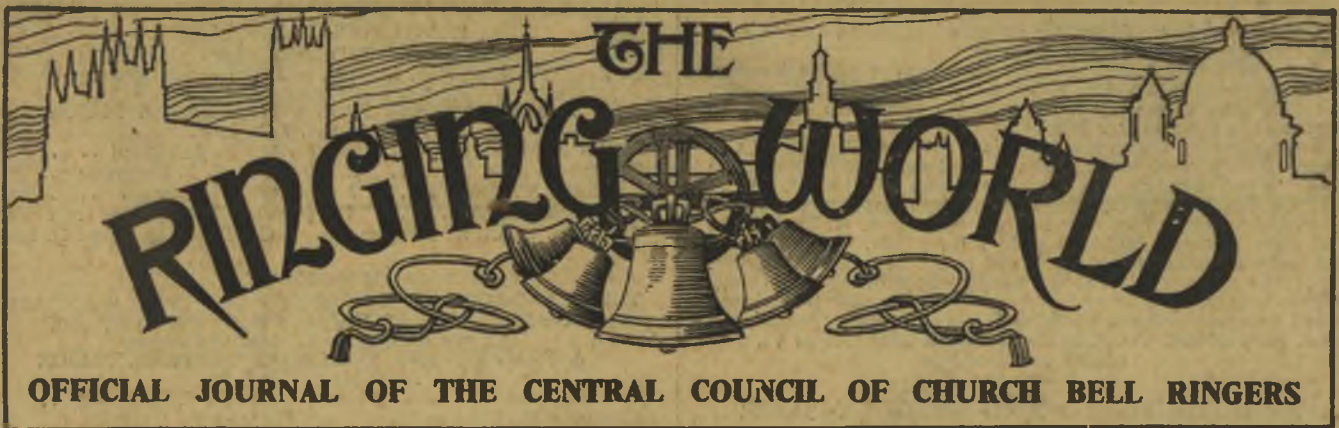
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## BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

THROUGHOUT all ages, in all countries and among all people, bells have been the subject of veneration, symbolism, superstition, emotion and influence. They have been used for every sort of occasion, both grave and gay: for warnings, for rejoicings; in times of calamity, in times of general thanksgiving: as 'time-tellers' and preachers, calling all and sundry to 'watch and pray.' From earliest times much superstitious feeling hung around bells, and many pretty and curious legends are known respecting them. Some point to their power of punishing wrongdoers: many tell of sunken bells still tolling their warnings beneath the waters: others speak of their power in driving away evil spirits and thunderstorms: and again of their ringing unaided in times of great disaster.

Almost every writer, statesman and poet has at some time or other been touched by their emotional influences, and touching instances can be quoted from every country and clime. They are bound up by the daily round and common task of mankind, and as such have in many instances become objects of historic interest. Not only the great bourdon bells of many tons' weight, but ordinary church bells and even handbells and ship bells have played their part in great local, national and maybe worldwide historical events.

In the last-named instance, the bell of the famous German cruiser *Emden* had a most chequered history. This vessel was launched in 1908, and during the Great War did much damage to British and Allied commerce. It was while convoying Australian troops to England that the Australian cruiser *Sydney* learned that the *Emden* was at Cocos Island, and drove her ashore at the North Keeling Island on November 9th, 1914, destroying her with the loss of 230 of her crew. Commander Müller, who was among those saved, and who had put up a gallant defence, was allowed to retain his sword. This was the first actual fighting done by any ship of the Australian Navy, and relics from the *Emden* were distributed to various cities of Australia. The bell, broken and battle-scarred, was displayed in the Garden Island Navy Depot, Sydney. In 1932 it mysteriously vanished, but later was discovered buried in Hyde Park, Sydney. For safety it was then placed in the museum, yet even so was stolen again on April 28th, 1933. Eventually a young German was sentenced to imprisonment on a charge of stealing the bell. After such an adventurous career the bell was eventually restored to the German people by the Hon. Stanley Bruce, Australia's High Commissioner in London, who made a special journey to Germany for that purpose.

The bell of the German battleship *Hindenburg*, sunk at Scapa Flow, was restored to the German Navy. It was carried over by the British cruiser *Neptune* on August 3rd, 1936, in recognition of the graceful act in restoring the drums of the Gordon Highlanders.

The bell of H.M.S. *Canterbury*, which has been through tempest and battle, has now been placed in the peaceful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral. An impressive service, attended by 5,000 seafarers, was held in the Cathedral on June 9th, 1934, when the bell was presented. The service was broadcast on the wireless, when doubtless many more thousands 'listened in.' On the stroke of three, Admiral Percy Roys, who commanded the *Canterbury* during the Great War, struck six-bells. The psalm beginning 'They that go down to the sea in ships' was chanted, and Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar' was sung as an anthem. Every morning at 11 o'clock a serving or retired seafarer strikes six-bells on *Canterbury's* bell, and thus its presence there reminds all seafarers that the longest voyage and the strongest gale comes to an end.

From the small ship's bell to the great bell of Moscow is a far cry, yet even that great monster has 'a tale to tell.' Russia is a land of many 'great' things, and it is not surprising that among the campanistic objects Russia should surpass in greatness all of them. Many and varied descriptions have been given of this great bell, but I will give this, and the raising of it to its present position, as described by the great engineer who did the work. Augé de Montferrand, in his book (printed in English, of which I possess a copy), p. 13, et seq.:-

'The Great Bell of Moscow, known by the name of the *Tsarine Kolokol*, or *Queen of Bells*, is the largest known up to the present time. It was cast in 1733, by the orders of Empress Anna Ivanovna, to replace that of the Tsar Alexis Michaelovitch, broken at the time of the fire at the Kremlin in 1701. The extraordinary size of this bell, which is 20ft. 7ins. in height, and 22ft. 8ins. in diameter, the beauty of its form, and the value of its metal, cause it to be an interesting monument, under the double consideration of the religious ideas which are attached to it, and the high degree of perfection in the art of casting in metal to which the Russians had arrived in those rather remote days.

'This immense bell, the weight of which is 12,000 poods (about 193 tons) was cast with success on the same spot where it lay when I went to Moscow on the 25th of March, 1836, to raise it from the earth, where it had lain buried for above a century. It had been stripped of its mould, and placed regularly on a strong grating of iron, which I was able to recognise after having ordered the excavation of the earth surrounding it. This grating was fixed upon twelve piles of oak, which evidently had formed part of the lower construction of the mould. It was in this position that the chiselling of those parts of the sculpture which were not complete were commenced. In all probability one would be led to believe that steps had been taken to build over it a tower in which it was proposed to hang it. This new tower was intended to communicate with that of Ivan Veliki, by several galleries constructed at various heights, to form useful passages between the two buildings, and, perhaps, also to tie them together and give them a solidity capable of resisting the trembling which the vibration of so colossal a bell must necessarily cause.

'This project was about to be put into execution when at this time (1737) the terrible fire, which devoured a part of the city, communicated with the construction of wood which surrounded the bell. The carpenter's shop in which it was contained being burnt, it was covered by a quantity of blazing rafters, which could not be put out, so great was the violence of the fire. This was the cause of the fracture of the bell which we now see. The records of the time relate that, having become extremely hot, it cracked when it was reached by the water the inhabitants with over-great deal threw on it to save it, and which occasioned a contrary effect to that which they had expected. The charcoal and blackened wood which I found in the surrounding ground, and particularly close to the bell, left no doubt as to the truth of the narration of the accident. But that which still better dispelled all the unlikely versions which have been repeated for so long a time on the subject, was the discovery made twenty-four years back of two inscriptions which were found in some excavations near the steeple of Ivan Veliki. The first of these says that:-

"In 1651 the Tsar Michaelovitch ordered that a bell should be cast of the weight of 320,000 lbs. and that this bell, after being in use till 1701, was destroyed in consequence of a violent fire which broke out in the Kremlin."

'The second inscription informs us that:-

"The Empress Anna Ivanovna ordered the ancient bell to be recast, and 80,000 lb. of metal to be added to it, with which to found the new bell."

After giving various details of his great undertaking to raise the bell, Augé de Montferrand goes on:-

'All my preparations being finished, the work took place on the 23rd of July in the presence of a great concourse of people, of his Eminence the Governor General, the principal authorities of the city, and members of the committee of works of the Kremlin . . . . Considered as a work of art, this bell is remarkable for the beauty of its form, and for its bas-reliefs which are of the schools of Bouchardon and of Coysevox. These bas-reliefs represent the portraits, at full length and of natural size, although not finished, of the Tsar Alexis Michaelovitch and the Empress Anna Ivanovna. Between these portraits, upon two cartouches surmounted by angels, two inscriptions are dedicated, roughly sketched, of which only a few words without connection are legible. The upper part is ornamented by figures representing our Lord, the Virgin, and the Holy Evangelists.



The upper and lower friezes are composed of palms, treated in a broad style, and with a great deal of art. The Queen of Bells is exhibited in the grand square of the Kremlin, near the steeple of Ivan Veliki, upon an octagonal pedestal of granite. The broken piece of the bell has been placed against the pedestal so that people can easily see the interior.

It is not generally known that there is a chime of Russian bells in England. This is at Pinner Hill House, Middlesex, and an inscription records: 'The five bells of the respective weights of 281½, 159, 66½, 37 and 17 lbs. were made by Demetrius Samgin, bellfounder, Moscow, and purchased at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park by A. W. Tooke, who placed them here A.D. MDCCCLXIX.' These bells, which are very melodious, are attached to the clock, and chime the hour and quarters. There is also a Russian bell in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle, which was brought from Sebastopol as a war trophy after the Crimean War and presented to Queen Victoria. It was tolled at her funeral, and those of King Edward VII, King George V and King George VI.

(To be continued.)

## A HEREFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT TOUR

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 8
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4	JOHN D. ROCK .. 9
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
PHILIP MEHEW .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former Vicar of Burghill and chairman of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who was interred at Burghill on August 8th.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN.

### A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

### A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

PHILIP MEHEW .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

LESLIE EVANS .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
JOHN D. ROCK .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

Rung as a farewell to Canon H. F. Harmer, Vicar of Eardisland since 1956.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

MONMOUTH.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN D. ROCK .. Treble	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

LEDGBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
†MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
RALPH BIRD .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 4	‡GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\*250th peal. †First of Surprise Royal. ‡400th peal. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 7
*ANGELA GRAINGER .. 3	*W. LESLIE WELLER .. 8
†JOHN A. HOWARD .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. 9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\*First peal of Yorkshire Royal. †First of Surprise. First of Royal as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.
ROLAND BIGGS .. Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. 5
ARTHUR NEWTON .. 2	PERCY NEWTON .. 6
DOREEN COX .. 3	*ANTHONY E. COX .. 7
GEOFFREY HARRISON .. 4	DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.

\*100th peal.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 2	†IAN H. ORAM .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
JOSEPH W. COLTON .. 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.  
\* First peal in the method.

The composition contains 216 7-8's at backstroke, the greatest number yet obtained.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
*CLARE CHAMBERS .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 6
WALTER AYRE .. 3	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4	‡REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on the 160th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples, rung on August 31st, 1801, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. Treble	JOHN S. BARNES .. 5
CLIVE R. CALTON .. 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 6
ERNEST WHITING .. 3	PETER M. ADCOCK .. 7
HARRY B. FULLER .. 4	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,496 London, 1,216 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative: 118 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Spiced. First of Spiced as conductor.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT .. 5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 2	ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
ALLEN MORGAN .. 3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 7
*JOHN C. SLATER .. 4	JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung on the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

C. FREDERICK JUKES .. Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK .. 5
YVONNE EDWARDS .. 2	*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	†JOHN C. EISEL .. 7
RONALD CHAFER .. 4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.  
\* 25th peal for the Association. † First on eight bells. First of Major as conductor. First on the eight since being rehung.  
Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,600 London, 1,088 Bristol, 800 Cambridge, 640 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, and 320 Rutland; with 118 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. A. DISERENS .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS .. 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. 7
JOHN N. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Major on the bells.  
Rung by members of the Sunday service band in thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Diserens.

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Treble	ROBERT SWIFT .. 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
VIOLET ROLF .. 3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 7
*JOHN R. COOPER .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.  
\* 300th peal.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
H. GEORGE HART .. 2	DAVID TAYLOR .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	REGINALD ROWLEY .. 7
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Society of Friends of the Exercise.)

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Hunt's variation of Dexter's. Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
*BRIAN COX .. 4	REGINALD A. TOZE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.  
\* First peal on eight.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

MURIEL R. PAGE .. Treble	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTALL .. 3	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	*LESLIE G. BRETT .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.  
\* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Ernest G. Pearce, Peter S. Bedford and Mrs. Brett.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK .. 5
*JUNE I. DEAR .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
*A. REX AGG .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal in the method.



BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.  
JAMES P. BLOND .. Treble \*C. JOHN CASTELL .. 5  
HAROLD W. DUNSDON .. 2 \*HENRY LAWRENSEN .. 6  
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH .. 3 ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7  
FRANK E. GODDEN .. 4 CLAUDE CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. Treble H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 5  
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2 JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6  
\*LYNNE THOMPSON .. 3 MALCOLM PHIPPS .. 7  
CYRIL RUSBY .. 4 JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Marion Archer and Ian M. Holland, members of the local band.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.  
\*ALAN R. PINK .. Treble W. DAVID WARD .. 5  
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 2 JOHN E. CAMP .. 6  
MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 3 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7  
†DAVID G. ROWLANDS .. 4 DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.

\* 700th peal. † First 'inside,' and of Major. ‡ First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung on the occasion of the celebrations of the fourth birthday of the Children's Church in Iver parish.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.  
ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. Treble EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY .. 5  
MAGNUS PETERSON .. 2 WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 6  
\*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3 ROGER G. HAVARD .. 7  
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 4 BRYNLEY TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.  
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble \*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 4  
\*PATRICIA A. MORRIS .. 2 \*GEORGE DUDLEY .. 5  
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 3 BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 50th peal. The treble ringer has 'circled the tower' to peals. The fourth ringer has completed the Cambridge family.

NECTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
\*HERBERT A. BENNETT .. Treble TONY OWEN .. 4  
ROBERT C. BUTTON .. 2 WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 5  
PERCY SQUIRES .. 3 SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

### A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.  
MARILYN M. BARTON .. Treble DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 4  
DEREK E. SIBSON .. 2 ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 5  
MARCUS P. BARTON .. 3 DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society.  
Rung to mark the marriage of Judith K. Essen to N. David Robinson on August 19th.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.  
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. Treble DAVID WRIGHT .. 4  
FRANK OAKSHOTT .. 2 MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 5  
A. D. LEACH .. 3 NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Last peal on the bells before recasting.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Leicester District.)  
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.  
\*CAROL NORMAN .. Treble BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4  
†KEITH H. MILDRED .. 2 DAVID W. STENSON .. 5  
MARK G. WOOD .. 3 ‡BRIAN M. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal on six bells. † First of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 50th peal.  
First on the bells since rehanging on ball-bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in July, 1961.

All the band are members of St. Thomas', South Wigston, and all have been taught to ring by the conductor.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.  
\*PAMELA E. KEY .. Treble BARNABAS G. KEY .. 4  
†JUNE M. KEY .. 2 DAVID W. FRIEND .. 5  
E. MARION KEY .. 3 ‡JOHN W. DYKE .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Grandsire Doubles.

NORTHAMPTON.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

### A PEAL OF 5040 ST. GILES' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
\*JANE E. FROST .. Treble RICHARD J. DANBY .. 4  
†ROLAND A. ELDRIDGE .. 2 GEORGE F. ROOME .. 5  
PERCY AMOS .. 3 RONALD RUSSELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles. First in the method.

Rung for the Festival of St. Giles.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.  
RONALD CHAFER .. Treble HARRY HALL .. 4  
JACK BRAY .. 2 JOHN HALL .. 5  
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3 PHILIP BARNES .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lord, of Scunthorpe.

DOWNE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Annable's London and Hull, (2) Norfolk and Primrose, (3) Rossendale and Stamford, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb.  
MARY TAYLOR .. Treble ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4  
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 2 RALPH BIRD .. 5  
IAN H. ORAM .. 3 JOHN R. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 14 methods on the bells.

EASTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three different extents of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.  
RONALD R. WARFORD .. Treble JOHN KAY .. 4  
G. FRED TERRY .. 2 ERNEST NEWHAM .. 5  
EDWARD PHILPOT .. 3 LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.



MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

\*HARRY WAND .. .. Treble \* PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 3  
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2 | FREDERICK DERRY .. .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

A farewell peal for the Rev. Canon Macdonald, and also a welcome for the new Rector, the Rev. W. Boulton.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS J. HORTON .. .. Treble | H. WEAVER .. .. 4  
MISS M. SKINNER .. .. 2 | L. STILWELL .. .. 5  
C. B. SKINNER .. .. 3 | R. P. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. P. WOOD.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. B. W. Farhall (a local ringer) and Mrs. Farhall.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

RAYMOND PECK .. .. Treble | ERNEST C. PEARCE .. .. 4  
\*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. .. 2 | ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. 5  
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3 | ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal in three methods.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

TONY OWEN .. .. Treble | PERCY SQUIRES .. .. 4  
\*JOHN CARTER .. .. 2 | WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. .. 5  
ROBERT C. BUTTON .. .. 3 | SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

\* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Wells, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. Treble | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4  
\*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 2 | REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5  
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 150th peal for the Association.

The ringers would like to associate this peal with the 90th anniversary of the consecration of this church, which took place on August 31st, 1871.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL-OF-EASE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being three extents of Cambridge, two of Beverley and one of Surfleet.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD RAXTER .. .. Treble | WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. 4  
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 2 | PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 5  
MARTIN HAWKES .. .. 3 | GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Double Court, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JUNE E. WRIGHT .. .. Treble | \*EDWARD A. DANIELS .. .. 4  
\*ANTHEA M. GREAVES .. .. 2 | †R. ROSE .. .. 5  
\*MAURICE J. ROSE .. .. 3 | L. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. ROSE.

\* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Anthea Greaves, who is shortly leaving to commence nursing at University College Hospital, London.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Plain, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain, (5) Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. Treble | MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 4  
\*MARILYN M. BARTON .. .. 2 | ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. .. 5  
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3 | DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a compliment to Roger Keeley on his engagement to Patricia Sharp.

MABE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble | CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4  
\*GRAHAM D. CARTER .. .. 2 | \*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. .. 5  
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 3 | ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Minor, and in the method.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

\*MICHAEL J. NOBLE .. .. Treble | GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4  
MARGARET ROSS .. .. 2 | JOHN COATES .. .. 5  
†RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. 3 | ERNEST PRESTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

\* First peal † First 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Duncan McNeil (chairman of the North Notts District and tower captain at West Retford) and Mrs. E. M. McNeil, who died tragically on August 29th, 1961.

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FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Leicester District.)

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK..	Treble	J. HEDLEY WALE	..	4
KEITH H. MILDRED..	2	GARY W. MASON	..	5
ERNEST MORRIS..	3	JOHN A. ACRES ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 150th peal of Plain Bob.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

MAY STEVENS ..	Treble	MICHAEL V. POWELL	..	4
*LEONARD SMITH ..	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	..	5
JOY SMITH..	3	TONY STEVENS ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

\* First peal in six methods.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	Treble	PETER J. EVES ..	..	4
JOHN WARNER ..	2	JOE E. G. ROAST ..	..	5
ALAN R. SYDER ..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Eves.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Single Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DAISY M. ANDREWS ..	Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS ..	..	4
*RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD	2	MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	..	5
A. GEORGE BUITON..	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. ORMAN.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First as conductor.

A compliment to the second and tenor ringers on their engagement.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Julian.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents of Stedman, ten each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and two extents and two of 240 (Morris') Grandsire.  
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR ..	Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT ..	..	4
TERENCE J. MILSOM ..	2	*DAVID E. HOUSE ..	..	5
ALAN F. LEE ..	3	†RONALD M. FRENCH ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal in five Doubles methods. † First peal, first attempt.

A birthday compliment to Mr. T. J. Milsom.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and three each of April Day and Clifford's Pleasure.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY ..	1-2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	..	3-4
DAVID F. MOORE ..	..	..	..	5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# HALF PEALS

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 26th. 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Honeywood 1. N. Avis 2. U. W. Wildney 3. N. Foakes 4. W. Felgate 5. B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Pamela Faircloth (a ringer at this church) and Mr. Andrew Keith.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At St. Woolos' Cathedral on Sept. 9th. 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. J. King 1. D. Pike 2. G. Marchant 3. C. Bainham 4. D. Hughes 5. L. Bainham 6. D. J. King (cond.) 7. J. F. James 8. A peal attempt brought round. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Charles Greedy, late tower captain at St. Woolos'.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral on Sept. 4th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1. Jean Ireland 2. H. F. Cox 3. H. Greenhalgh 4. F. N. Smeaton 5. W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6. Enid Roberts 7. H. C. Moule 8. Rung for Synod Evensong.

**ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1. A. Williams 2. J. Hughes (first 'inside') 3. R. Hatcher 4. J. Hope (cond.) 5. Kathleen Goodwin (first quarter) 6. In honour of the 99th birthday of Rev. J. W. Kearns, one time Vicar of this parish.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Sept. 5th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Dear 1. J. I. Dear 2. A. Buck (first 'inside') 3. F. Plummer 4. D. Sutcliffe 5. R. Castledine (cond.) 6. E. Buck 7. C. Harwood 8. Rung at the conclusion of the four-day tour of the Baldock Deanery by the Bishop of St. Albans. Also on Sept. 10th. 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Salisbury 1. E. Buck 2. L. Hughes 3. M. Hopkins (first in the method) 4. D. Sutcliffe 5. P. Flack 6. C. Harwood 7. R. Castledine (cond.) 8. Rung after Matins.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): J. Prentice 1. R. L. K. Whittell 2. N. Whittell 3. E. Hotine 4. R. E. Lester (cond.) 5. W. S. Girling 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Susan Cowling, of Needham Market.

**BEDFORD, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sept. 11th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Tyres (first other than cover bell) 1. Miss M. Gibson, 2 P. Brand 3. D. Pickett 4. D. Pickett 5. D. Boniface (first as cond. in method) 6.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Westlake (first quarter) 1. Miss E. D. France 2. Miss P. J. Walker 3. G. F. Nix 4. D. W. James 5. G. D. Fearnheough (cond.) 6.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Aug. 20th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1. H. W. Dunsden 2. A. R. T. Greenough 3. P. Corderoy 4. H. L. Bishop 5. R. B. Blond (cond.) 6. J. P. Blond 7. C. Corderoy 8.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 26th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. T. Beckwith 1. Marian Mills 2. P. L. Wood 3. J. Towler 4. E. W. Bright 5. C. W. Burton 6. W. Arnold 7. A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. A compliment to Lewis W. Wiffen on his 80th birthday.

**BRENCHEY, KENT.**—On Sept. 14th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Buss 1. Jean F. Barnett (first 'inside') 2. Janet H. Buss 3. A. R. Baldock 4. Margaret A. Ladd 5. Doris G. Colgate 6. W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7. G. T. Acott 8. Rung on the 75th birthday of Mr. F. Acott, father of the tenor ringer, who learnt to ring at Brencley 58 years ago.

**BRIDGERULE, DEVON.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1. W. R. Hill 2. W. H. Chalwill 3. R. G. Pearce 4. M. H. Sinden 5. J. H. Bowden 6. E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7. G. Halford 8.

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.**—On Sept. 8th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7. 6. 8 covering): Miss K. E. Barne 1. T. W. Edgington (first quarter, aged 75) 2. D. A. Leslie (cond.) 3. A. F. O'Shaughnessy 4. N. H. Leslie 5. J. Fryer (first quarter) 6. D. Vincent 7. A. Willis (first quarter) 8. For Patronal Festival service.

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Edwards 1. June Knight 2. N. Crowther 3. Rosemary Ashley 4. A. J. Hinde 5. H. E. Ashley (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3. For Evensong.

# QUARTER PEALS

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1. P. G. Badcock 2. C. J. Shepherd 3. E. G. Swift 4. M. G. Swift (cond.) 5. F. J. Bolton 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bolton.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1. Janet Taylor 2. E. Eldridge 3. D. Kirkaldy 4. A. Pugh 5. T. Tockock 6. J. Muller (cond.) 7. B. Luke 8. A compliment to Bertram and Juliet Lake on the birth of Elizabeth Ann.

**DOYNTON, GLOS.**—On Sept. 11th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob. 780 Grandsire): Myra J. Wilkins 1. I. G. Smith 2. H. N. Evans (cond.) 3. H. Taysom 4. A. W. Gibbs 5.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On Aug. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. T. Crowden (first quarter) 1. A. Naylor 2. G. Reynolds (cond.) 3. R. Todd 4. G. Busby 5. T. Crowden 6. For St. Bartholomew's Day.

**HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDXX.**—On Aug. 26th. 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Wooders 1. C. Fynes (cond.) 2. Miss M. Gibson 3. Miss P. Harris 4. D. Pickett 5. D. Boniface 6.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. A. Packham 1. Miss R. A. Stevens 2. R. V. Johnston 3. D. J. Parsons 4. F. W. Parsons 5. E. F. Packham 6. F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7. R. Langridge 8. A birthday compliment to R. V. Johnston.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thompson 1. R. Fuller 2. M. Major (cond.) 3. G. Mayes 4. L. H. Bywaters 5. T. Hyde 6. For Parish Communion.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,440 Minor (London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith 1. C. Froggatt 2. R. Blackshaw 3. N. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4. A. Larkin and B. Mills 5. F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HYDE, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Booth 1. R. Chatterton 2. A. Schofield 3. T. Gee 4. J. Booth 5. C. Dewsnap (cond.) 6. First quarter by 2 and 3.

**ISHAM, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Buswell 1. E. M. Garley 2. E. G. Johnston 3. C. A. Blaxley 4. G. Meeks 5. A. E. Garley (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Thomas Henry Garley, for 60 years a ringer and for 25 years tower captain.

**KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 24th. 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. E. Cobb 1. Joan Grey 2. C. Richards 3. K. Lawson 4. M. J. Horseman 5. J. Brain 6. P. M. J. Grey 7. J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Peakman 1. C. Peakman 2. F. E. Jukes 3. A. Fasey 4. M. Wright 5. A. E. Morgan (cond.) 6. C. F. Jukes 7. F. Preston 8. For Evensong, also a farewell compliment to the Rev. D. J. Pitcher, leaving the parish for Kirby.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1. W. H. Avery 2. K. Seymour 3. C. H. Hagger 4. B. Shingler 5. R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—On Sept. 10th, at St. Clement Danes'. 1,277 Grandsire Triples: M. Sprackling 1. Mrs. H. Oatway 2. Miss M. Lewis 3. H. J. Eldred 4. M. Gathercole 5. J. Rank 6. C. M. Meyer 7. J. Thornley 8. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9. W. Oatway 10. For Matins.

**MARSTON, OXFORD.**—On Aug. 18th. 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): N. D. Deam 1. P. Heritage 2. R. H. Jones (cond.) 3. J. Walker 4. A. Gammon 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Judith Tasker (former ringer) and Mr. Roy Waters.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Billings 1. A. Keen 2. H. Heath 3. L. Grey 4. H. Blacker (cond.) 5. R. Terry 6.

**NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,440 Surprise Minor (8 methods): A. P. Cannon 1. J. R. Cooper 2. C. T. Hillis 3. J. H. Oram (cond.) 4. A. M. Macve 5. R. Bird 6.

**NORTHLEIGH, OXON.**—On Aug. 19th. 1,320 Doubles (5 methods): R. W. Allaway 1. R. H. Jones 2. P. J. Heritage 3. N. D. Deam 4. J. S. Walker (cond.) 5. E. D. Patching 6. For Northleigh Feast.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sept. 10th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Pink 1. J. Pladdys 2. C. Coles 3. H. W. Badger 4. C. C. Clarke 5. R. J. Trebilcock 6. F. H. Wilkins 7. C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Thomas', on Aug. 10th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. H. Jones 1. P. J. Heritage 2. Elizabeth A. Miller 3. N. D. Deam (cond.) 4. Catherine M. Chapman 5. A. Smith 6. Also on Aug. 10th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Smith 1. P. J. Heritage 2. Elizabeth A. Miller (first as cond.) 3. R. H. Jones 4. Catherine M. Chapman 5. N. D. Deam 6. Also at St. Mary Magdalene's, on Aug. 18th. 1,260 Doubles (9 methods): R. H. Jones 1. Elizabeth Miller 2. A. Gammon 3. N. D. Deam (cond.) 4. P. Heritage 5. R. Ellaway 6.

**PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.**—On Sept. 8th. 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss I. Down 1. H. P. Sparks 2. Mrs. A. F. Godley 3. F. Priddle 4. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods on the bells and for all except the conductor.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew 1. M. Uphill 2. D. Brookes 3. B. Bull 4. L. Allen 5. A. Millidge (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On Aug. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4. 6. 8 covering): W. Penn 1. Mrs. K. Smith 2. F. Blown 3. Howard Meek 4. E. W. Penn 5. T. Wilce 6. J. J. Webb (cond.) 7. Harold Meek 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. D. Watkins, a parishioner.

**RUMNEY, MON.**—On Sept. 11th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sandra Ford 1. Hazel Everett 2. Mary Pryor 3. Christine Glastonbury (first as cond.) 4. C. Bainham 5. R. Smith 6.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Sept. 13th. 1,299 Grandsire Caters: N. Donovan 1. Mrs. N. Chaddock 2. Miss S. Chaddock 3. Mrs. P. Burns 4. I. Tilling 5. R. Woodward 6. S. Armeson 7. J. N. D. Chaddock 8. N. Chaddock (cond.) 9. P. Walker 10. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of Dr. Donald Coggan as 88th Archbishop of York.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1. W. Hibbert 2. W. G. Lavers 3. C. Sangwin 4. T. M. White 5. H. Stacey 6. F. White (cond.) 7. S. Stacey 8. Rung after Evensong.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 1. F. Ward 2. S. Philbrick 3. R. Wildgoose 4. R. Birch 5. R. S. Long 6. B. Balderston 7. D. Armstrong 8. B. Holland 9. G. K. Chaddock 10. For Evensong.

**STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.**—On Sept. 12th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss I. Down (first in method) 1. H. P. Sparks 2. D. M. C. Hill (first of Stedman Doubles) 3. F. Priddle 4. E. T. P. Field (first in method as cond.) 5. F. Hillier 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. de H. Hardy, of St. Ives, Cornwall, sister of the conductor.

**SUNBURY, MIDDXX.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss L. Skipsey 1. D. Hawkins 2. P. Brand 3. B. Bartlett 4. Miss D. Gibbons 5. D. Pickett 6. D. Boniface (cond.) 7. C. Low 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Eric Pizzey and Miss Valerie Stubbings, two local ringers.

**TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1. Mary Powell 2. D. G. Yeo 3. C. Kortright 4. L. Derrick 5. J. Brain (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. N. Marlow 1. J. E. Daniels 2. E. J. Hitchins 3. W. A. Theobald 4. N. G. Knee (first of Cambridge Major) 5. R. Haines 6. D. Randall 7. L. F. Cobb 8.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 3rd. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. T. Beckwith 1. Miss D. Fairhead (first in method) 2. Miss E. Cansdale 3. A. W. Cansdale 4. K. Prime 5. P. C. Wright 6. F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7. B. W. Fairhead 8. V. G. Roberts 9. U. W. Wildney 10. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and tenor are Essex ringers, on tour in Somerset.



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Received are copies of the August issue of 'Overtones,' the magazine published by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The title seems as ambidextrous as handbell ringers have to be. Reference is made to our own jubilee issue last March and our familiar front page heading is reprinted. The Guild also prints its congratulations to Ernest Morris on the completion of 2,000 peals.

Mr. J. Tomsett is to be licensed as a lay reader at a service in Guildford Cathedral this month. His many ringing friends in West London will wish him well.

On his recent holiday down south, Mr. N. V. Harding, of King's Lynn, scored six peals. He was especially pleased to meet old friends at Holy Trinity, Guildford, where he has twice 'circled the tower.'

We note from our peal reports that the well-known Diserens family of Reading has been augmented by the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Diserens. Congratulations! Another good ringer, we hope.

The band which rang the peal at Rothwell, Northants, on September 2nd, would like to associate it with the christening on Sunday, September 3rd, of Nigel Brian Austin, son of Mr. Brian Austin, one of the ringers at this tower.

Mr. Beric Bartlett, of the South Devon Ringers' Association, tells us that he has not been translated to the secretaryship of the Devon Association as indicated in Personalities of the Exercise No. 35 in our issue of September 1st. We regret that he was promoted 'apace.'

We have received from the Central Council a copy of a thesis written by Mr. William Richard Denton for his M.A. at San Francisco Theological Seminary. It is entitled 'Bells and their use as a means of Christian education,' and 60 copies of its 140 pages about tower bells and handbells have been mimeographed for private circulation.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris tells us the following story with reference to the Russian bell at Windsor, referred to in his article this week: An instance of misbehaviour by one of the choirmen of St. Margaret's, Leicester, when on their annual outing, nearly led to his imprisonment in Windsor Castle. He struck this Russian bell with his walking stick and almost at once up rushed one of the Guards to arrest the culprit. It took a great deal of explaining by the Vicar and organist to assure them it was only an unthoughtful prank and eventually, after a lot of persuasion, the incident passed over. The bell is only tolled on the death of the Sovereign.

The 'Staffordshire Advertiser' prints a picture of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key and their family, June (20), Pamela (14), Peter (13), Lucy (12) and Angela (9)—all ringers—in the ringing room at Gnosall, Staffs. A peal by the family is among Mr. Key's ambitions for the future.

The presence of Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Sayer at Ambrosden during leave from Germany has been of great help and encouragement to the tower and also to Bicester Branch and tower. Local ringers hope to see them at Ambrosden again at the end of their German tour.

Our photograph this week of Devon ringers 'getting together' is not provided with the names of those shown, but his many friends will be glad to recognise among them Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, of Teignmouth, formerly of Kilburn. We are glad to publish this account of the joint meeting of exponents of two branches of our art.

The quarter peal rung at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on September 10th, was a farewell to Warrant Officer S. Philbrick, R.A.F., who is taking up duties at Henlow, Bedfordshire. For the last few years he has been stationed at Norton, Sheffield. He has been a regular ringer at the Cathedral during his stay. The company had great pleasure in presenting him with a pewter tankard after the quarter peal, in which he rang the third faultlessly.

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## MARRIAGE

### Mr. D. J. Roaf — Miss M. C. Hughes

Both the Cambridge University Guild and the Oxford University Society were well represented among the many ringers present at the parish church at Chalfont St. Peter on September 2nd for the wedding of Dermot James Roaf and Mary Caroline Hughes. Dermot was taught to ring while at school at Winchester and at St. Giles', Oxford. He obtained a First Class Degree in Mathematics at Oxford in 1958, and since then has been engaged in research in theoretical physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. His dual allegiance to Oxford and Cambridge Universities makes him ideally suitable for the post of secretary of the Universities' Association, which he has held for the past three years. Caroline is a graduate of Cambridge University in geography, and holds an Education Diploma. The writer is not sure whether she was introduced to ringing by Dermot or to Dermot by ringing.

The six bells at Chalfont St. Peter were rung before and after the service by the local band, and several guests accepted an invitation to ring with them. The marriage was conducted by the Rev. J. Sturdy, curate at Hitchin. The bride wore a full-length dress of ivory wild silk, and was attended by her sister and the bridegroom's three sisters. Mr. Nicholas Gray was best man.

About 150 guests attended the reception, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hughes at Gerrards Cross. A marquee erected on the lawn in case of rain was fortunately not needed as the sun shone throughout the afternoon.

When Dermot and Caroline left for their honeymoon in Italy, Caroline's luggage was almost left behind. However, Dermot had his faithful rucksack, well known to those who have attended O.U.S. ringing tours. They will make their home at Oxford, where Dermot has been elected to a Fellowship at Exeter College.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno on September 2nd. It was a glorious day, and members were tempted to spend part of the time on the promenade rather than in the belfry. Some 30 or more members were present at the service in Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Curate.

The bells were rung some time before the service, and one lucky couple had them for their wedding bells. After tea, graciously provided by the ringers of Llandudno, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor. In his address he spoke of the state of ringing in North Wales. The Bangor area was hampered by distance, and monthly meetings could not be held, but in the Wrexham area these were possible and were well attended. Mr. Fred Evans (Ringing Master) corroborated, and said there had been a great improvement in recent years and we were still going ahead.

The minutes of the annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. W. Cathrall. From the matters arising, Mr. Dennis H. B. Millward asked if it were known whether there had been increased sales of 'The Ringing World' since his appeal at Portmadoc, and whether we could help our paper in some other way. It was stated that sales could not be assessed at this meeting. Mr. W. H. Lewis proposed that a donation of £1 ls. be sent to 'The Ringing World' from our funds. Mr. Albert J. Hughes then suggested that a retiring collection be made in addition. Both these met with approval and were carried.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the assistant curate for conducting the service and for his address, to the ladies who waited at tea, to those who provided it and to the chairman for presiding were carried.

Our best wishes for the successful outcome of a pending operation, and our congratulations on his approaching birthday, were extended to Mr. Albert J. Hughes. Towers represented were Wrexham, Hope, Gresford, Buckley, Mold, Llandudno, Rhyl and Bangor, with visitors from Bristol and elsewhere. D. H. B. M.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—38



MR. EDWARD V. RODENHURST,  
The Shropshire Association.

The county of Shropshire, being mainly rural, has always had its 'ups and downs,' especially in pre-war days, and progress in change-ringing has largely depended on the enthusiasm of individual ringers, who have created interest amongst others. One of the best-known ringers in the county, and indeed over a much wider area, is Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst, of Prees Green, near Whitchurch, Salop. He has as great a knowledge of bells and ringing in the county than anyone, and his views are always listened to with interest and respect. What he has not been able to ring in Shropshire he has travelled outside to find, but has always tried to imbue members of his Association with his own enthusiasm.

Ted, as he is affectionately known to all his friends, was born at Heath House Farm, Stanton-on-Hine Heath, on October 30th, 1896, and was educated at Old Hall School, Wellington, Shropshire. He started ringing at an early age with the call-change bands at Stanton and Shawbury, a few years before the first war. In July, 1912, the Rev. E. C. Pigot was inducted to the living of Moreton Corbet, and as the bells had not been rung for 17 years he wanted them started again. The local wheelwright repaired the broken wheels, a set of locally-made ropes was provided, which were like cart ropes, with big 'swingboat' sallies, and Ted offered to train a band. For two years he remained in charge, and the bells were rung twice every Sunday. On September 6th, 1912, he joined the old Salop Archidiaconal Guild at their annual meeting at Shrewsbury. Ted has had correspondence with Mr. Ernest Weatherby in Quebec about this, and he had seen the notice of the meeting in the 'Bell News.' To show willing at his first meeting he pulled up all the ten bells at St. Mary's and then raised the 40 cwt. tenor of the old 12 at St. Chad's unaided! And he was still nearly two months short of his 16th birthday! A few months later he asked the well-known Charles R. Lilley, who had come to live in Shrewsbury and was Ringing Master, to bring a band over to Moreton Corbet and call his first peal. They came on December 14th, 1913, bringing their own ropes, and rang three Doubles methods, with Ted on the covering tenor. The oil lamp smoked badly and the soot settled all over the church, but the Rector was very good tempered about it all!

By cycling into Shrewsbury for practice Ted was soon able to ring the four standard methods, under the expert tuition of Mr. Lilley, and had rung several peals of Minor, Triples and Major before joining H.M. Forces in the first Great War. He served 2½ years on the

Salonica front with a 6in. howitzer battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery and was invalided home at the end of 1918. He suffered badly from dysentery and malaria, and unfortunately lost the sight of his right eye. After being 'demobbed' he joined the Stanton band, who had by now taught themselves to ring Bob Doubles from 'Ropesight,' with the treble ringer shouting 'Dodge' every lead! With Ted's help the band, who were mostly ex-Servicemen, soon learned to ring seven Doubles methods and six of Minor for services. He often visited Coalbrookdale and Market Drayton, where Messrs. William Saunders and William Weatherby kindly allowed him to call touches and quarter peals of Grandsire Triples. He scored his first peal as conductor at Coalbrookdale—Grandsire Triples—on June 17th, 1922, with the excellent band that William Saunders had built up there at that time.

Ted's present peal total is 659, from Doubles to Maximus in many interesting methods, and he has conducted 48 on six, eight and ten bells: 200 of these have been rung for the Shropshire Association. Amongst these peals have been four long lengths of Kent T.B. Major—7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (longest length in Wales) and the record 17,280 rung at Over on July 21st, 1923, conducted by that great little man the late Robert Sperring. His favourite method is Double Norwich, in which he has rung 67 peals.

When the Shropshire Guild was re-formed on a county basis in 1926 Ted was appointed assistant secretary to the Rev. F. Tennyson, a post he held for two years, and some time later he acted as Ringing Master for one year.

In every parish where Ted has lived he has started the ball rolling to get the bells rehung. This has happened at Stanton in 1920, Hodnet in 1931 and Prees in 1959. After Hodnet bells were rehung the Rev. J. R. S. Taylor (afterwards Bishop of Sodor and Man) asked him to train a band, which he did with the help of Mr. Walter Lycett, then of Stanton. Two of those whom he taught from scratch, and of whom he must be justly proud, were the brothers Fred and Tom Price, who later removed to Market Drayton, and have rung peals of Surprise up to London. Fred Price is the esteemed captain of this excellent band, one of the best local bands in the country both for method ringing and striking.

Ted has been engaged in farming operations for most of his life, and is now semi-retired on a small place of his own with two acres of land near Prees. He is never short of a job, attending to his flock of Sussex Cross and working in his garden. He married his wife, Ina, in 1937 who, although not a ringer herself, is interested in his ringing activities. She gives the poultry their evening feed if he is out ringing on a Saturday, and is always pleased to get refreshments for any ringing friends who happen to call.

At one of the meetings which Ted attended in his early days he met William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, a well-known Midlands ringer of 50 years ago. Mr. Small told him that he would have to travel for his ringing, and he has done that ever since! Over 450 of his peals have been rung outside his home county, but he has always found time to help others and to teach beginners. He is very well known and much respected amongst the fellow members of his Association. His kindly and friendly manner makes him one of nature's gentlemen and has endeared him to all with whom he comes in contact. APACE.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The September evening meeting was held at Hinxworth on the 3rd. The meeting started with Evensong, conducted by the Bishop of St. Albans, who was spending a day in the village. Although it was very hot, several members from both Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire came along to ring on these very odd struck bells, although a course was as much as anyone wanted before going outside to sit on the grass.

E. G. B.



## AN HISTORIC DAY IN DEVON RINGING AT BRIXHAM



IT was an historic day for ringing in Devon when on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 1961, ringers from 14 towers representing Devon Association and Devon Guild members met at St. Mary's, Brixham, for a joint gathering.

The pattern for the afternoon was set when four ringers from each 'camp' went together into the belfry to raise the bells in Devon style, complete a call-change peal and lower the bells. It was adjudged a good peal by critical listeners. Two 6-bell peals and two 8-bell peals were then rung, the call-change men ringing 60 on 3rds and Queens peal, the change-ringers Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Triples. The Vicar of Brixham (Rev. H. T. Yeomans) gave an address of welcome in the church and then led the company in prayer.

A very fine tea, kindly prepared by the Brixham lady bellringers, was then served in the Parish Hall. Short speeches were made by Mr. B. E. Bartlett (secretary of S. Devon Association), Mr. W. Simmonds (Ringing Master, Mid-Devon Branch of Devon Guild), Mr. W. G. Lavers (vice-president of Devon Guild), Mrs. Hood (chairman, Mid-Devon Branch of Devon Guild) and Mr. E. M. Atkins (general secretary, Devon Guild). Good wishes for the meeting were expressed on behalf of the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Chittlehampton, the Guild president.

After tea two more call-change peals were rung by mixed bands, and later five call-change ringers stood in for plain hunting on seven. The meeting was a most happy affair and many friends were made. The Guild men look forward to another peal in Queens, whilst the Association men are eager for the next opportunity in which to unravel the mysteries of half-pull ringing.

D. J. R.

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### CLAWTON RINGING DAY

While the concrete in the rebuilt upper part of the tower's north wall was hardening, Clawton (Devon) bells were silent for over three months, and when the time came for ringing again the Clawton ringers invited others to come and rejoice with them on Saturday, September 9th. Although harvest kept many bands away, there was a good number of ringers there, including some from Bridgerule, Stratton, Parkham, Hartland and Saltash. Wilfred Boucher and Bert Chubb came with a good crowd from Launceston, and St. Stephen's was represented, too. Tom and Fred Myers and Tom Laves came from Plymouth, and Bill Simmonds came right across the county from Torquay with three others and his model bell, which he set up on the Vicarage lawn.

Clawton opened the ringing at 2 p.m., and the bells were kept going from then till just before the whist drive which ended the programme at 8, except for the service of thanksgiving, the tea and the tug-of-war. Skittles and a shooting gallery did good business as well among the sideshows, and at 6.30 four teams lined up for the tug-of-war. Clawton and Bridgerule pulled off first, and Clawton finally won in two pulls, each of them very hard, inch-by-inch affairs which were a credit to Clawton ringers' independent spirit, for being without an official trainer they found themselves with no less than three unofficial ones, who were by no means unanimous. Two teams then took the rope, under the titles of Launceston I and II, though each contained a sprinkling of ringers from other towers, and the winners with little trouble were Launceston I. The prospect of the final gave Clawton some qualms, for Launceston's anchor-man looked about as easy to pull about as a 30 cwt. bell on Aggett's patent self-aligning bearings; but the local band managed to turn him in quite well in two steady touches.

J. S.

### QUARTER PEALS

Quarter peals have been rung at Stanwell, Middlesex, on the following dates recently:—

June 12th, 17 Doubles methods; June 18th, ten Doubles methods; June 25th, eight Doubles methods; July 2nd, two Minor methods; July 3rd, 17 Doubles methods (1,380); July 16th, Original Doubles; July 30th, Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,296); August 6th, ten Doubles methods; August 13th, Original Doubles; August 20th, Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,296); August 27th, Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,296); September 2nd, Bob Doubles, and on September 3rd, 17 Doubles methods (1,380).

Ringers taking part were Miss P. Harris, Miss M. Gibson, K. Young, D. Pickett, D. Struckett, D. Boniface, M. Bartlett, P. Brand, J. Boyd, M. Lane and C. Fynes.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUBSTITUTES FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ernest Morris's recent article on substitutes for bells (page 576) brings to mind some of the sights I saw a few weeks ago in Angola and S.W.A.

Bells are quite common even in the remotest parts, and at Vungu Vungu on the banks of the Okavango River the Finnish R.C. mission have three bells properly hung for chiming in a tall, substantial tower. They are visible from the ground floor ringing chamber, and the 'ropes' are rawhide thongs—insect proof!; the draught is 70 feet. The tenor is about 30 cwt. and, like almost all the bells in this former German colony, they came (quite recently) from the Bochum Glocke Gieserei.

Elsewhere at schools, church huts and on farms, anything metallic is used—a disc from a harrow, a ploughshare, a car wheel, and perhaps most bell-like, a steel gas welding bottle with the end cut off.

Less than 300 yards from St. Mary's at Woodstock (8, 12 cwt.) there is a mosque, one of many in Cape Town, where the call of the muezzin comes from a gramophone record. This amplified sound issues from loudspeakers hung round the minaret, and during Ramadan (New Year) is played at daybreak.

Public objection to the noise is occasionally expressed, but the ethics of an unworthy, sham performance would never worry Islam.—Yours, etc., V. SHEPPARD.

### OLD RINGERS AT INDUCTION

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the Rector and the local ringers for arranging some ringing for Janet Cleeve, Sally Buchanan and myself on September 13th, when we visited Market Overton to ring for the induction of the Rev. Walter Boulton (late Provost of Holy Trinity, Guildford) as Rector. It was a perfect finish to a most enjoyable day to ring on those lovely bells.

We would also like to thank the three ringers who most kindly came along to complete the band at Market Overton: we could not have done anything without their help.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST R. WARNER.

Woking, Surrey.

### NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether anyone who listened to the enthronement of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York noticed that in the bidding prayer at the close of the service he asked the congregation to pray for everyone connected with the work of the Church, from bishops, archdeacons, clergy, down to lay readers, choristers, churchwardens and parochial church councillors, but made no mention whatever of ringers!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,  
Crayford.

### BRIEF NEWS FROM U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—This is rather a tardy communique, but I thought our ringing friends would like to know that the Groton boys rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the last Sunday of the term. Later in the summer Parkie Shaw rang a full peal of Bob Major in England. (I wonder how many Americans have done so?)

We were delighted to have been given funds to have our bells recast at Whitechapel into a ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt.). This will be done within the year.

It was a great disappointment to me not to be in England this summer, but next year I will bring ten boys and hope to see many ringers there.—Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL YOUNG.

Thomaston,  
Maine, U.S.A.

### PERSONALITIES—35

Dear Sir,—I'm afraid that owing to my being away from home when I applied 'Apace' with certain information I led him astray and did a good friend an injustice. My first peal was conducted by Rodney Meadows; Frank Wright was conductor in the two previous but unsuccessful attempts to guide me through a peal in the autumn of 1949, and Rodney finally succeeded in June, 1905.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Holsworthy, Devon.

### WIRRAL RINGERS' WEEK-END AT STRATFORD

An all-male party of Wirral ringers, with Tom Horridge, of Crosby, had an enjoyable week-end in the Stratford-on-Avon area. The party left at 7 p.m. on August 25th, in three cars, and arrived at the holiday camp about midnight, to be met by Peter Bennett, who had made arrangements for our stay.

After a 7.30 a.m. breakfast, an early start was made on Saturday, with Dick Warburton, in his bubble car, as guide. St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen (a lovely six), was reached at 9.15 a.m. Aston Canlow (another six), has a ladder approach to the ringing chamber, which was no easy feat for the oldest member, Jim Williams.

The weather was warm, and a short halt for refreshments was acceptable before off to St. Mary Magdalene's, Tanworth (a good eight). Here we said goodbye to Dick Warburton and were joined by Peter Bennett. As another tower had to be filled in before lunch—St. James', Shirley—there was only time for a quick snack before being at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, by 3.30. This is the home tower of Jim Williams, and he was delighted to see his new friends enjoying their all too short stay.

Dinner, arranged by Gordon Williams, at the Rock Hotel, Tettenhall, was a very enjoyable meal. Returning to camp, the evening finished with the ringers becoming choristers.

Through the kindness of the captain and local ringers, the Sunday morning ringing on the grand ten at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, was entrusted to us. We also rang for 3 p.m. Evensong on the light eight at St. Giles', Packwood. Our sincere thanks are accorded to all who helped to provide us with such a pleasant outing.

H. D.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association were able to enjoy one of the warmest days this summer for their meeting held at Brenchley on September 2nd, consequently some people were a little reluctant to climb the steep ladder up into the belfry!

A service, conducted by the Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, was held, which was followed by the business meeting. Mr. B. V. Collison was elected to take the chair. A proposal was made by Mr. Collison that the day of the annual meeting should be changed. This was discussed and members gave their views. It was then agreed by the members that the proposal should go forward to the committee meeting. Mr. W. Dobbie asked if some members would take part in a quarter peal at Brenchley in honour of Mr. A. Wenban's 75th birthday, as he learned to ring at Brenchley many years ago (before becoming the captain at Seal Chart).

Tea was taken at Matfield, and was followed by handbell ringing in various methods, including a course of Double Norwich. The remainder of the time was spent in the tower.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. E. A. Barnett and family.

M. A. L.

### A WEST MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

A very enjoyable peal tour in Staffordshire and Shropshire was organised by Bob Warrirow during the last week of August. The nucleus of the band was the 'four mad youngsters' and the three almost as mad old stagers who reluctantly took turns at standing out of our 6-bell peals.

The magnificent church at Hoar Cross, with its fine, heavy six, was our first stop on Monday morning. We decided on Plain Bob for the benefit of the tenor man, and that proved quite adequate for tiring him out. It was entertaining to see one ringer produce his 'safari' kit and ring the peal in it. Refreshed by tea (it was then 3 p.m.!) we went on to Marchington (a good light six) and scored London Minor. It was very noticeable how much faster these bells turned than did those at Hoar Cross!

Tuesday morning found us at Kingsley, where we were welcomed by Mr. Twigg. He also ordered us lunch, and after a peal of York Minor and a brief introduction to skittles by our expert we arrived to do it justice. We then travelled across to the picturesque village of Alton, and soon had the fine octave going to Lincolnshire.

Wednesday was our busiest day, so we set off bright and early into Shropshire. At Moreton Corbett we managed four Surprise Minor methods, accompanied by jet aircraft screaming round the tower and by a long visit from the local police sergeant. Our conductor claimed that he was 'one degree under' after a night at an auspicious Stafford address, but sandwiches and a pint at Hodnet soon put him right. Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst met us at Preses, where a well-struck peal in three Surprise Minor methods was scored. We gathered that the two who had been 'rested' from this peal were causing chaos to a lady's jam making by visiting her at the crucial moment! Richard Morris met us and joined in our evening peal at Cheswade. Yorkshire went very well here, and this was agreed to be our best peal of Major of the week. As if three peals in a day were not enough, we then hastened to Market Drayton in time to join the last few minutes of practice night before having a square meal.

Bucknall was our Thursday morning tower. We added Wednesday's two peals together and rang seven Surprise Minor methods. Lunch in a Chinese restaurant gave Geoff the idea of learning a later peal by translating the various three course blocks into Chinese-type hieroglyphics. The afternoon was spent at Keele ringing Ipswich Minor, after which a fine meal, provided by Mrs. Warrirow, and some liquid refreshment was followed by a comparatively early night.

The fine five at Doveridge claimed our attention on Friday morning, and three Doubles methods were rung to a peal. David Brunning joined us again for the afternoon at Rocester, where we rang New Cambridge on the musical octave. On Saturday morning we rang a very musical peal of St. Clement's Major at Silverdale. Arthur Pritchard conducted Little Bob Royal at Newcastle-under-Lyme for us, and here we also had Alan Steele and Peter Jones who joined us for the day; also, Fred 'circled' his third tower of the week and completed a day of 'fourths and back' after ringing the very-much-fixed second bell in the morning peal.

Like all good things, it had to come to an end, and we reluctantly broke up on Saturday evening. It was an enjoyable venture and many ideas for future tours were evolved. Our thanks are due to all the incumbents for their willingness to receive us, to Bob for his excellent organisation, to 'Bennie,' without whom transport would have been impossible, and last but not least to the manufacturers of adhesive plaster, which brought palliation to many a tender blister!

B. J. W.

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## POINTS FROM PEALS

By The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead

Since it is more than a year now that the article appeared, I can hardly call this 'Points from Recent Peals'. But better late than never, I hope, unless you don't like facts and figures.

Firstly, a very belated 'thank you' to several readers who corrected me over my mention of Belton, Lincs, last time. Apparently there are now two Beltons in that county with bells. The 1911 peal was rung at the 5-bell tower (SS. Peter and Paul). The peal I was referring to was at the 6-bell tower, All Saints'. So that clears that point up. Whilst talking about 'first on the bells', there have been quite a large number since last I wrote. Here is a list of them: Lewtrenchard, Thanington, Hillesden, Ashley, West Bridgford, Alveston, Cottesbrook, Leverton, Walkhampton, Chislet, Cottesbrooke, Tillingham, Sutton Benger, Oaksey, Welford-on-Avon, Coningsby, High Ham, Hatfield Heath, Barston, Wilbarston, Alderton, Askerswell, Beckwithshaw, Aspley and Stockbridge. Some four or five years ago I counted the number of towers which were still virgin territory for a peal. The total was about 1,150 (including 590 with five bells and 542 with six). I now find the number to be a few over 900 (including 471 with five bells and 411 with six). So the number is steadily being reduced. But at the present rate it will still be about 20 years before there are none left! Of course, some are unringable, and I expect this applies to most of the 23 8-bell towers at which I have not yet recorded a peal. Some time I must go through Dove's book to see how many he lists as such. I think this will give quite an accurate result, for even though some down as 'unringable' are actually all right, I am sure about the same number thought to be ringable are not.

Just about half the 'unconquered' 6-bell towers are in Devon and Cornwall (155 in Devon and 46 in Cornwall); Yorkshire comes next with 25, then Wiltshire with 19. Others with double figures are Norfolk (18), Gloucestershire (12), Somerset (11) and Dorset (10). I think it remarkable that Somerset, the county with the second highest number of 6-bell towers (over 180) has so few virgin ones. 'Unconquered' 5-bell towers are found more evenly spread over the country. This is chiefly due to the fact that although the West Country has a very high proportion of 6-bell towers, 5-bell towers are much less frequent. Apart from Northampton, Suffolk and Norfolk have the greatest number of these, and it is the last of these which has the most 'unconquered' ones—49.

Actually, 16 counties still have double figures of 5-bell towers which have not had a peal on them, and there are still almost half these towers in the whole country virgin territory. As far as 6-bell towers are concerned, the proportion is less than 20 per cent. Even so, there is still plenty of scope for 'first peal on the bells' grabbers to do their worst! [Their best, we hope.—Ed.] One thing about it these days, not many false claims for 'first on the bells' are made. Perhaps it is because so many take the trouble to check up with me beforehand nowadays. And I am very pleased to be able to help in this way. But occasionally there is a slip up. Thus I have recorded a previous peal at Saltash, Cornwall, on December 12th, 1927. So unless the bells have been recast since then, the one in June was not the first on the bells. Later I shall give several corrections of faulty footnotes about the dates of previous peals, etc.

Now, let us turn to landmarks in various towers. Peals are rung at such a rate at the Loughborough Bell Foundry that some outstanding point is reached nearly every time I write (no wonder, when the average number of peals per year these days is between 50 and 60). Anyway, I recorded the 900th peal at the Foundry in April last, so it is quite likely that it will have heard its 1,000th by the end of 1962. I expect someone will have the idea of making the 1,000th peal here the 40,320 Plain Bob Major! That would certainly be a fitting tribute to a famous ring of bells. In the past year four towers have passed the 300-peal mark in my records. They are Birmingham Cathedral, Hazel Grove, Appleton and Ashted. I should strictly say 300 since 1881 in the case of

Our fortnight's tour started at Lincoln on August 12th, where we met at the youth hostel. The Cheshire contingent had arrived—three by train, sharing a coffin in the guard's van, two had cycled from near Buxton and one had arrived via Kent; our Cambridge friend came before the curfew was enforced (i.e., 10 p.m., hostel closes). On Sunday we rang at the Cathedral for morning service and at St. Botolph's for after-service ringing. A peal attempt at Bassingham did not come off and was stood up after two extents.

Grantham's ten were visited for evening ringing; the handbell ringers in the party then had a practice, kindly arranged by Denis Frith. The night was spent at Grantham Youth Hostel.

On Monday, Grantham, Colsterworth and Greetham were visited, Kent Major being managed at Grantham and a peal scored at the latter tower. Kingscliffe Hostel was the night's resting place. Tuesday brought us the unusual eight at Oundle and a peal at Spaldwick; then we finished the day at All Saints', Huntingdon, before retiring to Houghton Mill Y.H.

Although it is only two miles by crow from Houghton to Godmanchester, the road takes five miles, the road party arriving considerably earlier than the crow-flying party! A broken rope at Longstanton put paid to our peal attempt. After dinner four Cambridge towers were visited: St. Andrew's, St. Benet's, the R.C. Cathedral, where Bob Major was managed on the 32 cwt. eight, and St. Mary-the-Great's,

the first and last for I have not included peals rung before that year in their totals (I have so far located 19 older peals at Birmingham Cathedral, and I am sure there are more than that, and 7 at Ashted, which may be complete since the first peal was not rung there until 1874). The Appleton figure *does* include all peals known since I believe my figures to be as complete as possible, thanks to the help of Miss M. Cross, who has kindly supplied me with the peals prior to 1881. As far as Hazel Grove is concerned, all the peals have been rung this century, and the only doubt is when the 300 was passed, for I made the footnote claim for the 300th peal the 301st. Perhaps there was a false peal withdrawn which I did not notice. Perhaps anyone interested will kindly check with me.

Four towers have had 200 peals published in 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World'. They are Isleworth, Loughborough Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter's) and Newcastle (St. John's). At the first of these I have also 13 older peals; at Loughborough 2, at Ashton 26, but none at Newcastle, although the first I have is not claimed as first on the bells (1884), so it is possible there are others, even though the footnote claimed the 200th peal. I confirm the 150th peals at Kidlington and South Wigston, as far as my records go. Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Michael's) has also passed 150 peals since 1881, so both Ashton churches are in the news this time. Here again there are older peals, and I have so far located 65 of these, thanks mainly to the help of Mr. R. M. Edwards, sd the true total here is over 200.

Towers reaching the century mark this last year are Gamston, Thurcaston, Claines, Lincoln Cathedral, Chester (St. Mary-without-the-Walls), Derby (St. Andrew's), Netherseale, Northfleet, Rotherham, Stisted, Acton and Macclesfield (Christ Church). Gamston and Stisted deserve special congratulations, for they join the very select body of 6-bell towers with 100 peals. There are six of these now. I appear to be one 'out' at Acton. The claim for the 100th peal came when my tally was 99. I should be pleased to compare notes. The 50 is up at Birch-in-Rusholme, Southampton (St. Mary's), Shepshed, Tong, Frindsbury, Woolton, Harston, Buckland, Hillingdon (St. John's), Grantham, Aldershot, Watford, Buckley, Leeds (St. Peter's), Ickleton, Stonham Aspal, Downham, Ringwood, Brencley and Broughton (Staffs). Some of these were claimed and some were not. Forty of the peals at Tong were rung before the first world war.

where nothing seemed to go well enough to come round properly.

Trumpington was the first tower of the day on Thursday; this was followed by a peal at Bourn then a long ride to Stretham, then to Ely Y.H. for the night.

The heavy six at Sutton were the first bells for Friday; Haddenham, and then a long ride to Over for dinner and a peal on the light eight. The antics of two of our leading apple-scrumpers had to be seen to be believed en route for Willingham.

Saturday was a day of rest with only one tower, Alconbury. Sunday was similar.

Monday brought rain and a 20-mile ride from Coddington for a peal at Loughborough Foundry on the back six. We were only four hours late for the heavy six at Wymondham, but managed to make up time on the gated road to Barrowby, this including a foot-deep ford. At Grantham Y.H. Bob Smith and Phil Davies were waiting for us, and made our numbers up again, as John Kennet had departed for Rugby on Sunday morning. Practice at Grantham, and the Chequers were visited in the evening.

At Heydour, Oxford T.B. was stood up due to a miscall, and a change of positions and Cambridge were attempted. This didn't go, and neither did Plain Bob—three peals lost in one hour! However, we made up for this with a peal in seven Minor methods at Silk Willoughby in the afternoon. Sleaford was the last tower of the day, and then a long ride into the wind back to Grantham. We decided to go for Little Bob at Caythorpe in the morning but were short of a composition: one was produced, however, by Phil lying in bed making jottings on his suitcase! An article in the 'R.W.' on 'Favourite positions for composing' should make interesting reading!

Wednesday brought us Barkston, Caythorpe, where the peal was duly rung (composition: Trad.), Fulbeck, where John Cook met us, and finally Brant Broughton. Fulbeck Bob was rung at Fulbeck.

On Thursday, Jack piloted us round farm tracks and footpaths, visiting Branton, Noc-ton, Metheringham—for a peal of seven Treble Bob Minor methods—and finally Blankney.

The last day of the tour dawned bright and clear, and the new tower at Waddington was visited, followed by Navenby, where the peal attempt 'fired' up, and Leadenham (the writer's 200th tower), where 66 per cent. of the band did not want to go for a peal: however, an extent or so of Cambridge had to be crunched out before the conductor believed us to be serious. The tour ended on a depressing note (for some, anyway) with the complete dissolution of the peal band and three people deciding to go home that night. Saturday brought windy weather and the trek home. 'Farmer' was last seen heading south on a saddled pig, his reputation having suffered on identifying sugar beet as 'smelly cabbages'! Statistics: 41 towers, eight peals and 500 miles. Finally, our thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of their bells, local ringers who met us and helped us out when numbers were down, and to our organisers, composer and conductors. G. B. T.

## BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Barnsley District Society held a cup contest at Hoylandswaine, in Sheffield, on September 9th. Three teams entered and ten towers were represented. The judge (Mr. Tom Hilton) gave the result as follows: Barnsley 115 faults, Cawthorne 46 and Shelley 44. Shelley were therefore declared the winners, and Roger Tarbatt, aged about 13 years, received the cup on their behalf, this being his first contest. The cup was presented by Mr. Noel F. Moxon. The judge and marker were thanked by Mr. Trevor Tarbatt. Mr. Edwin Atkinson thanked Mr. John Whitehouse for making all arrangements, and everyone who had helped. This concluded the business meeting and ringing followed. The next meeting is at Royston, near Barnsley on October 14th. J. W. B.



# TREBLE BOB FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 622)

## IV OXFORD TREBLE BOB

The real difference between the Oxford and Kent variations of Treble Bob is slight, but the effect it has on the order of the bells is such that many ringers have to make a real effort to ring Oxford if they have been brought up on Kent. Let us see the first section of Kent and Oxford put side by side for comparison.

Kent	Oxford
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5	2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6	1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5	2 1 3 4 6 5

Instead of the double places of Kent (thirds and fourths with one bell and fourths and thirds with the other) one set of places (thirds with one bell and fourths with the other) is made in Oxford in the middle of the section. This avoids the repetition perhaps more simply than the Kent variation, but it does mean that, after it, the direction in which the bells concerned are travelling has been reversed. In the example given the third has left the front, made fourths and then gone back to the front. The fourth has left the back, made thirds and gone back again. The Slow work is exactly the same and the dodging elsewhere is the same. Variations to avoid repetition in the other sections (with the treble in 3-4 and 5-6) are as in Kent, by the bell in the Slow leading and making seconds place alternately. And then in the last section of the lead there is a corresponding difference in the place making as shown in this example:

Kent	Oxford
2 3 1 5 4 6	2 4 1 5 3 6
2 1 3 4 5 6	2 1 4 3 5 6
1 2 3 4 6 5	1 2 3 4 6 5
2 1 4 3 5 6	2 1 3 4 5 6
1 2 4 3 6 5	1 2 4 3 6 5
1 4 2 6 3 5	1 4 2 6 3 5

Space once again prevents me from writing out a whole course, but here is the first lead and you are advised to use it as a guide to writing out the full course, as you did in Kent.

Now if you follow the work of the second you will find that it starts with the Slow work, in between dodges with the treble just as in Kent. After this hunt out to fourths place. Make fourths and back to lead. Then dodge 3-4 and 5-6 up and 5-6 down. Hunt down to thirds place. Make thirds and hunt back. Dodge 5-6 up and 5-6 and 3-4 down. Lead. Dodge 3-4 and 5-6 up and 5-6 and 3-4 down. Lead. Hunt up to and make fourths place, go down to dodge with the treble and go in Slow again.

Oxford
1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
2 3 1 6 4 5
3 2 6 1 5 4
3 2 1 6 4 5
2 3 6 1 5 4
2 6 3 5 1 4
6 2 5 3 1 4
2 6 5 3 4 1
2 5 6 4 3 1
5 2 6 4 1 3
5 2 6 4 3 1
2 5 6 4 1 3
4 2 1 5 3 6
4 2 5 1 6 3
2 4 1 5 3 6
2 1 4 3 5 6
1 2 3 4 6 5
2 1 3 4 5 6
1 2 4 3 6 5
1 4 2 6 3 5

The difference in the places can be shown thus:

Kent	Oxford
1st lead after Slow	3rds & 4ths places up.
2nd lead after Slow	Ditto.
2nd lead before Slow	4ths & 3rds places down.
1st lead before Slow	Ditto.

(To be continued)

## CHELFORD, CHESHIRE, TOUR

For their annual tour, Chelford ringers, their wives and friends went to Shropshire. Calverhall was first visited, where Mr. Ellison met us, with the bells already up. Stoke-on-Tern was our next tower, where a thoughtful Vicar had left a note telling us to 'help ourselves' to the bells and to stay as long as we wished. After dinner at Shrewsbury we made our way to Pulverbatch, where everyone was as interested in the view from the churchyard as they were in the ringing. Leaving Pulverbatch behind, we continued up hill and down dale to Stokesay, where we were met by the churchwarden, Mr. G. Atkins, who is also custodian of Stokesay Castle, which is 'next door' to the church and which proved very popular with the non-ringers. From there to the Stokesay Castle Arms, where tea (and what a tea!) was waiting. I doubt if anyone could have done justice to what was spread before us. After 'crawling' back to the coach, we made our way via Church Stretton, Shrewsbury and Market Drayton to Norton-in-Hales, where Mr. Bill Talbot was ready and waiting for us. From there to home, tired but happy, and thankful that the weather had been kind to us once more. Methods rung ranged from various Doubles and Minor methods to Bob Major and Stedman Triples, not forgetting 'Churchyard Bob' for the learners. Thanks are due to all tower captains and incumbents who helped to make this tour a success.

F. G. F.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Susan Chaddock is going to Nottingham University in October—an asset to local ringing. In honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at Capel, Surrey, on September 2nd. In it 10-year-old Elizabeth Rumbold rang her first extent. Until prevented by disability, Mr. Arnold was a ringer at this tower.

Another week-end course in bellringing is to be held at Grantley Hall, the West Riding County Council Adult College, near Ripon, next April (27th to 29th), the week-end after Easter Monday. Applications should be addressed to the Warden of the College.

At a cost of over £300, sound control and weather protection measures are being undertaken at Rotherham Parish Church. The louvres are being bricked up to the arch-spring with 9 in. brickwork covered with insulating material. The upper portion of the louvres will be fitted with wooden shutters which can be opened on Sundays and closed on practice nights, thus protecting the interior from weather and improving outside sound effects.

## Mr. ALFRED STONE

A loyal and active member of St. Andrew's tower, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, Mr. Alfred Stone died suddenly on September 5th. He was the last of the old ringers and served during the Great War, 1914-18. On September 9th, the day of his funeral, a quarter peal of Grandire Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, to his memory and also to the memory of Charles Greedy, of Newport, a native of Wiveliscombe and a frequent visitor to the tower.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. HARRY BAXTER

By the death at his home in Kettering on September 10th, the Peterborough Guild and the Kettering Branch in particular have lost a dear friend in Harry Baxter who, when his health was good, was a keen enthusiast and peal ringer. He was born at Broughton in 1901 and was taught to ring there by his father, the late Mr. Horace D. Baxter. On the resumption of ringing after the 1914-1918 war he began to visit Kettering, where he was encouraged by the leader of the then prominent band, the late Mr. David J. Nichols, soon becoming efficient on the higher numbers and ringing many peals, conducting quite a few. One peal of which he was very proud was the first peal for the recently-formed Peterborough Diocesan Guild, on February 9th, 1924—Bob Major at Desborough, which he conducted.

He was a very hard-working Branch secretary of the Kettering Branch from 1926 to 1946, and was a representative of the Guild on the Central Council from 1932 to 1946. His health not being good, he resigned both offices. Although he rang his 75th peal in 1926, his total was only in the 90's, of which 72 were rung with the writer. The exact number is not to hand, but included peals from Doubles to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. He had to leave off work two years or more ago and had not enjoyed good health since. He was a very modest man and one it was a pleasure to have had as a friend. Harry was a foreman in a boot and shoe factory, and worked and lived at Rothwell for several years, during which time he was a member of the Rothwell band.

The funeral service was at Kettering Parish Church on September 13th, followed by cremation. Besides the family mourners (his wife, two sons and one daughter) were many ringers and friends. The bells were chimed before the service and were rung half-muffled following it. They were also rung half-muffled on the previous evening.

May he rest in peace.

R. G. B.

## THE LATE CHARLES GREEDY

### AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing to the higher life of Charles Greedy.

About 1926 I obtained a position with a firm at Newport, Mon., and secured lodgings opposite St. Woolos' Cathedral Church. The first Sunday morning after my arrival I made my way into the tower, and was greeted by the late Fred Attwell, who was then captain.

I enlightened Fred of my capabilities, to ring the treble or tenor to Grandire Triples, when a voice with a Somerset accent from a person sitting on a seat behind the tenor rope said: 'That's all right, take your coat off and fix up.' The owner of that voice, I found out later, was Charles Greedy, who also did most of the conducting.

As I had come to reside in the town, I was invited to join St. Woolos' band, and Charlie, as he was affectionately known, went out of his way to explain and tutor me in 'inside' bell work.

In January, 1927, he called my first peal, which was Grandire Caters, at St. Woolos', and also my first peal on an 'inside' bell of Grandire Triples at Llangibby.

It was never too much trouble to him to explain the same thing over and over again to us juniors, and he would go anywhere to help any youngster to improve his standard of ringing.

Through his efforts the standard of ringing advanced in that District, and the Llandaff and Monmouth Association has lost yet another of its revered members.

I had the pleasure and privilege of standing in many peals round Monmouthshire which Charles conducted, and he was one of the stalwarts of that time.

I had not had many opportunities of his company during the past 30 years, but I owe much of my early tuition to his help.

My sympathy goes out to his family, especially his son, Fred, whom I knew and rang with in those early days.

K. W. K.



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### ENGAGEMENT

COBB—OATES.—The engagement is announced between Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb, of Shiplake, Oxon, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Oates, of Chichester, Sussex. 8904

### DEATH

KING.—In memory of Kate King, beloved wife of Alfred King, of 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton, Beds. a ringer at the Parish Church for over 60 years, who passed away on August 30th, 1961, aged 90 years, at the St. Mary's Hospital, Luton. 8922

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address (college vacations only) of Mr. Peter N. Bond is now Sunset, 3, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Phone: Speldhurst 202. 8910

Due to immediate renumbering, the correct address of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall and family is now 6, Pightle Close, Harston, Cambridge. (No telephone until after Christmas.)

Will all ringing friends please note that my address is Mr. H. Tooke, 33, The Lizard, Wyndham, Norfolk. 8890

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—Complete sets of 'Ringing World' for 1954 to 1959 inclusive: 1954-56 inclusive bound in 'Delight' home binders, remainder loose. Offers, please, to Peter N. Bond, Sunset, 3, Penshurst Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 8911

### PERSONAL

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### MISCELLANEOUS

ANNUAL EIGHT-BELL FESTIVAL at Brixham (St. Mary's), Saturday, October 7th, commencing with service at 3 o'clock. Captains draw immediately afterwards. Please note change of venue as Paington bells are out of action. Tea available. 8850

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers coming up as freshers this year are invited to write to the secretary, B. S. Sheppard, at Broad Bush, Blunsdon, Swindon, Wilts. First practice Sacred Trinity, Salford, Tuesday, Oct. 10th. 8891

BELLRINGERS' TIES.—Are you one of those who are not yet wearing the bellringer's tie? Order now from Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. Note slightly revised prices due to increased tax. Ties 12s., squares 35s., blazer badges 10s., all including postage. 8906

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All ringers coming up as freshers are invited to contact the secretary, W. J. Couperthwaite, Brentwood, 7, Skip Lane, Hutton, Preston, Lancs, or, during term, 65, Royal Park Avenue, Leeds. 6.

THIRD TIME LUCKY—PERHAPS.—A number of secretaries have not yet replied to my request for amended lists of officers, etc., for the 1962 Ringers' Diary. If this applies to you please post information per return.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

### MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mobberley, September 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please bring own food: cups of tea provided.—C. K. Lewis.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, Etwell. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided. No names required.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8902

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8868

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, Clay Cross. Bells 6 to 9 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8908

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Syder, The Laburnums, The Street, Stisted. 8813

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Kenninghall, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8875

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, September 23rd, 1961. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me.—Cyril H. Kinch, Hon. Sec., 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8880

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea after service. All friends welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 8860

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South-West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Please note! Practice meeting at Waldron on September 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8870

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Important—all names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 19th, to Mr. G. H. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby. 8882

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Baslow, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Brightmore, 5, Derwent View, Baslow.—G. R. 8909

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sunderland, Saturday, Sept. 30th. St. Andrew's, 11.15 to 12.30, and 1.30 to 3 o'clock; St. Ignatius', 2.30 to 3.30; Parish Church, 3.30 to 5 o'clock; St. Michael's, 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tea at Bishop Wearmouth 5.15, followed by business and service at 7 o'clock. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 8919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Autumn quarterly meeting, Coalbit Heath (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8905

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8840

GUILDFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—September 30th, 1961.—Bells available: Bagshot (8) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Yorktown (8) 10.30 to 12 noon: Hawley (8) 11 to 12.30 p.m.; Farnborough (6) 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Pirbright (6) 2 to 3 p.m.; Worplesdon (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m. Ash (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Seale (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Aldershot (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.; Farnham (8) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Crondall (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Bentley (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Frensham (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Grayshott (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Aldershot, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, by Wednesday, September 27th. 8858

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Tenterden, Saturday, September 30th. Meet 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tickets, 12s. 6d., limited to first 100 applicants, available from Miss Violet Relf, No. 3, Bungelow, Shrubcote, Tenterden, on receipt of S.A.E. and cash. Closing date for applications Tuesday, September 26th.—C. T. H. 8802

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Putney on September 30th. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., then service. Tea in Vestry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. C. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, Putney, S.W.15. 8869

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Turvey, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by 28th, please.—Miss K. A. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Foad, Bromham, Bedford. 8897

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—There will be a meeting at Westham on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 27th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill. 8916

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Road, Blackpool, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. 8898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Smithills, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Afternoon, bells 2.30. All Souls', evening only. Business follows tea. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names for tea to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Thornley, Sec. 8918

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Idle, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 27th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Bradford. 8886

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Cole-Orton (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory Room.—C. W. Hall. 8862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Woodstock (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Other towers available. Tea reservations by Sept. 27th to David Smith, Lye Cottage, High Cogges, Witney. 8881

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Easton Neston on September 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous.—W. A. Yates. 8866

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a meeting at Little Houghton on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Henman, 47, Lodge Road, Little Houghton.—T. M. Haines. 8901

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranborne, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 27th to I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 8913

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 30th, evening meeting at Ruyton-XI-Towns. The six bells will be raised at 6.30 and lowered at 8.30. 8846



# RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

## AUTUMN MEETING

### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1961

#### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:—

Rayleigh (8) 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.  
Lunch, make own arrangements.  
Thorpe Bay (8) 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.  
Prittlewell (10) 3.45 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
and 6.45 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.

Tea at Prittlewell, Park Cafe, St. Mary's Hill at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.  
Names for tea essential to Mr. R. D. Yomlin, 15, Mount Crescent, Hockley, Essex, by Wednesday, September 27th.  
J. A. H.  
8797

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** — West Central District.—Meeting at Rattlesden, September 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be in by September 27th. Drinkstone bells (6) available in evening.—H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket, Dis. Sec. 8878

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 8892

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting, Staveley (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 8900

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silvertown (8), October 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by October 4th to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8921

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.** — Quarterly meeting and Six Bell Contest, Longwood, October 7th. Bring own tea; cups of tea provided. Ringing to cease by 7.30 p.m.—Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 8873

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8887

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 4th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8912

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8920

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Swineshead, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. For tea, please notify by Monday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. J. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead, Lincs. 8903

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Blechley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Business meeting in the Wilton Hall, Blechley, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in Blechley Parish Church 5.30 p.m. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 3s., should be sent to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks, before Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Tickets can be collected from Mr. Edwards at the business meeting. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8915

**SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.**—Half-yearly meeting at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Dinner for members and friends at the King's Arms, Sealford, Melton Mowbray, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Limited number of tickets only from the Hon. Sec.—F. J. Williams, Church Lane, Eaton, Grantham. 8899

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7th. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. onwards.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wakington, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, by Thursday, Oct. 5th, to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Wakington, near Beverley, East Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8888

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Annual commemoration dinner to the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers will be held at Betty's Café, Darley Street, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets (15s. each), no later than 9th, from Mr. F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Earlier application (giving names) much appreciated. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Idle (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Ilkley (8) (home tower and burial place of the late J. W. Snowdon), 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Chair to be taken at 6.45 p.m. prompt by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 8836

# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

## FIRST ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1961  
AT THE TOWN HALL, NORTHAMPTON  
at 7 p.m.

Tickets (12s. 6d.) obtainable (C.W.O.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, before October 7th.

Ring arrangements: St. Edmund's (8), 4.15 to 5.15 p.m.; Holy Sepulchre (8), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10), 5.30 to 6.40 p.m. 8895

# ALL SAINTS', BABBACOMBE, OUTING

All Saints', Babbacombe, ringers made a 7.30 a.m. start for their fourth annual outing with a party of 16 conveyed by Dormobile and car. Chulmleigh was reached on time, and a good rise in peal was followed by a well-struck 168 of Grandsire Triples. The bells, rehung in 1958, were acclaimed a fine ring. Owing to illness near the church, ringing could not take place at Chawleigh (6), so the party proceeded to Cheldon Barton (4), where Bob Minimus was rung. After negotiating some severe gradients and fording a stream, West Worlington (6) was reached, where access to the churchyard is under the arch of the former ancient church house. The bells here were most pleasing.

Less than 400 yards from West church we rang at East Worlington (6) (I wonder if there are two ringing rings in Devon closer than these?), but the bells were light and unmusical. A short stop was made for lunch and handbells. The bells of Meshaw (6, 6 cwt.) proved to be the best of this weight our ringers had ever rung. Romansleigh (6) and Mariansleigh (6) followed. Stedman at the latter tower being excellent. The stately tower of Bishop's Nympton against a perfect summer sky almost caused the colour photographers in the party to wreck the strict time schedule, but the bells were raised in peal and a good 120 of Grandsire convinced the gathering that it would be almost impossible to strike this fine ring badly.

The local Rector joined in call changes at Molland, where the second bell dates from 1562, and the tenor (16 cwt.) was considered to be the heaviest mediæval bell in the county. The last scheduled tower was South Molton (8), with its magnificent ring (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.). The rise was disastrous, but a good touch of Grandsire Triples partially redeemed this and the lower was fair. The local captain here persuaded us to go on to North Molton (6) after tea, a truly superb six.

Thanks are due to A. C. Goss (captain of Townstal) for driving us in his Dormobile, John Kelly (captain of Paignton) for his masterful handling of tenors, and for all the help received from tower captains and incumbents.

D. J. R

# THE LADIES' GUILD

## Western District

A quarterly meeting was held at Nailsea on September 9th. Ringing began at 3 p.m., followed by a service conducted by the Rector of Failand. Tea was provided in the Church Hall, during which votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and organist, and to Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Quint for a very generous tea. During the business meeting the following new members were elected: Miss Overend (Frome), Miss Mary Hall (Bristol), Miss J. Purnell (Bristol), Miss Mary Powell (Nailsea) and Mrs. M. Horseman (Farmborough).

Besides a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by members of the Western District on April 21st, the District has held two very successful evening practices during the summer in Bristol and Wrington, and arrangements are in hand for a further two during October and November, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.' The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton (Bath) on Saturday, December 9th. B. J.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 18th, 1931.—

An astounding proposal is that a tablet should be erected by public subscription at Painswick to commemorate the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 36 minutes on November 8th, 1930, which had proved to be false.

Ten Nottingham and three Newark men opened the new peal of ten bells at Grantham on September 19th, 1775. It took all 13 of them to get the bells through a peal of Grandsire Caters, there being two men on the ninth and three on the tenor.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 15th, 1911.—

'Among the peals recorded in this week's issue is one rung at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. A good story relating to an incident at this church was told on Monday in one of the London dailies. It does not relate to the ringers, but concerns the choir, and is worth repeating.

'Some churchgoers,' runs the story, 'take more interest in the choir than the pulpit, and this tendency was once sternly rebuked by the verger of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The present Lord Chief Justice has for years sung in the choir of this church. An American lady attending the morning service asked the verger if he would kindly point out to her the person of the distinguished chorister. The verger replied: "Well, mum, that is the Vicar, and them's the curates, and I'm the Verger; but as for the choir—as long as they does their dooty, we don't inquire into their hantecedents."

# ST. DUNSTAN'S, CANTERBURY, RINGERS' OUTING

Saturday, August 19th, proved to be a fine day for the annual outing of the above tower, which this year centred around Romney Marsh. The organisers had observed strict secrecy, so there was great speculation as to the towers to be visited. Our first call was at Lympne (6, 10½ cwt. in G), with its shrill new treble and long draught, which caused one or two persons a little difficulty. Burmarsh (6, 9-3-12 in G), with two mediæval bells still ringing and one cracked one in the churchyard, was much enjoyed. Tea was taken at Rye (and a good tea it was, too!), and many took the opportunity of visiting the glorious Church of St. Mary, though the bells were not put to use. On again, the bells of Stone-in-Oxney (6, 13 cwt.) well rewarded our long climb to the ringing chamber. With a little tuning these bells could be one of the most attractive sixes in the area. The last tower, Hothfield, does not live up to the 'bad' reputation it has got (the bells weren't rung for donkeys' years until earlier this year). In many ways these were the best bells on the trip, though one person did aspire to break the treble stay. After an hour's ringing here, the party departed for Canterbury where, after a vote of thanks to the captain (Mr. Derek Chatfield), the party dispersed. Methods had ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor, and also tune ringing on handbells, ably performed by Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge. D. L. C.



# ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

By RODERICK W. PIPE

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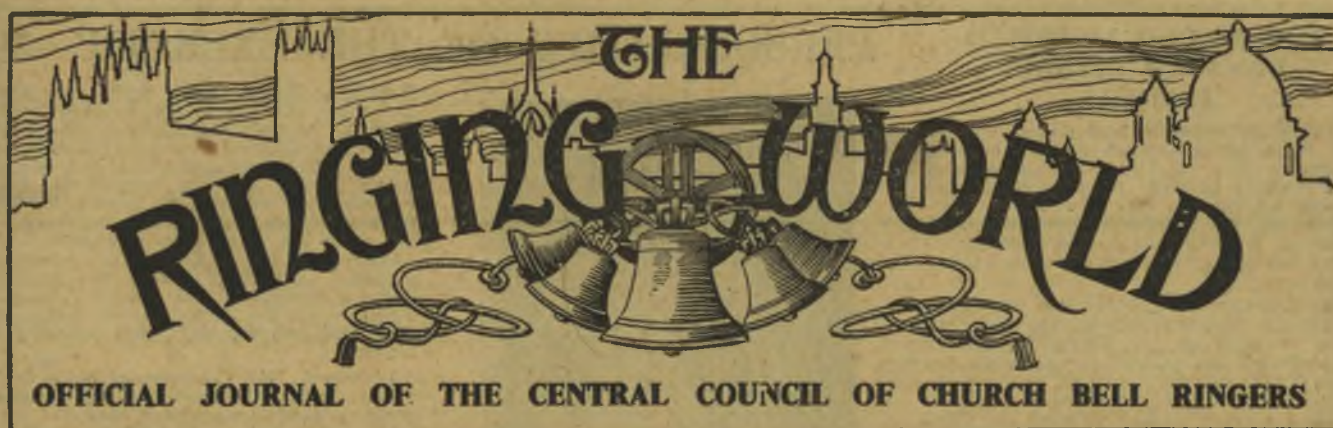
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## BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

By ERNEST MORRIS

### LIBERTY BELL

**P**ERHAPS the most noted bell in America is the 'Liberty Bell'—not because of its size, but for its being one of the best loved bells in the country. The Independence Bell was cast in London by Thomas Lester and reached Philadelphia in August, 1752. Within a month it was cracked, and then recast by Pass and Stow, of Philadelphia. This was not entirely satisfactory, so it was again recast. In 1753 it was placed in the belfry from which it was to ring in and ring out the shifting scenes in the mighty drama of a nation's freedom.

Since its first hanging in the State House in 1753, the bell has been removed four times. In 1777, to avoid capture by the British Army, it was taken via Trenton and Bethlehem to Allentown, then Pennsylvania, and kept there till Philadelphia was evacuated, whereupon it was brought home. In 1885 it was taken to New Orleans Exposition. In 1893 to the World's Fair at Chicago. In 1895 to the Exposition at Atlanta. On all these journeys the old bell was everywhere recognised as the embodiment of the spirit of the nation. The bell is 12 feet in circumference round the lip, 3 feet from lip to crown, 3 inches thick at the

soundbow and weighs 2,080 lb. It is still suspended from its old yoke or headstock, and its inscription 'Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof. Lev. xxv, 10.' It was under this bell that the representatives of 13 colonies first 'proclaimed liberty,' and this bell, with its iron tongue, started the tidings throughout the world. It was subsequently cracked when sounding a fire alarm. Later it was suspended, under the direction of Mr. Clinton H. Meneely, by a chain of 13 links, from the ceiling of the hall of the State House in Philadelphia. It is now housed in the main corridor of the Independence Hall.

In the centennial year, 1876, a bell weighing 13,000 pounds, to represent the original 13 states, was made by the Meneely Bell Co. and set up in the tower of the State House above Independence Hall, just where the old bell was suspended. It bears the same inscription as the old bell, and is now in constant use sounding the hours of the day. The Meneely Bell Co. also cast another copy of the 'Liberty Bell,' weighing 2,000 pounds, for Mr. Henry Ford. This was placed in the tower of the Institute of Technology at Dearborn, Michigan.

The celebrated New England patriot, Paul Revere, made excellent bells and sent his son to England to learn the art of bell casting. Of the 200 or more bells he cast, many are still in use. But perhaps the most famous bell connected with him is the large town crier's bell from Bedford, Mass., with its wooden handle and very penetrating tone. Some years ago the bell connoisseur who previously owned this bell had the following inscription traced on its surface:—

'This bell was rung on the morning of the 19th day of April 1775, to arouse the people and farmers and tell them that Paul Revere had brought news that the British army was coming to destroy stores of ammunition at Concord, Mass. and to attack them at Lexington, and there they met the foe. Here commenced the Revolutionary War in the early morning hours.'

The late Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, writing on some American bells and their founders, says: 'Now it is certain that Revere was a practical ringer, having been a member of the Guild which had charge of the eight sweet-toned bells of Christ Church (Boston) cast in 1744 by Rudhall. Paul Revere was born in January, 1735, and died in 1818.

(To be continued.)



## THE SECOND LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

WOLVERHAMPTON and district was the venue for this year's festival, held on September 9th, the Stafford Archdeaconry Society acting as host. Members of the two visiting Associations, the North Staffs Association and the Shropshire Association were fortunate in having a glorious morning to travel into the area by their various conveyances.

The first tower of the day was Walsall, in its pleasant park-like surroundings above the town. Several of the younger generation sampled their first twelve bell ringing on this handy Taylor ring (26 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb. in D). Kent Treble Bob Maximus went well, but Stedman Cinques seemed reluctant to come round. Then a hectic drive through the town past innumerable traffic lights (some showing red) to Penn with its country village atmosphere. Ringing here was interspersed with weddings, but the light eight were rung to a variety of methods during the morning. Sedgley was the last tower before lunch—a mixed ring, some being products of Carr's (Smethwick) foundry. Although these bells have not been rehung since 1902, they went well to Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

The main Birmingham-Wolverhampton road had to be crossed to reach Coseley, first to a local hostelry, where some had lunch and satisfied thirsts after a hard morning's ringing, and then to Christ Church, with its Taylor eight (11 2 5). The crowded belfry here was evidence that the festival was gaining momentum. Bradley's musical Taylor octave was put to good use before the journey back across Wolverhampton to Tettenhall. Many admired this fine modern church (rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1950), particularly the wonderful feeling of spaciousness it gave. The 15 cwt. eight did justice to the rest of the building, judged by some, in fact to be the best of the day.

### AT ST. PETER'S

The tower at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, was the last open before tea. Ringers were now in great profusion, on the steps outside admiring the scenery, on the stairs hoping to get in, not to mention those in the ringing chamber. The ringing, however, did not do justice to this majestic twelve (33 0 21 in C), except perhaps the Stedman Cinques shortly before the service.

The short service for ringers was conducted by the Rev. G. A. C. Brown, who deputised for the Rector (Canon J. Brierly). After the service the company of over ninety sat down to tea in St. Peter's Church Hall. Mr. D. J. Tranter, the hard working organiser and secretary of the Staffordshire Association, welcomed the visitors to the festival. Mr. G. W. Biddulph (North Staffordshire chairman) proposed a vote of thanks to our hosts, which was seconded by Mr. H. Poyner, who also invited us to Shrewsbury next year. He told us that similar weather as the last two years would be ordered and that a welcome awaited us in Shropshire.

The formalities over in record time—four minutes flat—a return was made to the more serious business of ringing.

Willennall was first, with its Gillett and Johnston tenor, where Erin Caters and Cambridge Royal were among the methods brought round. It was good to meet veteran Mr. Chris Wallater once again, this time on his home ground. The only six of the day were provided at Bushbury and a very pleasant ring they proved to be. Stedman Doubles completed the cycle from Cinques down.

The day's ringing was concluded at Codsall—unfortunately too dark by now to be able to see the exterior of this restored church. Seven spliced went well on this musical eight—the only ground floor ring of the day.

All thanks are due to Mr. Tranter and the Staffordshire Association for their efforts in organising the excellent day's ringing, which we thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward with anticipation to completing the round with next year's visit to Shropshire.

J. G. B.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—39



Mr. FRANCIS C. MOGFORD,  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

In the city of Bristol, which has more rings of bells in its area than anywhere else in the country, the most popular ringer, a man liked by everyone with whom he comes in contact, is Mr. Francis Cecil Mogford. Nothing is too much trouble for him, and he is delighted to do anything to further the cause of ringing. For a number of years now, he has been steeple-keeper at St. Stephen's, Bristol, steeple-keeper and tower captain at Publow, North Somerset, and tower captain at Compton Dando, the next village.

Cecil, as he is so well known to all his many friends in the West Country, was born on July 19th, 1911, in the pretty Somerset village of Winscombe. His parents moved about a little during his early years, chiefly in the Bristol and Chew area, until finally settling down at Belluton, near Pensford, Somerset. After his schooldays, he spent some months on a farm, but was later apprenticed to cabinet making, with a well known Bristol firm, and remained there until joining H.M. Forces in 1940. His service with the Pioneer Corps took him to North Africa, and later to the European Zone, particularly in the Brussels area!

It was in 1928, when Cecil was taught to ring by the tower captain, Ted Watts, on the heavy ring of six at Publow. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles in July, 1931, and his first as conductor was also Grandsire Doubles in 1934. Both were rung at Publow. Up to date Cecil has rung 205 peals, and has conducted about 25-30 of them. They have been rung mainly in the humbler methods, but include Kent from Minor to Maximus, Cambridge Minor, and Minor in up to 10 methods. Like many West Country ringers, his favourite method is Stedman, and he has also rung Erin Triples and Cinques, and is looking forward to scoring Caters. Over 50 of his peals have been rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, of which about 25 have been on the tenor. However, he was very pleased to 'complete the circle' on the 10 bells at this tower by ringing the 9th last November. He has also rung the 50 cwt. tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, to several peals of Caters and Cinques. Though not making a regular practice of it, Cecil can and sometimes does ring two bells. He can hunt one and two to Grandsire Doubles, which proves very useful if they meet short on a Sunday.

There are many stories about some of Cecil's escapades, in and out of the belfry. On one occasion when he was oiling the clapper of the tenor at Publow, with the bells us, he overbalanced, and fell head first inside the bell! Fortunately he was on the right side, and the bell stayed set, enabling Cecil to scramble to safety. He often tells the tale of how he might have saved the fine 10 bells at St.

Nicholas', Bristol, from destruction during the war. He was a fire warden on duty there on the night it was blitzed. But one of the best of Cecil's stories is the incident when he was mistaken for a missing bridegroom, and nearly landed into the matrimonial home! Practically everywhere Cecil is seen, his faithful servant—his motor-bike—is with him. It has taken him many miles through the West Country, riding for peals, quarters, outings and services. Cecil is, of course, very proud of being a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and enjoys fixing the occasional peal for them, and attending the dinner.

In August, 1939, Cecil married Nellie Drake, who is Welsh, and they have two daughters, Margery, aged 21 and Susan, now 14. He is a keen member of the British Legion, and they are fortunate to have him on their Welfare Committee. If anyone needs help, he will never give in until something is done.

Cecil has no real hobby outside his love for church bellringing, and it would be true to say that no one in the Bristol and North Somerset area, can surpass him in his activities. His enthusiasm and desire to serve others knows no limits, and it is never too late to ask him for his help. This willingness to serve others, coupled with his genial personality and unfailing cheerfulness, has made him a delightful West Country character.

APACE.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA RINGER VISITS BUCKFAST ABBEY

Westminster Abbey in Mission City, British Columbia, is the only other Benedictine Abbey in the world which has a ring of bells, apart from Buckfast Abbey in Devon, the ring being one of ten by Mears, with a tenor of about 23 cwt. One of three ringers who have been instructing the monks there is Mr. F. J. Westlake, formerly of Kingsbury, Somerset, who is at present home on leave.

On Wednesday, September 13th, accompanied by his brother, Mr. H. G. Westlake, he paid his first visit to Buckfast Abbey, and both fully appreciated the opportunity of being shown around, and afterwards taking part in the practice ringing with the Community ringers. The ringing ended with a well struck 504 of Plain Bob Triples, in which Mr. Westlake and his brother took part, the others being Mr. A. L. Bennett, Revs. A. O. Mowan, D. P. Angold, H. MacWilliams, A. de Guingand and W. P. Dowling, who acted as conductor.

A. L. B.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 22nd, 1911.—

Woking, known to most ringers as the place where 'The Ringing World' is produced, and to others as the town where the first crematorium in England was established, has not a great campanological repute, but although it lacks attractions as a spot where much tower-bell ringing can be obtained, the first peal of Stedman Caters has been rung in the parish. This was accomplished on handbells on Sunday. The attempt was first made beneath the apple trees in a beautiful old orchard, of which Mr. F. E. Dawe is the fortunate possessor, but the vagaries of the sound in the open air, together with the fact that the light of September days would not have held out, resulted in the peal eventually being rung indoors.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 25th, 1931.—

Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 80 years on Friday, celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Saturday. Mr. Brundle is the oldest ringer to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus.

Inverary tower and bells nearing completion.



## PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR

**T**HE 1961 tour began in now familiar style, with a small party leaving Grundisburgh by coach at 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 6th. With further additions to the party at Ipswich and Colchester we had a good trip up to London, where we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Cox, from Adelaide.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who joined us at Uxbridge, we were able to make an unscheduled stop at Beaconsfield, and ring on the eight for morning service, before continuing on our way to Oxford. Several others met us here, including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schofield and their daughter, Gillian, from Bradford.

After lunch we had a busy afternoon, with ringing at six towers. First on the list were the two tens at Magdalen College and New College, where we rang half-courses of Cambridge Royal and touches of Grandsire Caters. Ringing on the heavy eight (28 cwt. in E flat)

a high standard again, despite the very long draught.

In the afternoon came the highlight of tour, the lovely, easy going ten at Christ Church, Swindon. A course of Yorkshire Royal came to grief here: though Cambridge Royal and a touch of Grandsire Caters were more successful. We rang our first touch of spliced at Lambourn, the next tower, and did justice to a magnificent tea at the nearby inn afterwards. The two eights at Faringdon and Bampton completed the ringing for the day.

On Tuesday we were joined by some young ringers from Birmingham, and by Peter and Ruth Border, with baby Helen, for the day. The first eight at Deddington were much enjoyed, and these were followed by the 24 cwt. eight at Great Tew. Next were the very fine eight (20 cwt. in E) at Hook Norton, the best of the day.



Photograph taken outside Marlow Parish Church on August 12th of the band of four married couples who had just rung a touch of Spliced Major to celebrate the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schofield.

at Merton College did not come up to the usual standard, probably because ringing round the gallery here was a unique and even an unnerving experience for some.

The two light eights at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's were in marked contrast to Merton, and touches of Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob, Cambridge and Stedman were all successful. Mr. Philip Walker, who had kindly arranged the ringing and shown us round Oxford all afternoon, welcomed us at his home tower, St. Giles', where he keeps the belfry in excellent condition. A short trip brought us to Woodstock, our headquarters for the week.

### BURFORD BEST OF TOUR

Monday morning dawned bright and fair, and we were soon on the road to Burford. The beautiful eight (17½ cwt. in E) were considered by many to be the best of the tour, and we certainly took full advantage of them, a feature of the ringing being a well struck course of London. We had quite an audience at Fairford, where the ropes hang in the centre of the church, but ringing was of

A feature of our visit to Kingham was a ladies' touch, which even a mere male must admit was quite good! Others, in disgust, however, preferred to watch the nearby cricket match! A delightful ride through lovely countryside brought us to Bourton-on-the-Water. As on Monday, we rang a touch of spliced on the eight here, followed by a marvellous tea afterwards. After yet another good ring, at Watermoor, the day finished with a visit to the lovely village of Bibury, where the enthusiasts just couldn't resist getting permission to ring on the six here!

Ringing on Wednesday commenced at 8.45 a.m., owing to a 10 o'clock service at Adderbury. The fine toned eight (24 cwt. in D) were rather difficult to handle, due to the short draught. An hour's ride through some pleasant scenery brought us to Daventry, where we were greeted by Pat Chapman. The anti-clockwise eight provided some amusing misunderstandings in the first touch, but they were soon mastered, and good touches of London, Superlative and Stedman resulted. We were

unable to ring at Southam, so Harry Windsor kindly invited us to ring on the bright little six at Harbury.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At Warwick, we were honoured by a visit from Mr. Frank Perrens and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, where an hour's ring on the excellent eight of St. Nicholas' was very much appreciated. At tea a special birthday cake was brought in for Mrs. Barker, and all the company joined in wishing her a happy birthday. Ringing on the ten at St. Mary's after tea was curtailed, but two half-courses of Cambridge Royal, touches of Grandsire Caters and rounds for beginners were completed in the allotted time.

Another long ride brought us to the unusual church at Banbury (a pleasant easy going ten). The last ring of the day was the majestic eight (27 cwt. in D) at Bloxham, where the bells went surprisingly well for their weight.

Yet another early start enabled us to commence ringing at 8.45 a.m. on the eight at Wantage, followed by the pleasant ten at Newbury. The enthusiasts were again quick to spot an opportunity, and obtained permission to ring on the six at Speen, after lunch. At Blewbury we were met by Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, who came on with us to Wallingford afterwards. Even a single in spliced failed to produce an explosion at Harwell, though we were caught by a heavy fall-out of rain when we came out.

### THE WHITES ENTERTAIN

The famous tower at Appleton, with which the name of 'White' is traditionally associated, was found with some difficulty and a variety of methods was rung on the light ten. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the 'local' afterwards, where the White family entertained us with a first class display of tune ringing and change ringing by 'lapping' on handbells.

A short run on Friday brought us to Kirtlington, a very good eight of 15 cwt. Ambrosden came next, and then Buckingham, with its spacious belfry and rather old-fashioned ring of eight (27 cwt. in D).

In the afternoon a course of Rutland was rung at Wicken, with the eight at Winstow following. The last tower was officially Haddenham, where the bells are in need of attention, but we had a short ring at Woodstock on our return, by kind invitation of the local ringers.

Back to the hotel a social evening had been arranged, and there was a presentation of a garden chair and a ringer's car badge to Jim and Sylvia Pipe in appreciation for all the work and organisation which had gone into the tour. By general consent it was an unqualified success. The evening was rounded off with handbell ringing, and a film show of past tours, presented by Harry Windsor.

### MARRIED COUPLES' 'SPICED'

Several goodbyes were said on Saturday morning as we made treks for home, ringing at Wallington, Henley and Sonning on the way.

As it was Mr. and Mrs. Barker's wedding anniversary, it was fitting that they should ring a married couples' touch of spliced, which Arthur himself called at Marlow after lunch. The 26 cwt. eight at Bray were the last bells of the tour, and very majestic sounding too. After tea a small group went to Stoke Poges, where they rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples for Mr. and Mrs. Barker, while the rest of the party were homeward bound, arriving in Grundisburgh at 10 p.m.

One's chief recollections are a very pleasant company, good bells, good food and a warm welcome everywhere. To all who met us and who helped make the tour a success, we should like to extend a very big 'thank you.' Next year we hope to tour Devon.

PILGRIM.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BODELWYDDAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Contrary to the report of the University of London Society's tour 'abroad,' the bells of the 'Marble Church' had not been condemned as unsafe before the Society rang there, although they have been as a result of their visit.

Replying to my application to ring there later in the same week as the U.L.S., the Vicar wrote as follows:

'We have just recently carried out some repairs to the spire and the architect will not give the "all-clear" until he carries out a further inspection. I am afraid that this will not be before August 17th, as the architect lives in Cheltenham. So please accept my reason for not allowing any bellringing at the present time.'

How the Society obtained permission to ring is not clear, neither are the grounds for their theory that if the spire is unsafe it will do no harm to ring for half an hour.

Hoping to persuade the Vicar to give permission to ring, as apparently the Society had succeeded in doing, I called but found that an alarming report had been given by the secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and that the bells must on no account be rung for fear of damage to the spire.

It now transpires that the secretary of the S.P.A.B. was a member of the University party, which means that by way of thanking the Vicar for the privilege of ringing his bells, Randal Clouston alarmed him as to their safety and effectively closed the tower to both visitors and 'locals' alike.

A report of this nature, in my opinion, casts a reflection upon the bell founders, who installed the bells in 1872 and who in more recent times rehung them on ball bearings.

About four years ago I encountered a similar case at Bradbourne, Derbyshire, where a certain London architect—I believe he also had some connection with the S.P.A.B.—had warned the Vicar that one day he would find his tower split from top to bottom as though it had been struck by a bomb.

His grounds for this lurid forecast were simply that the bells were hung direct on iron girders instead of the bearings resting on castings in accordance with modern practice, yet they must have been so hung for at least seventy years.

Fortunately the late Vicar did not seriously believe this and I had little difficulty in convincing him of the stupidity of it, and I have been pleased to read that this pleasant ring of six has been rung regularly since our visit.

All too often, however, the opinion of self-appointed and self-opinated 'experts' results in rings being silenced or ringing curtailed. I can think of a number where worn bearings have been the pretext upon which ringing has been stopped altogether and far from resulting in the bells getting rehung it has meant that the ringers have drifted away, interest has been lost and the bells may lie idle indefinitely.

Recently I came across a case in Shropshire, where a party of visiting ringers 'thought there was too much vibration' and the upshot is that only curtailed Sunday ringing is now allowed.

I suggest that visiting ringers are not qualified to judge how much vibration there should or should not be.

At the same time it would be interesting to know what makes bells safe to ring on a Sunday, but unsafe on week days. Similarly why was it safe to ring Bodelwyddan bells for half an hour only? What would have happened if the U.L.S. had rung for thirty-one minutes?—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

## TIME FADES MEMORY

Dear Sir,—In reference to your account of the S.F.E. Whitsun tour, the reference to the ingenious bellhanging at Feniton should have read Buckerell.

This work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank in 1949. The bells at Feniton, 2 miles away, are all on one level. I had the pleasure of meeting the S.F.E. at Buckerell and rang a touch with them, and also took some of the party up to the bell chamber. —Yours faithfully,

F. H. PARR.

Buckerell.

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Quite a number of visitors to Winchester Cathedral, who arrive after the commencement of ringing, have had a disappointing wait at the outer door, which we have to keep fastened. Sometimes they have been unlucky enough not to be able to get in until we come down at the end of the ring.

We would like to make it quite clear that it is not ringers, but the general public, whom we are obliged to keep at bay. Those who do not already know how to gain access should either be at the door at 7 on practice night, or 9.45 or 2.25 on Sunday, or let us know that they are coming so that we can arrange for somebody to let them in. In case of urgency a 'phone call to the undersigned would be appropriate up to about 15 minutes before the above times.—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE,  
Winchester Cathedral Ringers,  
Honorary Secretary,

## TWO RINGS OF BELLS AT SALTASH

Dear Sir,—How pleasing to read Points from Peals by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead after such a long break. I was particularly interested in one part of the article concerning the occasional slip up, and he writes: 'Thus I have recorded a previous peal at Saltash, Cornwall, on December 12th, 1927.'

That peal was one of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the late C. R. Lilley, and I was one of the band. It was rung at the Church of SS. Nicholas and Faith.

The peal on June 21st, 1961, was rung on the bells of St. Stephen-by-Saltash, and those who took part were assured that it was the first on the bells, and this we believe to be correct.

Incidentally both peals are recorded for 'The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.' Apparently Saltash has two rings of bells.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

## COLCHESTER MEETS NOISE DIFFICULTY

Dear Sir.—I was very interested to read the letters in recent 'Ringing Worlds' from Messrs. F. Hicks and F. Hansford, on the problem of excessive noise outside from church towers as we have had recent experience of this modern problem here at St. Peter's, Colchester. Ever since the war we have suffered restrictions on practice night and peal ringing, due to the close proximity to the church of a Repertory Theatre where there are performances every evening except Sunday. Until recently our practice has had to cease at 8 p.m., and any ringing on a Saturday by 5 p.m.; this has made it difficult to keep our company up to strength.

After it was pointed out to the church authorities that service ringing at the tower was likely to decline, they agreed to have the louvre windows sound insulated, and this has been recently completed. The material used was insulation board (Tentest), with a cavity left between filled with vermiculite; a portion in the middle of the louvres (about 7ft. 6ins. x 4ft.) is hinged at the top and capable of being opened when required to hear the full effect of the bells on Sundays and other occasions. We are very pleased that this has made a considerable improvement outside the tower, so much so that our Vicar has had the approval of the theatre of the work done and a donation from them of £10 towards the cost.

Any visiting ringers are very welcome to join us on our practice nights, which, from now onwards, will be Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. —Yours sincerely,

HARRY J. MILLATT.

Colchester, Essex.

## 65s AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I have, for some time, heard that 65s at backstroke are bad or are un-musical and again I read it in W.G.W.'s article on Treble Bob and again I cannot see why.

A listener outside the tower is not to know whether a row is back or hand and I'm sure many ringers, musical or otherwise, would not mind.

Can Mr. Wilson or anyone else tell me why 65s are frowned upon?—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM C. GRANT.

Frome.

## THE LATE MRS. A. KING

Dear Sir.—May I, through your columns, express the sorrow felt, not only by members of the Bedfordshire Association, but by the very much wider circle to whom she was known and loved, at the recent death of Mrs. A. King, of Luton.

Our sympathy with Mr. King is mingled with pride at the fortitude with which he has borne his great loss, after 68 years of happy married life.

Aged 90, she had not enjoyed good health over the last year or so, but bore her troubles with great spirit, as befits one who, in all those years, had been an inspiration to all who knew her—charming, friendly and sincere, an excellent example of British womanhood. She was laid to rest on September 4th. May she rest in peace.—Yours, etc.,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

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# The Ancients' Peal Tour of Northamptonshire

Two hundred and twenty-five years ago, Benjamin Annable, with a band of College Youths, went to St. Peter's, Northampton, and rang the first peal on the bells, and this year members of the Ancient Society from various parts of the country joined with members from Northamptonshire in a week's peal tour, commencing on Saturday, August 26th. Unfortunately St. Peter's, Northampton, bells were not available, but none of the party doubted Benjamin Annable's wisdom in choosing this delightful part of England for an excursion from the capital.

We were welcomed to the first tower, Tichmarsh (8, 17½ cwt.), by Canon Luckock, who takes a keen interest in ringing, and we rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on these pleasant bells. After a visit to the local hostelry, we made our way to the Royal Hotel, Kettering, which was to be our headquarters for the week, and cautiously sampled the local brew, by name Phipps, not knowing either its strength or quality. However, we need have had no fears, for it proved to be both pleasant to drink and not unduly potent, and on the following morning, with no after effects to dispel our first impression of it, we pronounced it a fine brew.

At 9.30 a.m. we joined the service ringing at the Parish Church (10, 23 cwt.) and were given a warm welcome by Mr. Bob Turner. Grand sire Caters, a course of Superlative and more Grand sire Caters sounded out well on the morning air, and the bright sun which shone for us most of the week really imparted a holiday atmosphere everywhere. At 10.30 we went to a village just outside Kettering, by name Warkton (5, 8 cwt.), and again joined the local ringers in ringing for service, on this lovely ring of bells, Grand sire and Stedman Doubles.

## LULLED BY THE MUSIC

An early lunch, and we were on our way to Daventry, where we were met by Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who had made all the arrangements with regard to obtaining permission to ring throughout the week, and to whom we are extremely grateful. Cambridge Major was proceeding very smoothly on this 19 cwt. ring, and with half-an-hour to ring the music had lulled us into a pleasant sleepiness. The treble man perhaps dreamt most of all, for turning round in 2/3 he caught us all unawares, and within a change or two we had stopped.

We rang for Evensong, and before returning to Kettering were entertained to a splendid tea by Mrs. Chapman, and met young Dominic. The residents' lounge echoed that night to Stedman Caters on handbells, kindly lent to us by Pat Chapman, and we heard tape-recordings of St. Paul's Cathedral and were kept highly amused by anecdotes from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood until a late hour.

Monday morning found us at Irchester, where we were met by the Rev. A. M. Watson, and London Surprise Major seemed to be going all the way until a missed call dashed our hopes and prevented us enjoying any more of this good ring, whose tenor is 21 cwt.

Yorkshire Surprise Major at Oundle in the afternoon was rung, however, and this is believed to be only the second peal of Surprise on the bells, which are difficult to ring well.

Later in the evening some Stedman Cinques were rung on the handbells and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major also, but by midnight we were moving towards our rooms in view of the earlier start to be made the following day.

9 a.m. was the scheduled time of start at Kettering, and it was not much later that we began the peal of Stedman Caters, which proceeded uneventfully under the watchful eye of Mr. Frank Darby. In the afternoon, however, the warm weather was beginning to have its effect, and Bristol Major on the fine ring at Raunds (22 cwt.) became of poor quality, causing us to stand the bells before completing the peal.

Wednesday morning took us to Finedon (8, 21 cwt.), and we had received a warning that this might be one of the hardest towers in which to ring a peal as the bearings sometimes run dry. London Surprise Major was rung for

over an hour, when two bells changed course; but a further touch of Stedman Triples practically removed our doubts that we might have been able to complete the peal, for by the end of the touch the tenor man was having difficulty, and we felt sure that two more hours of London would have been impossible. We met the Rector after the attempt and received a warm welcome from him.

## PEAL BOARDS TELL A STORY

Irthlingborough (8, 10 cwt.) was the afternoon tower, and we were met by Mrs. Bigley. The peal boards here speak for themselves of the famous band which at the turn of the century was ringing peals of London Surprise Major, by no means common in those days, and we rang a peal of Rutland Major on these beautiful bells. Afterwards Mr. Arthur Bigley entertained us to tea, and we rang some Grand sire Caters on his lovely set of Shaw handbells with him, and we also heard a record of some tune ringing which he had made. He had celebrated his 60th birthday only two days earlier, having been a ringer at Irthlingborough for 40 years, and we should like to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Haselbech has a beautiful church in a lovely setting, and it was perhaps the greatest disappointment of the week that the peal attempt here on Thursday morning, for Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, came to grief when two bells changed course after two-thirds of the peal had been rung. Lunch in Market Harborough brightened our spirits however, and in the afternoon Mr. Frank C. Price called his first peal of Surprise Major as conductor, London being the method, at Welford (12 cwt.).

It was after the peal here that we were in for our greatest shock of the week. Stopping on our way back to Kettering in Husbands Bosworth at an inn, the landlord announced that he had no beer, no draught beer that is, and we had no alternative but to visit the next house of refreshment which we came to, in the same village. One of our number, after ordering his drink, asked the landlord what food he had and was told that there was no food in the house. He exclaimed: 'What a place!' and the landlord nearly gave him a black eye. It

was only after hasty explanation of our previous experience that he calmed down.

On Friday morning we rang a peal of Pudsey Major at Higham Ferrers (8, 23 cwt.), where we were kindly met by Mr. Deighton. The bells here are very good and the peal was followed by lunch in the Green Dragon.

The afternoon attempt was at Burton Latimer, and a miscall brought to an end the Lincolnshire on this ring of eight (10 cwt.), which sound heavier, and an early start was made on the final evening's celebrations.

## TUNING THE GLASSES

Just before closing time we were ushered into a small bar apparently reserved for residents bent on drinking through the night, and shortly before 12 somebody rashly suggested that changes on beer glasses was the proper thing to do. After a few rounds to try our handles for length and some subtle drinking to tune our glasses, we settled down to a sparkling course of Plain Bob Minor, the band sitting as follows: Wilfrid F. Moreton treble (a ½-pint glass), Alan J. Frost 2 (another ½-pint), Gordon Benfield 3 (an 8 in. diameter lampshade), Michael P. Moreton 4 (a ½-pint partly filled with water), Stewart F. Kimber 5 (a pint nearly empty), Frank E. Darby tenor (a pint half full). On completing the ringing, everybody inadvertently took a drink, and thus at one draught destroyed the tuning of this interesting six. However, Gordon Benfield, balanced precariously on a chair to reach the third, continued to toll the lampshade which had a beautiful tone; and none of us will forget the look of startled amazement on the night porter's face when he walked in to take our orders for the next round.

Saturday morning, and almost sadly we bade farewell to the hotel and to Kettering, and made our way to Desborough (8, 10½ cwt.), where the Vicar came up to welcome us. Spliced four was rung, and perhaps would have been completed but for a late call which sent one bell in the wrong direction, and 'Stand' was called.

In the afternoon, however, a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Rothwell, and these fine bells very aptly concluded a week in which all the bells were of a high quality; and we left Northamptonshire with a deep impression of the warm welcome which we received, of the beautiful churches, many of which have fine spires, of many well-cared-for belfries, and of pleasant English countryside.

## PERSHORE RINGERS NEEDED SPANNERS AND OIL CANS

On September 5th a party of young ringers from the Pershore Deanery set out in search of some of Worcestershire's less well-known towers. The first port of call was All Saints' Church, Spetchley. Here hangs a pre-Reformation four (tenor 5½ cwt. in B). These rarely-rung bells go quite well and when we had put ropes on they were rung to rounds. Kent and Oxford Minimus, Siedman and, of course, Spetchley Court Bob. Ringing here is made more interesting as it is always accompanied by a steady trickle of dust and twigs from the ceiling.

Recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' has included the subject of place-names but no mention has been made of the next tower visited, White Ladies, Aston, a small village with a pleasant old church. The tower is weatherboarded and contains a ring of three in a 15th century frame, rehung last century by Barwell. The tenor is inscribed: '+ Sancte Jacope Ora Pro Nobis.' with crowned heads as stops. She was cast in the 15th century and weighs about 7½ cwt. The notes of the bells are: Treble, G; 2nd, D sharp; tenor, C sharp. The ropes fall in a line among the pews at the west end! Much work was done in the tower before the bells could be raised, but rounds were scored with reasonable ease!

The last tower visited was St. Bartholomew's, Naunton Beauchamp. The three here have a tenor of 11 cwt. in G sharp. Much tightening of bolts and greasing of bearings was undertaken but unfortunately the frame was not stable enough for the bells to be raised, as an alarming amount of movement was noticed before the treble was half-way up. P. C.

## CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Warsop again won the final of the Crawford Cup contest decided at Gamston on September 9th. Their faults totalled 28. Other finalists were Holme Pierrepont 69. Ordsall 85. Whatton-in-the-Vale 95. A most pleasing feature was having Mrs. C. M. Crawford, widow of the donor, to present the cup to Mr. H. T. Rooke, who, in thanking Mrs. Crawford, said that everybody had tried hard. The judges were Messrs. H. Chant and D. Smith, and the test piece 360 changes any method.

The presentation took place after a nice tea in the school, served to a company of nearly 60, with the Rev. W. D. Willatt (Rector) in the chair.

A minute's silence was observed before the meeting as a token of respect to three members who had died in the past two months—Mr. O. Street, Mr. S. Mason and Mr. D. McNeil and his wife, who were killed in a road accident.

The Rector was elected a vice-president, and Miss Thelma Staples, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a ringing member. The collection for the Bell Fund was £2 2s. 8d., and Clayworth was selected for the meeting on October 14th. Before ringing was resumed, the Rector, the judges and the ladies (for the nice tea) were all sincerely thanked.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

There was not a large attendance at the Biggleswade District meeting at Northill on September 9th, but the ringing, directed by Mr. L. Bywaters, ranged from Bob Minor to London and Wells Surprise. A service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Frost, with Mr. M. Lockey at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by a local ringer's wife,



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Buckley (first of Plain Bob) 1. E. D. Thomas 2. R. I. Gosling 3. S. K. Huson (first in method as cond.) 4. B. R. Manning 5. E. D. Gibson 6. To celebrate the birthdays of Maureen Hanstock, David Branson, Lesley Hydes and Elizabeth Hefferman.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1. N. Whittell 2. A. E. J. Lester 3. P. Lester 4. R. E. Lester 5. E. Hotine (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Hotine, of Rickmansworth, Herts.

**BARNWOOD, GLOS.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hodges 1. G. Clark 2. G. Case (cond.) 3. D. Pobjoy (first 'inside') 4. H. Worrall 5. K. Durrant (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong. Also in honour of the engagement of Peggy Clark (a local ringer) and Mr. R. Warwick, and for the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Worrall.

**BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.**—At St. Aidan's. On Sept. 19th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1. H. Aitchison 2. M. Armstrong 3. R. B. Skelton 4. N. Errington 5. R. Oliver (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. King, who is leaving for Belmont, Co. Durham.

**BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.**—On Sept. 16th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Castell 1. C. Adam (14. first of Minor) 2. Angela Ayres 3. G. McLone 4. R. Partridge (14. cond., first quarter) 5. E. Garrard 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 11th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1. Kathleen M. Exell (first of Stedman) 2. D. C. Exell 3. P. J. Dye 4. L. Derrick 5. C. J. Richards 6. D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7. D. C. J. Padfield 8.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.**—On September 19th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pope (first away from cover) 1. Mrs. R. Pope 2. Mrs. A. F. Godley 3. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4. R. J. Vardy 5. F. C. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Ven. J. C. Chute (formerly Archdeacon of Sherborne), whose ashes were this day interred in the family grave at Basingstoke. The Archdeacon died the previous Tuesday at Buckland Newton, where he had resided since his retirement.

**BULWICK, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 16th. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Naylor 1. R. Marriott 2. R. Reynolds 3. F. A. Ginn 4. R. A. Webster 5.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Rumbold (first quarter. 10) 1. W. J. Weller 2. Alice Ward 3. Hannah Penfold 4. A. Harman (cond.) 5. P. Ede 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 2nd. 720 Plain Bob Minor for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold: Elizabeth Rumbold 1. W. J. Weller 2. Alice Ward 3. Hannah Penfold 4. R. Tullett 5. A. Harman (cond.) 6.

**CLEWER, BERKS.**—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): K. Buckingham 1. A. Bird 2. N. Phillips 3. J. Brooks 4. F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled, before a Requiem Mass, in memoriam Simon Dymoke-Marr.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 4th. at the Church of St. Leonard. 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich. 576 Cambridge): N. Avis 1. W. J. Brunt 2. J. Avis 3. R. K. Whittell 4. F. S. Oliver 5. H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1 and 3.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Armstrong 1. J. G. Wall 2. J. Vickery 3. W. Tyson 4. N. Errington 5. R. Oliver (cond.) 6. R. B. Skelton (cover) 7. For the enthronement of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 18th. 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. C. Read 1. Ann Abrahams 2. H. H. Abrahams 3. R. Haines 4. L. A. Page 5. J. E. Daniels 6. Rev. R. Keeley 7. R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—On Sept. 11th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Katy Collard (first quarter) 1. J. W. Hagley (first quarter) 2. C. W. Denyer 3. Elizabeth Stevinson 4. R. J. C. Hagley 5. B. G. D. Vince (first quarter) 6. H. F. Jones 7. P. G. Stroud 8. Rung by the local

band, with exception of ringer 3, for the installation of former Vicar (Rev. A. C. G. Oldham) as a Canon Residentiary of Guildford Cathedral.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.**—On Sept. 8th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Gill 1. D. Cutler 2. B. Haigh 3. M. Franland 4. J. Reynolds 5. J. P. Cooper 6. W. Dixon 7. A. Wear (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung by local company.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Day 1. Amy Coburn 2. R. Newson 3. L. G. Coburn 4. F. C. Jacklin 5. J. D. Painter (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and with the good wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Painter for their forthcoming journey to Nigeria.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Sept. 3rd. 1,344 London Surprise Major: N. Mallett 1. A. V. Pearson (cond.) 2. Miss J. Beresford 3. E. R. Ropley 4. R. J. Sharp 5. G. E. Fearn 6. P. Meyew 7. D. Beresford 8. Rung for Evensong.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 12th. 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss A. G. Harrison (first quarter) 1. E. A. Harrison 2. M. J. Kirk 3. B. T. Cook (first in three methods) 4. J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of York. Also on Sept. 12th. 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, April Day and Old): N. D. Kirk 1. M. J. Kirk 2. Miss T. Staples (first 'inside') 3. E. A. Harrison 4. J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. First in six methods by all. Rung in recognition of 14 years' service as G.S.M. of the Church Scout Group by C. V. Evans.

**LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.**—On Sept. 10th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1. Gillian Walsh 2. G. Milsom 3. P. Kirby 4. G. W. Land (cond.) 5. J. Ryman 6. For Evensong, and a birthday greeting to Rosemary Lee (ringer). Also on Sept. 12th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Walsh 1. Gillian Walsh 2. H. N. Evans 3. A. J. King 4. G. W. Land 5. J. Ryman 6. To commemorate the 'golden wedding' of the churchwarden, Mr. R. Fawkes, and Mrs. Fawkes.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Mack (first quarter) 1. Sylvia Holt 2. C. B. Dove (cond.) 3. A. E. Stamp 4. R. H. Dove 5. C. G. Watkinson 6.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Stephens 1. B. Whitney 2. K. G. Spavins 3. G. Hawkins 4. A. J. Smith 5. R. Woodruff 6. A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7. P. Newing 8. Rung for the ordination to priesthood in St. Albans Cathedral this day of the Rev. Brian J. Gardiner.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Hazel Everett 1. N. Simon 2. Penelope J. Welch 3. Christine Glastonbury 4. N. A. James 5. W. Dare 6. F. Rowsell (cond.) 7. A. Hartley 8. R. Howard 9. M. Bennett 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 4 and 10.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes'. Strand, on September 17th. 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. E. Bagworth 1. Miss A. Garnett 2. G. T. Peters 3. R. Davies 4. N. S. Bagworth 5. R. W. Hinde 6. R. G. Leale (cond.) 7. A. E. Bagworth 8. Rung for Evensong on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 18th. 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss I. Down 1. Mrs. A. F. Godley 2. E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3. D. M. C. Hill (first in six 'inside') 4. P. Cox (first in six) 5. G. Harvey (first quarter) 6. A. compliment to Ron and Audrey Short, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on the previous day.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Cheney 1. A. J. Smith 2. J. G. Newman 3. G. Hawkins 4. K. G. Spavins 5. R. Kendall 6. L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7. H. Wood 8. A. E. Rushton 9. H. R. C. Mann 10. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. H. E. Frankham as Vicar of Luton.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1. June Peel 2. A. Turnbull 3. J. Payne 4. P. Langton 5. T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For morning prayer.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 19th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Poole 1. W. Avery 2. Mrs. E. Mead 3. R. E. Dean 4. J. Young 5. R. Blackler 6. L. J. Young (cond.) 7. A. Boarder 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the third.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Sept. 2nd. 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): S. G. Poynting 1. Jill M. Lane 2. E. G. L. Coward 3. G. L. Grover 4. D. A. R. May (cond.) 5. W. Savill 6. Rung for the wedding of Robin Warren, a local ringer.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 14th. 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1. Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2. Miss E. Mason 3. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4. H. G. Goddard 5. F. W. Blatch 6. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. F. Godwin, who was inducted as Rector this day.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 17th. at St. Mary's Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branson 1. F. Boyall 2. Miss R. Anderson 3. J. Woodman 4. G. Cowlin 5. M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Andrew John, son of Joan and Michael Parker.

**PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1. Terha Barnett 2. R. Sturmy 3. J. Rose 4. E. Amey (cond.) 5. T. Jeanes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Archdeacon J. C. Chute, who, until he retired in 1957, had been the Rector at this church for nearly 20 years.

**SCORTON, LANCs.**—On Sept. 7th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maryl R. Crosshwaite 1. Margaret Crosshwaite 2. W. K. Martin 3. Betty Fauch 4. C. Crosshwaite 5. K. Durow (first as cond. of Triples) 6. S. Anderton 7. T. Moss 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Blackburn.

**STAINES, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Preston 1. Linda Skispey 2. M. Loveday 3. R. Shepherd (cond.) 4. B. Bartlett 5. M. Bartlett 6. R. Wiggins 7. T. Christie (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

**TAMERTON FOLLIOT, DEVON.**—On Aug. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Marks 1. J. Drew 2. Miss Y. Porter 3. A. J. Collings 4. D. R. Bould (cond.) 5. W. Marks 6. Rung for Jack Drew, on holiday in Plymouth.

**THORNBURY, GLOS.**—On July 30th. 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Poole 1. Kathleen M. Exell 2. Jacqueline A. Purnell 3. C. J. Richards 4. P. Bridle 5. P. J. Dye 6. D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7. D. C. Exell 8.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDx.**—On July 30th. at the Church of All Hallows. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal Smith (first of Triples) 1. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 2. Elizabeth Hill Brown 3. Gillian Neal Smith 4. Anne Muir 5. A. J. Muir 6. M. D. Hill Brown 7. D. Hill Brown 8. Arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who was home on holiday from Canada.

**WARNFORD, HANTS.**—On Sept. 17th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1. Mary White 2. D. White 3. K. Waller 4. S. Holloway 5. R. J. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 5. Rung for morning service.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 4th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Gocher 1. Miss D. Mullins 2. J. Nelson 3. G. Rix 4. G. Francis (cond.) 5. J. Challen 6. Rung at a farewell to Rev. M. Daniel and his family who are leaving the parish, with the best wishes of the band for his future ministry. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 9th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sparkes 1. A. Turner 2. F. Casley 3. C. Bellew 4. W. G. Hartnell 5. W. Nurcombe 6. C. Tarr (cond.) 7. W. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in respectful memory of Alfred Stone, a loyal member, and Charles Greedy, of Newport, a native of Wiveliscombe.

**WOBURN, BEDS.**—On July 21st. 1,260 Minor (720 Kent. 540 Plain Bob): A. J. Smith 1. B. Whitney 2. O. J. J. Rogers 3. M. J. Stephens 4. R. Churchill 5. A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Exeter Branch

On September 9th the quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Tedburn St. Mary. About 25 members and visitors attended, and the six bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

During the service the Vicar paid tribute to the work of the late president, Preb. E. V. Cox. Tea and the business meeting followed at the Vicarage, after which a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung. Whitestone was later visited by some members for a short ring on the bells. N. M.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Bradford Abbas on September 9th. Twenty ringers were present from seven towers of the Branch, including visitors from other towers. In spite of a tendency to 'jump' on the part of some of the ropes, methods were rung up to London Surprise, not excluding rounds for beginners. The bells go very nicely and sounded well over this lovely corner of Dorset.

At the service the Branch was welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. L. J. Chesterman. At the business meeting after tea mention was made of the Blandford ringing festival on October 28th and the annual meeting of the Branch at Mere on December 2nd. R. N. L.

**STOKE POGES, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 1st, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1 W. D. Ward 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, G. Riglar (first 'inside') 4, R. Dean 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. P. Hilling 7, D. G. Rowlands 8. For St. Giles' Day.



**WEST MIDLAND PEAL WEEK.**—Some of the participants in the West Midland Peal Week (see page 615), during which 13 peals were scored. The band photographed prior to the peal at Rocester. Left to right (front row): F. Hector Bennett, Richard J. Warrilow, Geoffrey Davies; (middle row): Brian J. Wylde, Robert J. Warrilow, Frederick E. Wilshaw; (back row): David W. Brunning, Charles A. S. Webb.

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An attempt for 13,216 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Allendale, Northumberland, on September 16th was brought round at 9,088 changes, when the bearings of the 6th and tenor started to rung dry. However, this beats the existing long length record for the Durham and Newcastle Association, set up by the same band on the same bells in April this year, by 352 changes.

H.R.H. Prince Philip is to open Bow Bells on December 20th.

The ring of six at Hever, near Edenbridge, was reopened last Saturday. There was a barbecue afterwards.

The time taken in the peal of Bob Doubles, rung at Horton on August 5th (see page 617), was 2 hours 40 minutes. The conductor sends his apologies.

St. George Cathedral, Cape Town, is to have a ring of ten bells with a tenor of 25 cwt., similar to the ring supplied to Salisbury Cathedral, Rhodesia. The contract has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Hereford Cathedral band are losing Mr. Arthur W. Davis, for many years a member of the company and a prominent officer of the Diocesan Guild. His impending departure formed the basis for an informative article in 'The Hereford Evening News' about ringing at the Cathedral and members of the band.

Miss Margaret A. Ladd, our esteemed correspondent for the Tonbridge District, regrets that an error occurred in her report of the meeting at Brenchley (see page 639). The name of the ringer for whom a quarter peal was fixed and rung at Brenchley was Mr. F. Acott and not Mr. A. Wenban. Apologies to all concerned.

Staines, Middlesex, has now five members of the Skipsey family in its band—Edgar, Jean, John, Linda and Freddy. The band rejoice in the birth of a daughter to secretary Jean, and look forward to the day when there will be a 'Skipsey Minor band.' Because of the birth, Edgar was unable to conduct the quarter on September 17th.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

In sending his apologies to those members of Cambridge University Guild who went to Evesham for a peal on September 9th for his failure to arrive, Mr. W. T. Cook adds: 'Unfortunately I missed the train at Paddington through underestimating the capacity of London Transport for keeping its passengers waiting.'

The clock face of Buckland-in-the-Moor, near Ashburton, Devon, has, instead of numerals, the words 'My dear mother.'

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Soberton on September 16th enabled E. Winifred Keys and W. T. Beeson to ring their 50th peal together.

The good wishes of not only those who rang in the quarter peal at Harpenden but also from their many ringing friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Desmond Painter, who are going to Nigeria.

The Chaddocks, of Rotherham, and the Schofields, of Bradford, rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Conisborough. Each provided a father, mother, son and daughter.

The 200th anniversary of the casting and hanging of Upham, Hants, bells was marked by a special service on September 17th. In place of a sermon the Rector (the Rev. A. Catley) obtained permission from the Bishop for an address to be given by the District chairman (Mr. L. W. Stead) on bells and bellringing. Mr. Stead's address was much appreciated, as well as the ringing, by visitors from Southampton, Bitterne Park, Eling and North Stoneham.

Readers will have noted that peals have been relegated to the second half of the journal. This is an idea of 'The Ringing World' Committee in their search for something new. Whether it will be permanent depends on readers' reactions. One member doubted if ordinary articles were of sufficient merit to oust peals from their customary position. Influencing the committee were the favourable comments of the rearrangement of contents in the Jubilee issue.

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ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY .. .. Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER.. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 6
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY.. .. 5
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 6
STEWART F. KIMBER.. .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. 7
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 3	STEWART F. KIMBER.. .. 8
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 9
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

BARRY J. DAVIS.. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY.. .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 6
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 5
*DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 6
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 4	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

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

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GORDON BENFIELD .. .. Treble	STEWART F. KIMBER.. .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 6
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a trustee of the Society, and also as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Langdon, whose birthday falls on September 2nd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

BRIAN DOWNES .. .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 2	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY.. .. 4	*RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

\* 300th peal.

# YOUNG ESSEX RINGERS' CORNWALL TOUR

ALL PEALS FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAWGAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge, Kent, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4
ANNE EDWARDS .. .. 2	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALL.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATERIANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge; (4) Double Oxford; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Kent; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4
ANNE EDWARDS .. .. 2	ANDREW S. HUDSON.. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

First peal in 14 methods by all the 'inside' ringers except the conductor.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILDIERNA,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Treble	ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 5
*MARGARET E. PANTON .. .. 2	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 6
ANNE EDWARDS .. .. 3	†JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER 4	IAN R. PANTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.

\* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 28 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley; (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Chapel; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (5) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall.

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

IAN R. PANTON .. .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 4
ANDREW S. HUDSON.. .. 2	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most methods by all the band except the conductor.

Rung for the sixth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. R. Jose to the parish.

# TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

HOWARD FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn) 7
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) 2	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) 8
*HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3	ROBIN HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 9
DESMOND PAINTER (Fitz.) 4	HENRY FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 10
PETER LANGTON (Trinity) 5	FRANK HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 11
RICHARD SPEED (Caius).. 6	*ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

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On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

## A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

J. KEITH WARD .. .. Treble	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. .. 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 10
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 11
CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. .. 6	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 17, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOW SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

F. JOHN NELSON .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 8
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 9
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. 4	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 11
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method. Rung with a fourth's place bob.

## BRISTOW SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

Group M.

x. 7T. 56. 147T. x. 56. 7T. 36. 7T. x. 7T. 58. 16. x.  
16. 70. 16. 78. x. 169T. 78. 16. x (1) H.L.

## TEN BELL PEALS

## MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 6
*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 7
*IVOR JENKINS .. .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 8
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 9
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

## BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*DAVID RHODES (13) .. Treble	†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD (13) 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 9
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 5	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal, and first attempt. † 25th peal. First of Surprise on the bells by a local band.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the enthronement of Dr. Donald Coggan (formerly Bishop of Bradford) as the 88th Archbishop of York.

## MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 6
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 3	BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. .. 8
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. 9
*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* 100th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung by two families.

## RANMORE, SURREY.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

J. R. H. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 5
H. MUIRHEAD (Newnham) 2	M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall) 6
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz.) .. 3	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

## KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

EVELYN SAYER .. .. Treble	ERNEST G. JONES .. .. 5
HARRY HATFIELD .. .. 2	FREDERICK SHARPE .. .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 3	CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 7
ARTHUR D. SAYER .. .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringers of treble and 4, on leaving the Bicester and District Branch for B.A.O.R.

## TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.

## A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 46 lb. in E flat.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	STANLEY HEWITT .. .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 6
*ERIC S. WHITE .. .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 7
JACK SCOTT .. .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Arranged by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal.

## BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

HOWARD OGLESBY .. Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT .. .. 5
*JENNIFER SCEENY .. .. 2	‡REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. 6
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
†NEIL BELSON .. .. 4	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method. ‡ First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. David A. Godfrey and Miss Diane M. Limmer (daughter of the local Ringing Master), the ceremony having taken place at Hitcham earlier in the day.

## COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. Treble	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 6
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
DAVID C. OATES .. .. 4	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

## DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ALAN F. THIRST .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 5
*DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 2	†RICHARD A. SHEKELTON 6
*BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
RICHARD FARNSWORTH .. 4	BASIL JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* 50th peal together. † First of Treble Bob Major.

## FOBBING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol. 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative: 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.

*ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.



HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Parker's Six-Part (C.C.C. No. 13).		
THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Treble	*JOHN C. SLATER .. .. 5	
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 2	*JOHN J. STANIER .. .. 6	
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 7	
MARTYN HAWKES .. .. 4	R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Judith Mary Birch, daughter of the Rector.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

DONALD F. MURFET .. .. Treble	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 6
PETER BORDER .. .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. 7
FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Rung to mark the marriage of Gillian M. Border (sister of the conductor) with David E. Ostler, which took place earlier in the day at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.  
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Heywood's variation.	
PETER BORDER .. .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 5
*MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. .. 3	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
ANTHONY AGER .. .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.  
\* 500th peal together. † First of Stedman Triples.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble	†EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. 2	†PETER DALE .. .. 6
†CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method 'inside.'  
‡ First in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	BASIL JONES .. .. 6
*JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.  
\* First peal of Major in the method 'inside.'

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 3 Hours.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

From Snowdon's T.B.	
*IRVINE CROSSLAND .. .. Treble	PETER CARBATT .. .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 2	ERIC STAINROD .. .. 6
DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. 7
*PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. .. 4	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.  
\* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight bells.  
Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of York; also for the Patronal Festival.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 6
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 3	PETER D. BEEDIE .. .. 7
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
\* First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.  
Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. Coggan as Archbishop of York.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

**A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND W. SELBY .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. 2	*ALAN GRIFFIN .. .. 6
PAUL CATTARMOLE .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.  
\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 5 Hours and 5 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 9088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. Treble	ROLAND PARK .. .. 5
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 6
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 7
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.  
The conductor's 300th peal. This is the longest length rung for the Association.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 3	*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.  
\* First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. Treble	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. .. 5
*PATRICIA M. SIMPSON .. .. 2	H. LESLIE PASK .. .. 6
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7
*WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 4	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.  
\* First peal in the method.

MEOPHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JOHN O. WELLER .. .. Treble	*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 2	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRATT .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATFIELD.  
\* First peal in the method.

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 240 April Day, 1,440 Grandsire, 1,920 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. Treble	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. . 4
CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN .. 2	PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 5
ROY H. JONES .. .. . 3	ALEC GAMMON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

## HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas; (4) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; (5) Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Double Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. .. . 4
W. DAVID WARD .. .. . 2	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. . 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Rung to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the tower and bells.

## PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinkley District.)

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Three 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PICKERING .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 4
JILL PICKERING .. .. . 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. .. 5
JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Edwin Arthur Hall (82), who was 60 years a ringer, 50 years vergers and 21 years churchwarden at this church. Died September 1st.

## STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being an extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

*CLIVE G. JOHNSTONE .. Treble	†JOHN P. McDERMOTT .. 4
JILL M. LANE .. .. . 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 3	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in six methods.  
Rung as a compliment to Anthony Queen on the anniversary of his 21st birthday.

## OCKHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods, being an extent of Reverse Grandsire, three of Stedman, two each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Southrepps and St. Martin's, three of St. Simon's, an extent and Morris' 240 of Grandsire, two extents each of St. Albans and Eynsham, three each of Dedworth, Plain Bob, Old Bob and Kennington, and four of April Day. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3
JILL M. LANE .. .. . 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. 4

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

\* 25th tower for a peal. First in 17 methods by all.

## BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE Treble	*JOSEPH F. SHAW .. .. 4
MARGARET CROSTHWAITE .. 2	JOHN JOLLEYS .. .. . 5
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 3	KENNETH DUROW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal. First as conductor.  
Rung as a thanksgiving for the return of the Vicar and his recovery from serious illness.

## BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 4
MAURICE J. ROSE .. .. 2	HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 5
NEVILLE F. WHITTLE .. 3	JOHN E. IVINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

Rung in memory of Garnham A. Blaxcell, whose last peal was on these bells.

## CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG .. Treble	F. BEN COMER .. .. . 4
HAROLD HOOPER .. .. . 2	SYDNEY G. SMITH .. .. 5
CECIL MOGFORD .. .. . 3	JOHN BAKER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

## BLAYDON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

*WENDY PHILLIPS .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. . 4
†JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	†FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	†ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven Surprise Minor methods.  
‡ 200th peal.

Rung for the enthronement of the Most Rev. F. Donald Coggan as Archbishop of York.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. Treble	MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. 4
*JOHN RYDER .. .. . 2	CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 5
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Most Rev. Frederick Donald Coggan as 88th Archbishop of York.

## OTTERSASH, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. Treble	JOHN MARTIN .. .. . 4
ROY COLLINS .. .. . 2	DENNIS G. BLOWS .. .. 5
ELISABETH LOVELAND .. 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

The ringer of the second has 'circled the tower.'

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Theobald.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being extents (1 and 2) Southrepps. (3 to 7) Reverse Canterbury, (8 to 20) Plain Bob, (21 and 22) Rev. Canterbury; (23 to 29) Southrepps, (30 to 42) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROY H. JONES .. Treble	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. . 4
ELIZABETH MILLER .. .. 2	PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 5
CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN .. 3	ALEC GAMMON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

MARILYN M. BARTON .. Treble	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 4
ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 2	MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 5
DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. . 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Neal Smith.



CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	COLIN A. LEWIS .. 4
JOHN HOPE .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
ROBERT HATCHER .. 3	DANZEY WATKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

First peal in 14 Doubles methods and/or variations by all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge, (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*PAUL ATKINSON .. Treble	*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 4
*ALLISON MACFARLANE .. 2	ROBERT E. HARDY .. 5
*CHRISTINE M. RIMMER .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor.  
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. Treble	HUBERT A. MITSON .. 4
RAYMOND PECK .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. 3	*WINSTON S. GIRLING .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
DAVID T. MAULTBY .. Treble CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. 4  
\*PAUL CODDINGTON .. 2 JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5  
JOHN M. BURTON .. 3 PETER A. SHARP .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

\* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*ELIZABETH A. NEGUS .. Treble	*†JOHN R. PERRETT .. 4
*ANTHONY S. BISHOP .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 5
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HATFIELD, HEATH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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The most methods rung on the bells.  
Rung for the birth of a son (Derek Geoffrey) to Betty and John Crawley.

OBITUARY

MR. H. BARLOW

The Lancashire Association has lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham, which occurred September 15th whilst on holiday at Morecambe.

He was in his 84th year and an active ringer until quite recently, when an accident and difficulty in climbing steps prevented him taking part in the ringing, but his interest remained to the last. A keen striker who would let anyone know who wasn't, he had rung 85 peals for the Association, including 10,000 Kent Treble Bob Major at Moorside, 1922, where he started to ring about 1897. In 1923 he joined the St. Mark's, Glodwick, band, having moved to the district in his business.

On his retirement he became the captain at Oldham Parish for some time until he had to give up. He was also a honorary life member of the Lancashire Association. Herbert was also a keen and reliable tune ringer and for many years a member of Moorside handbell team. He was the G.O.M. of the Rochdale Branch and was loved and respected by a large circle of friends who will sadly miss his cheerful presence at their meetings, social events and coach trips on annual outings, etc.

He is survived by two sons, his wife having predeceased him by many years.

The interment was at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, on September 21st and among the many ringers present was Mr. S. L. Parry, representing the Lancashire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by his fellow ringers—I. Kay, Vernon Sykes, Edward Jenkins and John Walmsley. Floral tributes included those from Moorside ringers, Moorside handbell ringers and Oldham ringers, and the Lancashire Association. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells he loved at Moorside, a fitting tribute to a grand ringer and a gentleman. May he rest in peace.

I. K.

MR. MARK WHITMORE

A keen worker, both in church and parish, Mr. Mark Whitmore, of Griston, Norfolk, died on September 2nd, aged 77 years. Nearly 40 years ago he came to Griston from near Bromsgrove, Worcs. and for practically all that time was churchwarden.

He was almost unknown in the world of ringing, but in his own parish he had done a great deal to keep our art alive in that he taught a considerable number of ringers, especially in his earlier years, and almost to the time of his death he cared for the bells of the church he loved and served. Ringing owes a great deal to him and people like him who, almost unnoticed, keep things going in remote country villages.

The funeral, attended by local ringers, took place at Griston on September 5th. At the memorial service on September 10th the Vicar, Canon H. E. King, took his text from the parable of the talents: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' He said that Mark Whitmore was indeed a superb example of a faithful and reliable servant; he had never let anyone down and he could always be relied upon in church and parish. His advice was sought by many.

Prior to the memorial service a well struck quarter peal was rung to his memory.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

About 30 members and friends were present at the Eastern District meeting held at Cavendish on September 16th. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Court, Treble Bob and Cambridge.

At the business meeting it was decided to take a collection at all future services for the bell or rope fund of the church visited for the meeting. There was a demand for badges among members, who were also in favour of a District theatre visit after Christmas.

The next meeting will be at Long Stratton and Dickleburgh on December 9th. (Norfolk ladies, book this date—the Eastern District includes you!) Votes of thanks were extended to Canon Barnard, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and to Mr. E. Hotine for playing the organ.

A. E. J. L.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District met at Egham on September 9th, but probably owing to the very short period for ringing before the service, only 23 turned up to the tea and meeting. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. C. Strong.

At the business meeting Mr. J. King reported that the coach booked for the summer festival had been filled, and a number of ringers would also be travelling separately.

Several requests to run another District dinner had been received, but it was felt that the high cost prevented a number of people coming. After some discussion it was agreed to try to run a social evening, with a buffet supper.

Two new members from Egham were elected and six junior members from Chobham. Further ringing after tea, which attracted about 40 ringers, was notable for the fact that not one touch of Grandsire was rung!

R. C.



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### BIRTH

MILLWARD.—To Jean (née Eyre) and Nigel, on September 16th. 1961, a daughter (Susan Anne). 292, Warstones Road, Penn. Wolverhampton. 8927

### ENGAGEMENT

THE engagement is announced (and a marriage will shortly take place) between Ivor Davis, of 'Restormel', 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, and Doris Witt, of 'Little Scarsdale', 18, Brownsea View Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. 8935

### DEATHS

BARLOW.—On September 15th. 1961, whilst on holiday at Morecambe, Herbert Barlow, of Oldham, Lancs. in his 84th year. Interred at Moorside, September 21st. R.I.P. 8949

SANDERSON.—Eric George, of 3, Eastholm, Letchworth, Herts, who passed peacefully away on Saturday, September 23rd. 1961. Beloved father of Jean and associate member of the Hertford County Association. 8942

WERRETT.—In memory of Horace E. Werrett, of 219, Glebe Road, Letchworth, Herts, Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Norton, who passed to higher service on Thursday, September 21st. 1961.—From his many ringing friends in the Northern District. 8940

### PERSONAL

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### MISCELLANEOUS

BACUP. LANC.—From October 1st practice nights for St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup, will be 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays in the month St. Saviour's; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays Christ Church, Bacup.—J. Bracewell 8924

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon. The five bells have been removed from the tower for adjustment and will be increased to six and not available for ringing until about the middle of October. Further notice in due course.—G. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon. 8844

RINGING IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE.—You can now ring J. Martin Thorley, 45, Ruten Row, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincs. on Spalding 2711, and Edwin T. Chapman, 33, Balmoral Avenue, Spalding, on Spalding 2229. 8947

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Any ringers coming up to Sheffield as freshmen are invited to contact the secretary, Denis Pearson, Stephenson Hall, Sheffield 10. 8946

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

### MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Baslow, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. Brightmore, 5, Derwent View, Baslow.—G.R. 8909

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sunderland, Saturday, Sept. 30th. St. Andrew's, 11.15 to 12.30, and 1.30 to 3 o'clock; St. Ignatius', 2.30 to 3.30; Parish Church, 3.30 to 5 o'clock; St. Michael's, 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tea at Bishop Wearmouth 5.15, followed by business and service at 7 o'clock. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 8919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Autumn quarterly meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8905

GUILDFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—September 30th. 1961.—Bells available: Bagshot (8) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Yorktown (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Hawley (8) 11 to 12.30 p.m.; Farnborough (6) 11.30 to 1 p.m.; Pirbright (6) 2 to 3 p.m.; Worplesdon (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Ash (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Seale (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Aldershot (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.; Farnham (8) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Crondall (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Bentley (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Frensham (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.; Grayshott (8) 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Aldershot, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 8858

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Putney on September 30th. Ringing 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., then service. Tea in Vestry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, Putney, S.W.15. 8869

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Turvey, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—Miss K. A. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 8897

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting at Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing: Bottesford (8) 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Harlaxton (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Grantham (10) 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Grantham, at 3 p.m. Dinner at the George Hotel, Grantham, 6.30 for 7 p.m., followed by social evening (licensed). Price 18s. 6d. Last minute decisions to attend ring George Hotel (Grantham 190). —All welcome. 8951

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Woodstock (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Other towers available. Tea reservations to David Smith, Lye Cottage, High Cogges, Witney. 8881

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m. 8928

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 7th, at Bathwick. Usual arrangements, but bells are not available after tea. Towers open will be announced at the meeting. Names for tea please to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick.—Alan Lee, Sec. 8925

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 8892

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Salford Priors, 3 p.m., Saturday, October 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Important business meeting follows (1962 Cathedral Festival proposals). Your support please. Names for tea to Michael C. Homans (captain), 29, School Road, Salford Priors, near Evesham, Worcs. 8957

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Staveley (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 8900

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Important meeting at Dudley on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting to discuss the future of the Guild. Names to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches', 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 8961

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 8943

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silverton (8), October 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by October 4th to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8921

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six Bell Contest, Longwood, October 7th. Bring own tea; cups of tea provided. Ringing to cease by 7.30 p.m.—Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 8873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Ippolyts, Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 4th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8912

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells: Great Chart (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Willesborough (6) 2.30 to 4. Ashford 3.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8934

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, October 7th, at Healey. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Methods for special practice: Beverley, Surfleet and Norwich (all in Ringers' Diary).—Hudson, Sec. 8959

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 8954

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on October 7th at Blackburn, Holy Trinity (3 to 5 p.m.) and St. Michael's (from 6.30 p.m.). Cups of tea in Holy Trinity School at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 8930

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hindley, October 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those sending their names to Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan, by October 4th.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 8964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Swineshead, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. For tea, please notify by Monday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. J. Morris, Dial House, Swineshead, Lincs. 8903

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, October 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckley, Rugby. 8960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ringstead, October 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous please.—L. Whiten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 8963



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Business meeting in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in Bletchley Parish Church 5.30 p.m. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 3s., should be sent to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks, before Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Tickets can be collected from Mr. Edwards at the business meeting. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8915

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchens, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8880

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, October 7th. 3 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 8944

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7th. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. onwards.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Southern District) and **SUSSEX ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Combined meeting at Reigate, Surrey, October 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells after till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by October 5th at 40, Woodside Way, Redhill.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 8952

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Section.—Meeting, Bronllys (6), October 7th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available after meeting. Names for tea by October 4th, to Mr. M. R. Thomas, 7, Wheat Street, Brecon.—M. R. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 8932

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, by Thursday, Oct. 5th, to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, near Beverley, East Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8888

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Castleacre on Wednesday evening, October 11th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 8953

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Evening practice, Thursday, October 12th. 7.30 p.m., Portishead. Members and Friends welcome. 8955

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8945

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 11th, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 8938

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Gt. Gaddesden (6), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 12th, to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 8958

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, October 11th, to Miss Betty Smith, 'The Hollies', Barsby, near Leicester. 8937

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, October 14th. 3 p.m. St. John's, Deptford, 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall. 6.30 to 8 St. Mary's, Lewisham. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 8936

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Lyng on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Collis, Cooks Stores, Lyng, Norwich. NOR 63 X, by the 11th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8889

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Ringing at Hanwell (5) 7 p.m. Names for tea by October 9th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 8939

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting at Shaw and Newbury. 8962

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, October 14th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 8941

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, October 14th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify for tea please by October 11th. G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Ewall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8931

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—General meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea please by Saturday, October 7th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8948

**SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 14th. St. Martin's bells (10) 3.15 p.m. Service at St. Martin's 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church (8). Names for tea to Mr. Frank Oakshott, 'Downsview', Lewins Road, Epsom, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott and M. Andrews, Hon. Secs. 8859

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17th, in the Old Bursary, New College.—A. J. Thomson, Wadham College. 8923

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—General meeting, Saturday, October 21st, at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3. 5.30 p.m. Ringing: Holloway, St. Mary Magdalen (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. (Nearest tube Highbury and Islington.) Afternoon ringing as in circular. Weekly practices 6.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, Hart Street, commence on October 3rd. Freshers of all standards very welcome (Tower Hill underground).—Secretary, Gay Williams, College Hall, Malet Street, W.C.1. 8956

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment will include recital by Great Glen handbell ringers. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned. Latest date for receipt of order Tuesday, October 31st. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8950

# **PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** **FIRST ANNUAL DINNER** **AND DANCE**

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1961  
AT THE TOWN HALL, NORTHAMPTON  
at 7 p.m.

Tickets (12s. 6d.) obtainable (C.W.O.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, before October 7th.

Ringing arrangements: St. Edmund's (8), 4.15 to 5.15 p.m.; Holy Sepulchre (8), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10), 5.30 to 6.40 p.m. 8895

## **MARRIAGE**

### **MR. A. STREETER—MISS F. HANKEY**

Two very popular local ringers, Mr. Alan Streeter, District Master and local tower captain, and Miss Freda Hankey, were married at St. John the Evangelist, Redhill, on September 23rd, the Vicar (the Rev. S. G. Dyer) officiating.

The local band rang the bride in with touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. After the service the Association officers, under the direction of the Master (Mr. F. Darby), rang the newly-weds out with some delightful Stedman Triples.

At the time for Freda and Alan to leave for their honeymoon, members again gathered at St. John's and rang a quarter peal of Bob Major in their honour. Unfortunately there was insufficient time to attempt a peal.

The Surrey Association members and particularly the local band wish them both a long and happy married life.

## **LADIES' GUILD**

### **Kent District's Joint Meeting**

Ringling at Chilham on September 9th was enjoyed not only by the Ladies' Guild and the Canterbury District but also by many tourists, who had attempted the climb to the belfry, although visibly fatigued by the first few steps!

The service was taken by the Rev. Peter Robbins, Vicar of Lower Halstow and a ringer, who gave an excellent sermon. This was followed by a large tea provided by local people.

The Canterbury District had a short meeting and then the men left the ladies to theirs, which was attended by 20. Mrs. W. H. Dobbie was congratulated on her first handbell peal, and the meeting elected two new members. Mrs. Mitchell reported briefly on the annual general meeting at Bedford in July, then all returned to the belfry, where eight members of the Guild rang a course of Cambridge.

Next meeting Rochester, October 21st.  
J. F. B.

## **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** **Newark District**

Whatton-in-the-Vale was chosen as the place for the September meeting, and approximately 40 ringers took part in the ringing on this pleasant six at some time during the afternoon and evening. A variety of Surprise and Treble Bob methods was rung, with plenty of rounds and simpler methods for the less experienced. Tea was served in the Griffin Arms, followed by a very short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. W. Raithby, in the absence of the District chairman. The next meeting, to be held in November, is to be a joint one at Newark, with the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

B. N. R.

## **QUARTER PEALS**

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Sept. 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters: Miss R. J. Marks 1. J. W. Perkins 2, W. H. Riddle (from Manchester, first on ten) 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, F. E. Day 5, A. J. Collings 6, D. F. Wheeler 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, H. F. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and Battle of Britain Sunday.

**SADDLEWORTH, W. YORKS.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Butterworth 1, M. D. Fishwick 2, G. Fothergill 3, J. P. Partington 4, G. Rumney 5, J. Robinson (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar the Rev. R. E. Rodgers.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Pamela M. Jervis 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Linda J. Kew 3, H. J. Eldred 4, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. D. Ward 6, F. R. Scott 7, D. K. Walters 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward 10. Rung for the visit of Mrs. Wilson and H. Eldred (Ealing), and as a farewell to David Ward, leaving to study at Loughborough Teachers' Training College.

**TOTTERNOE, BEDS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Stripp 5, J. Cloughton 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Sinfield 8.



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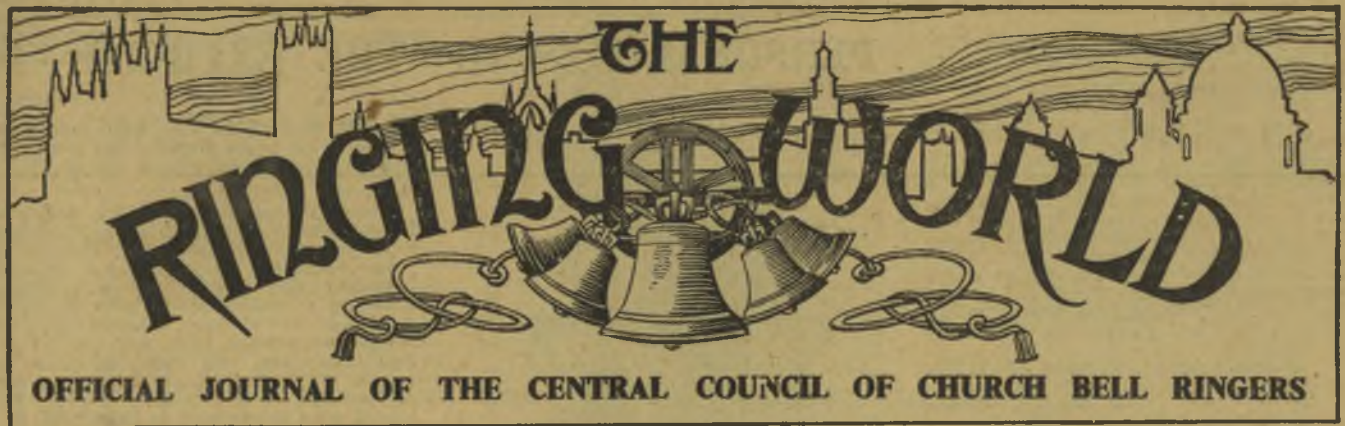
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### A MUCH-PRIZED RING

**T**HIS week we publish a quarter peal of Minimus which we feel sure will be prized as many a peal. It was rung at the Church of St. Mary, Brownsea Island, which, while only four miles from the centre of Bournemouth, lies in Poole Harbour, where the impressive Castle commands the entrance to all shipping.

The late owner, Mrs. Mary Bonham Christie, who died recently at the great age of 96 years, kept the island as a bird sanctuary and quite private during the latter years of her life. All familiar with the Boy Scout Movement know that it was on this island that Lord Baden-Powell founded the Movement.

An approach was made by Alan A. J. Buswell and Arthur V. Davis to Mr. John Christie, the present owner, to see the church, inspect the four bells hanging there and, if possible, to ring them. Permission was given on condition that the ringing was in connection with the Beating of the Bounds ceremony to take place in Poole Harbour on September 2nd.

The bells were found to be in fair order: they were cast in 1856 by John Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, London, with a tenor of 7½ cwt. in C, the four being in a minor key. Evidently it was planned to add a tenor bell, for there is a chiming apparatus in the belfry for five bells.

After tightening of bolts, greasing of bearings and substituting more reliable ropes, the quarter peal was rung in 45 minutes. The bells have a good tone and are hung in two low-sided frames with the bells swinging east to west. The clappers are unusual, being constructed of wood with a metal ball and flight.

The church is a little gem, and upon viewing it through the Gothic windows from the ringing chamber, it is difficult to believe that it has not been used for several years. During the war years the island was garrisoned by an anti-aircraft battery; it is said that the duty of those troops was to divert the enemy's attention from more important targets nearby by lighting flares at different points. Bombing caused much damage; the little church, so much used by soldiers during the war, now has a leaky roof and damp walls which will, unhappily, do much damage unless soon repaired.

On all sides one sees signs of the happy and prosperous days of just over half-a-century ago, when the Squire and his lady occupied the family pew at the west end of the church and the tenantry filled the building, as there was a time when the island had a population of 270

inhabitants. The four bells probably rang in many Christ-masses and New Years—at any rate, there is a fine fireplace in the ringing chamber and signs that the ringers knew how to make themselves comfortable.

Prior to attempting the quarter peal the ringers were shown over the Castle by Mrs. John Christie. It is a handsome building, erected by master craftsmen who loved their work, and is in keeping with the lovely setting.

Regretfully we left the island, grateful to Mr. Christie for the privilege we had enjoyed, and hoping that one day the Church of St. Mary, Brownsea Island, and its bells will be restored to their former glory.

A. A. J. B. and A. V. D.

### AN ENCOURAGEMENT

**T**HE policy of 'The Ringing World' Committee is not to accumulate a substantial profit but to maintain a reasonable balance on each year's working. In accordance with this policy, the Committee decided, as was announced last week, to carry the extra ½d. postage for the next six months and then review the position. This will cost in the neighbourhood of £240.

Had the Committee been minded to play for safety it would not have taken this step. The extra postage was not the only increase which had to be met. Some months back the printers of the journal had given notice of new prices that would operate from the beginning of October. These are equivalent to 10 per cent. of labour costs and in a full year would amount to £375. There was also a review of the Editor's salary.

The aggregate of all these three items is below the profit made last year. The Committee are hopeful that the flow of income from all sources will be maintained. So far this year signs are encouraging. The sale of the journal is in advance of the corresponding week last year, and ringers have shown their practical interest in production costs by supporting the Gratefully Acknowledged column.

The Editorial Committee feel that their action in meeting the postage increase will not only be appreciated by our regular subscribers but will result in attracting new readers. Many of our towers are well filled with young ringers; it is our hope that they will be persuaded as their efficiency advances to join the world-wide family of ringers by becoming regular readers and subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' They have to carry the torch to the next generation and should be reminded of their particular responsibility. This is an appropriate week to join—the first issue of a new quarter. Subscription rates are advertised on the centre page next to Belfry Gossip.



## TWERTON'S 100th PEAL

In this issue we record the 100th peal rung at Twerton-on-Avon. It had been hoped to have an all local band peal, but Jim Jefferies, who works at Southampton, was involved in a crash while riding his motor cycle.

Twerton ringers are most grateful to Cedric Brown, of Corston, for standing in at a moment's notice. The band was truly representative of the church's life and included the P.C.C. secretary, two choristers, two sidesmen, the organist and choirmaster, the youth club treasurer, the vergier, the crucifer and a Sunday school teacher.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples in 1888 and ringing has been fairly even since then.

An analysis shows 60 peals of Triples (Grandsire 43, Stedman 14 and Plain Bob 3) and 40 of Major (Plain Bob 23, Double Norwich 5, Kent T.B. 3, Cambridge Surprise 3, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Grandsire 1, Superlative Surprise 1, Rutland Surprise 1, 4 methods Spliced Surprise 2).

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH Southampton District

At the autumn meeting held at Bishopstoke on September 16th four teams entered for the Alliston Striking Cup. The judges—Messrs. Forder, House and Marshall—placed St. Michael's, Southampton, first, followed by Bishopstoke, Romsey and Eling. The method was Grandsire and all except Bishopstoke rang Doubles. Southampton will represent the District in the final in October.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Rose), with Mr. R. C. Kippin as organist. Tea in the Rectory was prepared by Mrs. Chapman and helpers. This was free, but a collection for the Roof Fund realised £2 17s. 6d. At the short business meeting nine new members were elected from Upham.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

September 2nd was a really warm day when the Guild met at Kirkburton and people found it a little too hot in the small ringing room. A break was made for tea and the business meeting followed. Unfortunately the annual meeting cannot be held at Halifax and it was agreed to try for Ripponden, with Northowram as an alternative. The meeting decided to send a letter of welcome to the new Archdeacon of Halifax, the Ven. Lister.

Ringing was resumed and more and more people arrived. We hope our next meeting at Queensbury on November 11th will be equally well attended. D. S.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 2nd, 1931.—  
The Painswick 'Peal' Tablet unveiled.

A 'Peal' of 20,000 rounds contemplated. Volunteer wanted to count the rows to ensure the TRUTH of the peal.

Mr. M. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, called his hundredth different composition of Stedman Triples.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 29th, 1911.—  
LADIES IN THE BELFRY (correspondence)

To the Editor, Sir.—Having read 'E. J. B.'s' letter on 'Lady Ringers,' I think that the Vicar is in the right, and the ringers are wrong (not because he is a Vicar, that makes no difference), but because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground floor are part of the church, but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower, where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church, it is all nonsense.

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
2. They will be given all the privileges, while gentlemen ringers will have to take a 'back seat' and look on.
3. They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said: 'Cause all the trouble.'—Arthur Cox.

# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—40



MR. DENIS A. BAYLES,

Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association.

One of the leading ringers in the North of England is the hard working general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. Denis Alan Bayles, of Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, though he is an East Anglian by upbringing, a part of the country which has provided so many fine ringers, who have eventually 'emigrated.' He is particularly keen on the teaching aspect of ringing, and has some decided views on this subject. He considers that the average recruit can be given both strokes before the end of his first night in the belfry, and is prepared to demonstrate this at his own tower. He believes wholeheartedly in giving recruits encouragement, and his learners are urged to attend on Sundays and participate in the ringing as soon as they can ring rounds.

Denis was born in Derby on January 18th, 1922, but his family moved to Acle, Norfolk, in 1929. He was educated at Great Yarmouth Grammar School, and when the school was evacuated to Retford, Notts, in June, 1940, he was due to take his higher school certificate a week or two later. To crown it all he ran a temperature of 102 degrees in the middle of the examination, and took several of the papers in bed! Nevertheless he gained a Norfolk Major Scholarship to Imperial College, London, to study chemistry, graduating with second class honours, and eventually gaining the Associateship of the Royal College of Science and the Associateship of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

When Acle, Norfolk, bells were rededicated after restoration on September 6th, 1933, Denis was a server and in the choir, and the ground floor ringing chamber roused his interest. In 1935 (aged 13) he began to learn the art, his instructor being the late John R. Wilkinson, the local captain. Once he had mastered Bob Minor he began to go further afield, and was greatly encouraged and assisted by Billy Barber, of Reedham. During term time he also gained experience on the higher numbers at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. On June 27th, 1936, Denis was setting out with a party for a quiet day on the river, but just as they were about to start Billy de Ville, of Halvergate, came along and asked him to deputise for someone in a peal at Halvergate, so he rang the treble to three methods of Minor for his first, conducted by R. H. Hewitt, of Gateshead. He soon developed an interest in conducting, and eventually became conductor at Acle. Denis' first peal as conductor was four methods of Minor at Acle on Easter Sunday, 1938, and

although most of the local band rang a peal, including his sister, Brenda, they were never able to attempt one with a completely local band.

When the war ban on Sunday ringing was lifted from Easter, 1943, Denis had transferred to a post at Washington, Co. Durham, and soon established contact with Newcastle Cathedral and Chester-le-Street, eventually becoming a member at the latter tower. He continued to practise regularly with the Newcastle Cathedral band, and learnt a great deal from them. He wishes he could have known W. H. Barber and his contemporaries at the height of their powers. In 1946 Denis moved to an appointment in St. Albans, Herts, and soon joined the Cathedral band there. He greatly enjoyed the practices, which lasted from 7.30-9.30 p.m., and he also attended the weekly practices at St. Peter's, and travelled to Bushey every Thursday, where he gained valuable experience from Harold Cashmore and his colleagues. He was privileged to ring several peals in Herts.

In 1947 Denis married Margaret Elliot at Chester-le-Street, and early in 1948 he returned to Tyneside as chemist to the Bushing Company, Hebburn, a subsidiary of A. Reynolds and Co. Ltd. He rejoined the Chester-le-Street band, becoming Ringing Master, and also attended the weekly practices at Newcastle Cathedral. At this time there was a resurgence of peal ringing, and Denis took part in a number of peals where new ground was broken, or where methods such as Cambridge Royal were rung again after a long interval. In 1949 he became a College Youth, and took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques for the Ancient Society. Denis has been general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1951, and a Central Council representative since 1959. This has involved some organising which he quite enjoys, and three notable functions with which he has been connected stand out in his memory. These are the Central Council meeting at Newcastle in 1954, the 80th anniversary dinner of the Association in 1957, and the University of London tour of Northumberland and Durham in 1959. In all this work, Denis has been ably supported by his wife, particularly where catering has been concerned. He was overjoyed when she learnt to ring a few years ago, but she is loath to demonstrate this outside her own tower.

Since August, 1956, Denis has been a lecturer in organic chemistry at the Rutherford College of Technology, Newcastle. This job has proved more satisfying, as it has enabled him to extend his interest in teaching, which had previously been confined to ringing. One consequence of longer holidays has been that he has been able to spare time to join one or two London University tours, of which he is almost a founder member.

Denis' peal total, including one on hand-bells, stands at just over 260, of which he has conducted 153. These range from Doubles to Maximus, with a fair variety of methods, including the first peal of Albanian Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1947, which he composed, and he has conducted a number of peals of London. He has called very few compositions more than once, his list does not include any 'stunts,' and he has yet to 'complete a circle.' It has always seemed to him more important to produce the best results, and he has been content to ring where he felt that he could make the best contribution to the band, and this has resulted in a preponderance on the heavier end. Denis is very proud of the fact that, since 1935, he has rung for an average of 100 services per year, apart from the war-time ban, along with the fact that he has never really worn the 'unattached' label.

In his quiet way, Denis has set an example of what a good Association man should be like—a regular Sunday service ringer, an enthusiastic instructor, with an ability to take his place with the best in a peal band. Such conscientious devotion to duty makes Denis Bayles one of the natural leaders of the Exercise. APACE.



## BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN ESSEX

FOR their fourth annual 'ringing holiday,' the older members of Bristol University Society continued their traditional anti-clockwise movement around the country and visited Essex. The party comprised: Brenda and Michael Sprackling, Bridget and David Heighton, Mary and Patrick Bird, Barbara Stephens, Jane Tuffin, Judy Atkinson, Roy Blackler, Wilf Searrot and Brian Wylde. The growing number of married couples seems in keeping with the present trend at Bristol! As usual the tour was designed for cycling, but this year we had two cars for the aged and unfit. Everyone took their turn on the bikes, but it seems that after this year we shall bid farewell to the cycle tour of our University days and succumb to the comforts of motor-ing and hotels.

Traditionally we chose the best week of the summer and from the movement we met at Wendens Ambo on August 27th the sun shone from the cloudless blue sky. At the parish church we found a pleasant ring of six. They are not rung often and the Vicar was pleased with our help, not only in ringing for Even-song, but also for providing David as an organist and forming three-quarters of the congregation. Saffron Walden provided our base for the next three days and the youth hostel and hotel were within convenient waving distance of one another.

On Monday we set off in high spirits and lovely weather. Ickleton (quite a nice eight) provided a fine beginning, and Duxford (6) were also enjoyed. At Whittlesford (6) a small door in the ringing chamber gave access to the roof and attentions were divided between sunbathing and ringing. At Sawston we managed Sawston Imperial and afterwards enjoyed lunch in the sun on the lawn of a nearby hostelry.

Both Stapleford (6) and Shelford (5) were pleasant rings, as was Harston (6), where a local ringer thought we were 'going to ring for three hours—you can carry on if you like!' At Foxton (5) we were invited to inspect the bells and found them loose on both headstocks and wheels, consequently they were rather difficult to manage. The day's programme ended with 'a cuppa at Foxton Vicarage,' but the Vicar treated us to such a gigantic and satisfying meal that we left Foxton late in the evening with full stomachs and happy memories.

### SWAY RATHER FRIGHTENING

Elmdon (6) was the first tower on Tuesday. The girls didn't stay long, finding the tower sway rather frightening. With cracks in the walls showing definite movement and rather poor bells we were all glad to move on to Chrishall, a nice light six. Great Chishill's five were hard going on their plain bearings, but it appears that they are quite easy after 60 years' experience! At Barley (6) we rang Ipswich and then found a good eight at Barkway.

Anstey's are not the best of sixes, but the women managed to struggle through Bob Doubles. The men decided to show them how by ringing 'Sixty on Thirds,' but due to the close hand-stroke leads they had successfully lowered the bells by the half-way point! In the ensuing rise the treble rope broke and the girls certainly had the last laugh! At Clavering (6) the entrance to the ringing chamber via caged steps was interesting, but the bells were none too easy. By the time we reached Arkesden we were tired and enthusiasm for finding keys had waned. The belfry door was locked, so we made our made home a little earlier.

Wednesday was our 'easy' day and after a good ring at Newport (6) we had time for



Kilifi Memorial Church, Kenya, where it is proposed to hang a ring of six. The appeal of Mr. W. F. P. Kelly for assistance towards meeting the cost of the bells—estimated at £3,200—appeared in our issue of July 28th (page 511). Donations to Mrs. Kelly, secretary/treasurer, Kilifi Church, P.O. Box 29, Kilifi, Kenya.

coffee. Manuden (5) had knotty ropes, but was otherwise quite good, while Stansted has a picturesque tower, but the eight bells are odd struck. Great Easton's six are very nice and refreshments offered by a local lady were welcomed. At Great Dunmow we had a short but good ring on the delightful eight before making for our various places of accommodation. The cyclists were ferried in by car and Jane Cook joined us for the evening at 'The Saracen's Head,' where we had a most enjoyable 'Summer Dinner and Reunion.'

Thursday was another busy day but we got off to a poor start at High Easter (6), where the tenor clapper was missing, but Great Waltham (8) made up for our disappointment and here the ringing was quite good. At Little Waltham (6) we rang half-muffled before making our way to Broomfield's circular tower, where we enjoyed a good six. After lunch at Great Baddow (8), we didn't do justice to the bells, but at Sandon (6) Waltham Delight was rung a little late in the day. Danbury (6) meant a long uphill climb for the cyclists, but both the view and the bells were much appreciated. Maldon's triangular tower was disappointing, but nevertheless the ring of eight was enjoyed and with help a fair course of Cambridge was rung.

By Friday the party had started to thin out, but we started well at Goldhanger (8), although the second slipped wheel twice—apparently for the first time in its history! At Tollesbury the Rector rang with us on the nice little six, and the Rector was again a ringer at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6), but here we found the bells rather noisy and out of tune. S.L.H. 118 was mis-navigated, not for the first time, on the way to Inworth's (5) brick tower. The excellent lunch time 'refreshment' stood us in good stead at both Feering (8) and Kelvedon (6), but Witham's Chipping Hill were a beautiful eight. Great Totham (6) proved difficult to find, but well worth it both for the ringing and the organ. A memorable week was brought to an end by singing the Magnificat, accompanied by David.

Memories of such a wonderful week are many, but 'The West' were thoroughly beaten at 'arrows' for the first time ever, and the battle of the sexes was also prominent this year. It is hard to decide who won the rounds in ringing, driving and navigation, but it will suffice to say that the lads preferred the comparative safety of bicycles or the sports car, while the girls were in charge of the saloon! We must all thank Michael for his tireless and excellent effort in organisation, and also all the incumbents and ringers who gave us such a welcome.

P. J. B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## POINTS FROM PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's articles are interesting and he has tabulated a mass of information, which can be of great use to those who seek details of peals rung in their own particular town or tower. I am sometimes asked how many peals have been rung on a certain ring of bells, but who can supply the answer more quickly and correctly than Mr. Felstead?

Recently the Vicar of Chertsey, who is a ringer, mentioned to me about bygone peals on the bells and the fact that no summary or record is to be found on the walls of the tower or anywhere. During the period 1905-1919 I took part in five peals there, but there have been peals by many bands before and after those dates. The local press and the U.D. Council librarian are also interested, and in order to record church bell history fully I would very much like to obtain details of peals other than the five already mentioned, so that a true record can be available in some complete form.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—In an editorial 'The Rotherham Advertiser' calls attention to the Noise Abatement Society, which advocates among other things that church bell ringing should be restricted to a few minutes before each service and that bell ringing practice should be carried out with mufflers on the bells.

'Do-good' societies, whose members are filled with a burning zeal, continues the editorial, 'are always in danger of developing "crankism" and the Noise Abatement Society appears to be veering that way.'

To meet such possible onslaughts ringers and church authorities everywhere would be well advised to be sure that their house is in order by taking proper measures for sound control, ensuring that a good standard of striking is maintained and that the hours and duration of ringing are reasonable.

If possible rings of bells which are particularly tuneless should be improved and ringing unconnected with local and church affairs at times likely to provide antagonism from tradespeople and commercial offices, etc., avoided.

Once our house is in order, we must then rigorously resist any attack on the church's privilege with respect to the ringing of church bells—particularly on Sundays, local practices and practice meetings.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

## EXPLANATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Would 'J.D.R.', author of the article on the Herefordshire tour, be good enough to explain the final note to his article.

I assume that anything printed in 'The Ringing World' is intended for the general consumption of the Exercise, but I can't, for the life of me, understand that note.—Yours faithfully,

R. TINGLEY.

Harborne, Birmingham.

## 'LITTLE TREBLE BOB'

Dear Sir,—While experimenting with Treble Bob methods I arrived at a 'Little' Treble Bob course.

	1 2 3 4 5 6
Plain Course:—	2 1 3 4 6 5
(by backstroke treble leads)—	1 2 4 3 5 6
2 3 4 5 6	2 1 4 3 6 5
	2 4 1 6 3 5
5 2 3 6 4	4 2 6 1 5 3
6 5 2 4 3	4 2 1 6 3 5
4 6 5 3 2	2 4 6 1 5 3
3 4 6 2 5	2 6 4 1 3 5
2 3 4 5 6	6 2 1 4 5 3
	6 2 4 1 3 5
	2 6 1 4 5 3
	2 1 6 5 4 3
	1 2 6 5 3 4
	2 1 5 6 4 3
	1 2 5 6 3 4
	1 5 2 3 6 4

Bobs.—Kent T.B. Bobs;  
(No singles.)

Maximum number of changes possible in this method is 480.

Calling for a '480':—

2 3 4 5 6
3 4 2 5 6 4
4 2 3 5 6 4
5 4 6 3 2 1
P.L. 3 5 4 2 6 1

(twice repeated).

This may possibly interest some T.B. ringers.  
—Yours sincerely,

DAVID G. SMITH.

Mereworth, Kent.

## THE EDITOR—THE LOCUM—HOLIDAYS

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that all readers of 'The Ringing World' were delighted to learn that we have a ringer in our midst capable of being a 'locum,' and I am also certain that they were equally delighted to know that because of this 'our Editor' was able to go on holiday, knowing that the editorial chair was well and truly filled.

To our 'locum' I would like to offer congratulations on the two editions which he edited. I am sure the Editor returned to his chair feeling much refreshed and quite free of complaints from readers.

I noticed in the last edition that some kind friend mentioned my holiday in 'Belfry Gossip.' Whoever it was I would like to say 'Thank you,' and would also like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those who helped to make my holiday so enjoyable.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

## NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir.—Mr. Barnett's letter in a recent issue is interesting.

For a long time, I have thought that if those who ring were given equal status with those who sing, it might be a little less difficult to keep the bells going twice on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,

KITTY WILLERS.

Trumpington, Cambridge.

## NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir,—It is quite true, as Mr. Barnett states, that no mention was made of the ringers in the Bidding Prayer at the enthronement of Dr. Coggan. After mentioning the clergy, the prayer continued, 'Pray we also for the lay readers, churchwardens, church councillors and all who bear office and serve diligently, both men and women in our parishes and religious houses.'

I would like to think that we ringers were included in 'all who bear office and serve diligently.'

Presumably there would be a similar bidding prayer at the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury! Was any mention made of ringers on that occasion?—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, Yorks.

## FILM ON BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have had several responses to my letter asking for suggestions re the above and further contributions are welcome.

With the possibility of agitation against church bells a suitable film on bell ringing can be of great value in educating uninformed people about bells and bell ringing in all its aspects.

Since such a film or another film might include a section likely to interest possible recruits, I should be grateful if readers interested would send to me or to the editor for publication, an imaginary narrative, with fictitious characters, relating the experiences of two or more recruits progressing from learning to handle a bell to perhaps ringing their first peal.

This narrative should facilitate the film to bring out the various processes of learning and instruction, in a suitable manner. Perhaps someone might volunteer a prize for the best effort.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,  
Rotherham.

## Sawley, Derbyshire

On August 19th the Sawley bellringers held their annual outing and rang at four Derbyshire towers. The first was Edensor (6), in Chatsworth Park, the bells of which have not been rung regularly for eight years. Next came the only eight of the day, at Fairfield, followed by the six at Burbage a short distance away. The last was Chelmorton, where a fifth bell was added last year. We would like to thank all who gave permission to ring, and those ringers who joined us during the afternoon. J. H.

OXFORD.—On Aug. 23rd, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela M. Buckle 1, Catherine M. Chapman 2, Elizabeth A. Miller (first Minor) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5, R. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew. Also on Sept. 17th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Ivings 1, P. J. Heritage (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday Evensong. Also on Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley, 1,320 Minor (600 Spliced Plain and Little Bob, and 720 Plain Bob): J. M. Swift 1, P. J. Heritage 2, A. Gammon 3, S. D. Edwards 4, D. A. H. Bennett 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to all the pilots who lost their lives defending our country, during the Battle of Britain.

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## MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

THE party assembled on the evening of Friday, August 25th, at 'The George' Hotel, Crewkerne, and before very long the choir was practising the songs that were to become so popular later in the week, in fairly successful opposition to a dance band.

Our first peal attempt was at Crewkerne, where it was discovered that one of the ropes was unpealable. We were treated to a masterly demonstration of how new ropes are put on by leading bell hangers (it is, apparently, professional etiquette to start with the **wrong** end), but after that a peal of Yorkshire was scored without mishap.

After Peter Border had shown us what cider was for, we had a rather hurried journey to Cullompton. Ralph Edwards joined us here, and London Royal was the method called for. Two fire-outs and twenty minutes later the band decided to ring Cambridge instead, and a good peal was the result.

It was through the gathering darkness that most of the band made their way to 'The Bell' Hotel at Barnstaple, where we stayed for three nights. Here we found Jack Phillips firmly entrenched on his native soil, and all proceeded merrily until it was realised, towards midnight, that one carload was still missing. The police were phoned, but it appeared that the absentees had not yet been gaoled. They finally turned up in the small hours, happy and unrepentant, cheerfully explaining that the beer in Cullompton was so good that they didn't like to leave any behind.

### A GOOD PEAL

On Sunday, we had the morning off. After lunch, we went to Braunton, which claims to be the biggest village in the country, and where the carved oak pews are absolutely marvellous. Here some of the party spent the hot afternoon ringing a peal of Lincolnshire, which was very well rung, while the non-pealers visited Ilfracombe. They were kindly invited by Derek Jewell to have a ring at Combe Martin.

The scenery between Ilfracombe and Combe Martin is magnificent, as is the tower of Combe Martin Church. It is said that this village has the longest main street in the country. Pealers and non-pealers met up back in Ilfracombe for tea, which had been arranged for us by Jack Phillips, and after tea we visited a place which claimed to be—yes, you've guessed it—the oldest pub. Soon we were ordered to stop playing darts and go and ring, which we did at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe.

Monday morning was one of the highlights of the week, for we rang a peal of Rutland on the fine bells of Pilton. This tower has a long tradition of call change ringing, and the walls are adorned with certificates won at striking competitions—so the band knew they had to be on their mettle, as the striking would be listened to very critically by the local ringers. Here we had our first experience of the West Country tail-end, which is spliced back into the rope and therefore cannot be adjusted. This was overcome by tying knots in the tail-ends, and the band did not disgrace themselves with their striking. There had only been one peal on the bells before, in 1922, called by J. W. Washbrook.

Another even rarer peal tower was visited in the afternoon—Great Torrington. It is believed that the only previous peal here was rung in 1906. The tail-ends again caused trouble here, and the captain of the local band was rather chary about allowing knots to be tied in the ropes, but all these difficulties were somehow overcome, and, after a false start, a first rate peal of Bristol was rung. Some of the non-pealers went bathing at Westward Ho! Meanwhile, a representative of 'The North Devon Journal and Herald' arrived, and took in practically everything we told him without a murmur. For some curious reason, he was specially anxious to delve into Jack Phillips' murky past.

### A SARTORIAL LAPSE

I regret to say that an eminent scientist, commonly known as 'lechy-da,' considerably let down the dignity of our party by appearing in a saloon bar in Torrington after the peal

with his shirt tails hanging out. The senior bell hanger was particularly put out at this sartorial lapse. We all went to Bideford in the evening to ring for a short time, and then returned over the 23-arched mediæval bridge to Barnstaple. Derek Jewell had an argument with the police on the way back, but otherwise all was well. The day was completed by a spirited rendering of Dr. Edwards' well known song, 'At the name of Wilfred.'

On Tuesday morning the party converged on Tawstock Church, which is set in breathtakingly beautiful surroundings. The entrance to the central tower is quite unusual, but was safely negotiated by the peal band, who got down to ringing London without any fuss. Inside the church is the old ringers' jug, which bears the inscription, '1812. Success to ye hearty ringers of Tawstock. The youngest ringers shall carry the jug.' The non-pealers soon found out why the youngest ringers had been selected. Tawstock has no inn, and although Bishop's Tawton is only a short distance away across the river, the nearest way to it is close on three miles. As the old song has it:

'Why weep ye by the tide, poor Will?

Why look so pale and thin?

'Alas, good sir,' poor Will replied,

'I cannot get across the tide

To reach the nearest inn;

As for the rest, beyond a doubt,

The reason why I'm pale and thin,

Is that I can't get Stout.'

The junior bell hanger and your correspondent left William weeping by the tide, and undertook the hazardous journey round by the bridge. They finished refreshing themselves just in time to hear the peal come to a sudden end: the seventh clapper had broken when there were only five courses to ring. So they walked briskly back, and were duly picked up.

### IN CORNWALL

We then headed for the English/Cornish border, and called in at Clawton on the way to see Rev. J. G. M. Scott. On arriving at Launceston, half the band found that they had been sent to the wrong tower, and had to be rescued, but eventually Pudsey got under way, and despite a number of missed dodges and the sudden appearance of the Vicar holding up a note to say we must finish by 7.30, it was duly rung. After this the band were pleased to be invited by Wilfred Boucher to have a ring at St. Mary's, Launceston, and eventually, after a call at 'The Hole in the Wall' at Bodmin, where Giles Galley and your correspondent were able to revive happy memories of their soldiering days. Truro and 'The Royal' Hotel were reached at a late hour. The choir got going here again, and the health of an eminent churchman was drunk for the third and last time.

On Wednesday morning we went to Carbis Bay, where we were welcomed by Rev. A. S. Roberts. They have just begun work here on the foundations of the new nave. A fast peal of Pudsey Royal was rung, while the non-pealers swam in the sea, and then we were all given an excellent lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, for which we were extremely grateful. We then went on to the tiny church of Towedack, which is in the middle of nowhere particular. The start of the peal was delayed here by a funeral, but eventually the band got going with a peal of Cambridge, which was rung without incident. Meanwhile, the non-pealers completed the alphabet by ringing at Zennor, before going on to Penzance. We should have rung at Penzance, but by the time people had finished eating and drinking, it was too late, as there was a service. So we did some more eating and drinking, and then went back to Truro, where the choir was again in good voice.

### A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

The peal of Superlative in the 'quaint old Cornish town' of Helston on Thursday morning would no doubt have been better if some of the band had gone to bed earlier the previous evening. In the afternoon came the

chief tower of the week, Truro Cathedral. The bells here are difficult to hear inside the tower and do not go as well as they used to, but in spite of this some magnificent Yorkshire Royal was being rung on them when, with only four courses to go, the clapper of the 2nd fell out. This was a great disappointment. It was not until late in the evening, after we had joined the Kenwyn ringers at their practice, that all the members had sufficiently recovered from their disappointment to take part in yet another choir practice.

There was another failure on Friday morning, when Spiced Surprise at Kenwyn was lost fairly early on, due to a rope coming untucked. In the meantime, the junior bell hanger, with local labour, replaced the clapper at Truro. 'It was a joy to watch,' said an eye witness afterwards. 'Mr. Bailey is obviously a real craftsman who loves his job. There was no hurry in his work, nothing slapdash—everything very calm, methodical and un rushed.'

We then journeyed through glorious scenery to Plymouth, where we were met by Tom Myers, and where the magnificent ten at St. Andrew's were soon set going to Yorkshire Royal, which was successfully rung. A rather misty journey brought us to 'The Queen's' Hotel at Exeter, our last resting place. When we got back to the hotel, we found our attempts at conversation considerably damped by the presence of the ubiquitous television, so there was nothing for it but to go to bed.

### TWO FAILURES

It is sad to have to record two failures on our last day, 'yet I state but the facts.' Woodbury was the morning tower, where the hanging of the bells came in for much critical appraisal. Rutland was attempted here, and after a false start it settled down quite well, but was marred by the presence of 'Mr. Bob,' and was called round after 2.432 changes. Meanwhile, the senior bell hanger and 'lechy-da' renewed old acquaintances in the neighbourhood.

In the afternoon at Ottery St. Mary we were again delayed by a funeral, and we were here joined by Ralph Edwards—no suggestion of any connection is intended. These beautiful bells are rung from the ground floor of a very fine church, said to be modelled on Exeter Cathedral, and the presence of a lot of visitors was disturbing to the band, who were ringing London—so much so, that the peal eventually 'went up the spout' quite suddenly, after some good ringing.

In the 'Handle Bar' of a nearby inn afterwards various ringers tried their hands at skittles, and then most of us called in at a meeting at Clyst Honiton on our way back to Exeter. Back in the hotel, we met many of Tom Lock's party, who were just starting on their tour, and the lounge was much livelier than on the previous night. On Sunday morning we all went home.

I am sure I speak for all the party when I say, 'Thank you very much, Wilfred, for making all the arrangements for such a wonderfully enjoyable week.' We are also all very grateful to Derek Jewell and Douglas Burnett for their share in the arrangements, and to all others who helped to make this a really memorable tour. W.T.C.

Mr. W. Hibbert and Mr. Frank White have been on holiday in Cornwall, staying with Charlie Sangwin. Just before leaving Bill Hibbert mentioned that he was in a peal attempt of Stedman Cinques the following day. As quick as lightning John Sangwin replied: 'Good job we've rung a brave bit of Stedman this fortnight—will give confidence.'

Four members of the South West Branch of the Devonshire Guild had a memorable day on September 24th when they were able to ring in three Somerset towers—Shepton Beauchamp for morning service, then in the afternoon Grandshire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal at Wells Cathedral and finally South Petherton for evening service. To those who made the arrangements and assisted in the ringing 'W.G.L.' expresses the thanks of the party.



## THEY RANG FOR THEIR OWN WEDDING



**MR.** Trevor Allen Bevis, whose writings on Churches in the Fenland and other areas are well known to our readers, was married at St. Wendreda's Church, March, on September 23rd to Miss June Elizabeth Peel, of March.

Mr. Bevis who is tower-keeper and secretary, has been ringing at St. Wendreda's for 17 years. He taught Miss Peel to ring six years ago. The bridegroom is a member of the staff of 'The Cambridgeshire Times,' and the bride is employed by Barclays Bank Ltd.

Five bridesmaids attended the bride and

the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Turnbull. Immediately after signing the register the happy couple joined their fellow ringers and took part in the ringing of their own wedding bells.

During the afternoon a team of ringers representing the Ely Diocesan Association commenced a peal on the bells and the newly weds departed on their honeymoon, spent in London and the Isle of Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevis will make their home at 'Trevune,' Burrowmoor Road, March.

[Photo: M. G. Tuckett, Chatteris.]

### QUARTER PEALS

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Boucher (first quarter) 1, G. Wheeler (first quarter) 2, M. Penney 3, Miss S. Little (first 'inside') 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, Miss R. Roworth 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. L. Parker. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Penney (first of Caters) 1, R. J. Drewett (first of Caters 'inside') 2, Miss M. Wright 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, Dr. G. Roworth 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's Basilica 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graeme A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, John C. Sheehy 4, William D. Watson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, James F. Hammond 6. Pre-wedding compliment to Jim Hammond and Betty McGrath and John Killick and Joan Payne. Also on Sept. 24th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,280 Spliced Minor (Perivale Alliance and Little Bob): J. C. Sheehy 1, G. A. J. Langshaw 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, J. J. Cummings 4, T. W. Goodyear (cond.) 5, W. D. Watson 6. First in method in Australia at first attempt.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Bull 1, P. Roynon 2, A. Bull (first 'inside') 3, L. Hawkins (first of Triples) 4, E. E. Norris 5, B. D. Price 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Harvest Festival, and for the silver wedding of ringer of tenor.

**WEARE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): J. Brinson 1, A. J. Peters 2, Ann White 3, H. Spencer 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, A. Hooper 6. For Harvest Festival.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, L. Wright 4, C. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. H. S. Godwin as Rector of West Stow and Culford.

**WINTHORPE, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. W. Reed 1, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Chilton (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Miss E. Rose 4, C. F. Briggs 5, C. W. Reed 6.

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## HALF PEAL

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sept. 16th, 2,520 Oxford T.B. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: J. Stockbridge 1, T. Phillimore 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, B. Luck 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Lawler, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

**BARNET, HERTS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. W. Poolman 1, M. J. Soper 2, A. Price 3, T. Pink 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. V. D. Poolman, mother of the conductor, who died on September 13th.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Monroe 1, D. Ellidson 2, A. Metters 3, J. E. Burles 4, H. Barnes 5, G. Richins (first 'inside') 6, J. Bagnall 7, A. W. Brooks-bank 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**BOURTON, DORSET.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. D. Munday (first in method) 1, H. J. Ralph 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, Rev. R. N. Long-ridge (first quarter) 4, J. J. Gray 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Arranged to enable the Rev. R. N. Long-ridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and secretary of the North Dorset Branch, to ring his first quarter in the tower of his own parish.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Gillian M. Hussey 1, Rosemary E. Smith 2, Kathleen M. Exell 3, Peggy Dando 4, Mary Powell (first in method) 5, Monica Horsman 6, Hilda M. Kingcott 7, Elizabeth A. G. Bowden (first at cond.) 8.

**BROWNEA, POOLE, DORSET.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Moggs (first of Minimus) 1, Judith Harding 2, R. Robertson 3, A. Buswell 4. First on four bells for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the ceremony of Beating the Bounds of Poole Harbour.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**—On July 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. F. Clayton 1, P. M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, S. B. Schofield 4, J. M. Dixon 5, P. Wheatley 6, F. A. Munday 7, R. J. Lumley (cond.) 8. Rung following the wedding of Roger and Kathleen Waddington, both members of the local company.

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy M. Butcher 1, Betty M. Butler 2, A. W. Fuller 3, D. Slater 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A welcome to Martin Nicholas: John, son of ringer of 4th and Mrs. Slater, born September 11th.

**DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Hilary M. Johnson 1, Gillian Tavener 2, D. J. Marshall 3, H. M. Johnson 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, P. I. Chapman 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

**DRONFIELD, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. W. Sykes 1, K. R. Goodall 2, Catherine Bradley 3, Jennifer R. Brown 4, R. Bradbury 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6.

**EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Irene Ellsmore 1, E. Smith 2, E. Chillingford 3, C. Lewis 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, W. Morgan (first quarter) 6.

**EASTCHURCH, KENT.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hayward 1, Judith White 2, Marion Wash 3, H. Gardner 4, T. Wickins 5, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3.

**EDINGTON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Banks 1, D. Humphries 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, R. Lovelock 4, P. Gaisford 5, M. Wilmott 6.

**ELING, HANTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. R. Cope (first quarter) 1, Ronda Purkess 2, Mavis Coffin 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, P. R. Parsons 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ELSTREE, HERTS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.): J. D. Chamberlain 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, Miss C. Bland 3, Miss J. Bunyan 4, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 5, Miss C. M. Rimmer 6. First of Treble Bob and in two methods for 1 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples (Holt's Original): Mrs. E. J. Coode 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, G. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, P. Clarke 4, E. J. Coode 5, J. Sims 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong, and Battle of Britain Commemoration.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. N. Murgatroyd 2, D. P. Treble 3, V. W. Cox 4, P. J. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Harvest Festival, also a farewell to P. N. Murgatroyd, on going up to Bristol University.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Rivers (first quarter 1, Nicholai Stroud (first 'inside') 2, Katy Collard (first 'inside') 3, D. Debenham (first 'inside') 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, J. Hagley 6, P. G. Stroud 7, H. Jones 8. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band and first quarter by an all Godalming band. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Hudson 1, Miss R. Millham 2, C. Cooper 3, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4, J. Brandon 5, H. Carter 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Roast (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also as a 79th birthday compliment to Dr Spencer-Phillips, and as a farewell to C. Cooper, who is leaving the district.

**GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, A. Jackson 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**GRISTON, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. G. Banham 1, W. M. Mann 2, E. R. Shingfield 3, R. C. Button 4, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 5. For a memorial service to Mark Whitmore, for nearly 40 years churchwarden and a ringer at this tower.

**HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, W. J. Nurcombe (first on five) 2, G. Sparks 3, J. J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bond 1, H. Gates 2, Miss D. Kench 3, Miss S. Williams 4, G. Rees 5, A. Kench (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, R. W. Rex 4, J. W. Hibbert 5, J. H. Napper 6, G. K. Dodd (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B. and 720 Spliced Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Mills 1, C. Froggott and S. Meredith 2, B. Mills and R. Blackshaw 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): J. Nibbs (first quarter) 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Humphries 3, D. Stillman 4, R. Purnell 5, D. Nibbs 6. Conducted by R. Purnell and R. Humphries. First quarter in six methods for all the band.

**LEEK, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,380 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Dowel (cond.) 1, G. Wilkinson 2, Miss V. Gould 3, Miss M. Haycock 4, Rev. B. Peel 5, M. Vass 6. First quarter 3 and 4. For Evensong. A farewell to the Vicar, Ven. G. Youell.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grand-sire, April Day): Shan Williams (first quarter) 1, N. A. James 2, Hazel Everitt 3, Penelope J. Welch 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, R. J. H. Simon (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for all.

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: E. J. Rowe 1, J. G. A. Prior 2, J. Rae 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, J. D. L. Richards 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6, A. Rogers 7, B. Baker 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, J. Phillips 10. For Evensong.

**LONGPARISH, HANTS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Read 1, Mrs. Dobson 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, F. Tonge (cond.) 4, R. F. Brewer 5, B. Pickford 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6.

**MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**—At Christ Church, Sept. 24th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: D. J. Worth 1, Mary Worth 2, E. F. Potts 3, Mrs. J. Brocklehurst 4, D. A. Henshaw 5, D. Pearson 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, A. A. Potts 8, G. Farrar 9, D. Henshaw 10. For the Harvest Festival.

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob: J. E. Honeywood (first quarter, aged 13) 1, F. Southgate 2, W. Barnes 3, A. Honeywood 4, B. Fairhead 5, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. F. Southgate.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): Olwen Quint (first on treble) 1, T. Phillips 2, Mary Powell 3, Jennifer Brake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. In memory of Mrs. D. Luccasi.

**NASEBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Perry (first 'inside') 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropey 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sept. 17th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Lambertson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, F. Burgess 3, T. Jennings 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, Miss V. Dawson 6, G. J. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Delia M. Miller and Mr. Tony Billingham.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Stead 1, Miss R. Reay 2, N. Hayes 3, H. Smith 4, D. Forder (cond.) 5, D. Jackson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. Emery, Mrs. M. Smith (ringer and wife of Mr. H. Smith) and Mr. L. Pern.

**PATRINGTON, EAST YORKS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Rodmell (cond.) 1, L. Marriott 2, D. Fewster 3, H. Rodmell 4, J. Thompson 5, T. Robinson 6, H. Crook 7. For Evensong.

**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Adcock 1, C. A. Thompson 2, C. R. Calton 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, L. J. Minns 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6, A. Roper cover. Rung as a farewell to ringer of 3rd, who is leaving the district for Peterborough, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Martin 1, D. Brookes 2, A. Millidge 3, M. Uphill 4, B. Bull 5, J. Perrett (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

**RAINFORD, LANCs.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. T. D. Roughley (first quarter) 1, T. D. Roughley 2, W. F. Green (first 'inside') 3, B. Gore 4, I. Ellison (cond.) 5, E. Roughley 6. To celebrate the enthronement of the Archbishop of York.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. M. Goddard 1, R. Goodship 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, G. J. Blower 4, E. J. Blower 5, P. H. Avey 6, G. D. J. Sandwell 7, W. F. Ward 8. To commemorate the ordination as Deacon this day at Chelmsford Cathedral of John Morrison.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. West 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, W. Dunn 3, M. Atfield (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. West 5, G. Olliver 6, F. E. Roberts 7, B. Cracknell 8. A compliment to Freda and Alan Streeter, who were married this day.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grand-sire): Joan Gaine (first quarter) 1, F. Lawrence 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Halling 6. Rung to mark the completion of the Bishop of Worcester's pilgrimage to the parish.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Rimmer (first quarter) 1, Celia Bland 2, Alison Macfarlane (first as cond.) 3, P. Atkinson 4, Christine Rimmer 5, R. Last 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. F. Brown 1, Miss H. Muirhead 2, T. R. Dennis 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, D. F. Murfet 5, G. Lucas 6, G. Pratt 7, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**SCOTTON, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Millar 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, D. E. Rust Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5, G. Bircham 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): Carol Norman 1, K. H. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, N. R. May 6. For Evensong.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, P. M. Layley 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, W. Munson cover. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Elizabeth Booth (first quarter) 1, Meriel Purslow (first quarter) 2, Christine Glover 3, Sheila Hodson 4, H. Hodson 5, W. Buckley 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. For the ordination of Rev. W. H. Goldstraw at Lichfield Cathedral this day.

**STRADBROKE SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Barrett 1, Muriel R. Page 2, J. W. Blythe 3, D. Vincent 4, W. W. Miller 5, W. J. Button 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, E. E. Etheridge 8. For Evensong.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, H. J. Eldred 2, C. H. Wood 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, J. Rank 5, H. M. Williamson 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Gigg 1, G. Sparks 2, F. J. Casley 3, J. E. Brewer 4, N. J. Maggs 5, E. H. Langley 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, W. T. Jeanes 8. A compliment to E. H. Langley on his 60th birthday and also 35th wedding anniversary.



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The 200th anniversary of the casting and hanging of the six bells at Upham, Hants, was marked by a special service in the Parish Church on September 17th. With the Bishop's permission, in place of the sermon Mr. L. W. Stead, the Southampton District chairman, gave an address on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Ringers from St. Mary's, Southampton, and Bitterne Park, Eling and North Stoneham rang before and after the service. A letter of thanks has been received by the Southampton District from the Rector (the Rev. A. Catley) thanking the District for their practical interest in the anniversary.

The death has occurred at Donington, Lines, of Mr. George Dawson, aged 97, who was for some years a ringer at this church.

Mr. Alick Cutler has completed 250 peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. Few have surpassed such faithfulness to one tower.

The Ladies' Guild rang a very good quarter of Plain Bob Major at Bristol Cathedral on September 11th, conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth A. G. Bowden.

Congratulations to our well known contributor Trevor A. Bevis on his marriage to another member of St. Wendreda's, March, band.

The College Youths rang a peal at Bishop's Stortford on September 16th to honour the 90th birthday of probably their oldest member, Mr. William T. Prior.

Mr. A. J. Culley, ringing captain at St. John's, Devizes, since 1942 and a ringer for 30 years, is dead. An in memoriam quarter was rung on September 25th.

Mr. Peter S. Bennett is no longer a teenager. At Halewood, Lancs, a band of teenagers rang him out of their ranks with a quarter peal, on his last day in their ranks.

Miss J. E. Armstrong, of Morpeth, acknowledges letters on the local curfew received by her from Mr. A. J. Davey, Godmanchester, Hunts; Mr. Ernest Morris, Leicester; and Mr. W. R. Birchall, Huyton.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

From Dorset we hear a happy story concerning Mr. W. F. P. Kelly, now in Kilifi, Kenya. When last on leave in England he spent about two months cleaning rust off the metal frame in a six bell tower near Beaminster. He then cleaned out the tower and painted the frame. Needless to say, he was a practising ringer and we hope he soon will be again at Kilifi.

Pucklechurch, Bristol, band have lost their captain, Mr. Tom Mitchell. He had been a ringer for 70 years.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfred Lee on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks.

The reunion of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers took place on August Monday and not as stated on page 595 of the 'R.W.' The error is regretted.

The Rector and local ringers referred to in Mr. E. Warner's letter on page 639 are those of Oakham. Mr. Warner regrets the omission. Their act was very much appreciated.

Leek, Staffs, is losing two of its band, Miss V. Gould and Miss M. Haycock, who are going to college. There are hopes that it will not be long before recruits will build up the band.

The 50th anniversary of the installation of Hillingdon bells is being celebrated on October 21st when the Bishop of Kensington will give the address at a joint meeting of three Guilds—Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies'. An invitation to tea has been received from local folk, and a big attendance is expected.

On September 24th, eight Leicestershire ringers attempted a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Harvest Festival service at King's Norton. The tenor of the rough going eight, which were hung in the present frame in 1741, is 21 cwt. Unfortunately the tenor rope cast wheel two courses from the end and set itself. The ringing was of a good standard and the band were: G. W. Mason 1, C. Faulkes 2, J. E. Cooke 3, E. Morris 4, J. M. Jelly (cond.) 5, B. S. Chapman 6, R. B. Smith 7, R. K. Mason 8.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 5
REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED .. .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANNOCK.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 5
PETER BORDER .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 6
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PILTON, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. 2	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 6
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED .. .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 6
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 6
REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 9
REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK,

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 5
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 7
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 2	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal on these bells since their restoration.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 6
PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 2	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 7
REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 9
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
*LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 7
PAUL W. WEBB .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 8
ALMA M. GREAVES .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 9
*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung for Mary Funnell and Paul Burn, who were married here this day.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. &amp; N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. Treble	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. .. 6
OLIVE L. ROGERS .. .. 2	ERIC T. LEE .. .. 7
HAROLD W. ROGERS .. .. 3	REGINALD F. CROOK .. .. 8
DENNIS A. HEWITT .. .. 4	*ARTHUR SAYERS .. .. 9
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* 50th peal together.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and as a birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers, both of which fall on September 27th.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN O. WELLER .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 8
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 9
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
First peal of Caters in the method as conductor.

## MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON .. .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 8
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 9
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 5	LESLIE N. MELION .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 13).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*ARTHUR PAYNE .. .. Treble	THOMAS WITTS .. .. 6
*MARY PRYOR .. .. 2	JACK PRYOR .. .. 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 3	†LEONARD EDWARDS .. 8
†PETER CLARKSON .. 4	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 9
†GEOFFREY GREEN .. 5	†VIVIAN DEANE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. † First on ten bells.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to Trevor Pritchard, captain of the local band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

## CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire: with 110 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 4	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

\* First peal in eight Surprise Major methods.

## BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 63 lb. in F sharp.
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. .. 5
*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 4	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal 'inside'.

Rung as a compliment to Eileen Westgarth (a former ringer at this church) and William Stephenson, who were married here immediately prior to the peal.

## DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ASPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN G. AMES .. .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In memory of George Dawson (aged 97), for some years a ringer at this church.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5184 CLAYBROKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	†ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
*ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PRISTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* 250th peal on the bells. † 150th Surprise Major method for a peal. 400th peal on the bells for the Association. First in the method by all, and for the Association.

## FYLLINGDALES, ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DONALD G. MURRAY (13) Treble	EDWARD HUDSON .. .. 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 6
WILLIAM HUDSON .. .. 3	FRED HODGSON .. .. 7
BERT SUTTON .. .. 4	THOMAS M. COX .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

\* First peal.

## WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part (Heywood's variation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5
CHARLES EYRE .. .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
E. MARION KEY .. .. 4	FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to welcome a daughter, born this day to Jean (née Eyre) and Nigel Millward (first grandchild of the ringer of the second).

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all. Mr. J. M. Thorley has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

## GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	*WALTER SHERRATT .. 5
*NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*ROY WORRALL .. .. 6
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the dedication of the new church organ by the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies, on the previous Sunday.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Treble	ERNEST J. BLOWER .. 5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 2	ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 6
JANET ROWE .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 7
PHILIP H. AVEY .. .. 4	WILLIAM F. WARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination as priest of the Rev. G. W. Hatch, Rector. Also a 73rd birthday compliment to P. H. Avey.



## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 4 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,120 Bristol, 896 Pudsey, 864 Superlative, 768 Cambridge, 704 London and 672 Hereford; with 132 changes of method.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

## SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DAVID S. M. JONES .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. 5
MARION J. PAGE .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
ALEXANDER PAGE .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
JOHN ROBINSON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung in memory of Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

## MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Watch Tower.

## A PEAL OF 5024 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS .. 7
*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

## WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 768 London, 704 Bristol, 576 each of Ealing and Rutland, 480 each of Watford and Wembley, and 288 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 136 changes of method.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
*MRS. T. J. LOCK .. 4	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 11 methods.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 2	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor, and on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Justin le Saux, grandson of the ringer of the fourth; also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

## CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND

## CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*ELEANOR DOLOUGHAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY TEMBEY .. 5
HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. 2	JAMES BUTTERFIELD .. 6
*VERA C. BELL .. 3	*ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. 7
JOSEPH LING .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First in the method on the bells. This composition contains the 6th the extent at home.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Archbishop of York; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Tembey on the occasion of their ruby wedding anniversary.

## EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

NORAH M. RANLDES .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE H. RANLDES .. 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

A compliment to the ringers of the second and third upon their engagement.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
PETER J. EVES .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

## HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

PETER T. DALE .. Treble	ALAN G. KIRK .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 6
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
†ANNE P. SMITH .. 4	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

\* 50th peal. † First of Major 'inside.' First as conductor on eight bells.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON .. 4	DENIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS BERESFORD.

A compliment to Robert J. Warrilow and Cynthia Bibby on their engagement.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

J. J. PARKER'S Twelve-Part .. Treble	JOHN R. HOBBS .. 5
PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. 2	DAVID J. BARNETT .. 6
*PATRICIA A. BURT .. 3	ALAN F. LEE .. 7
TERENCE J. MILSON .. 4	†LESLIE J. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. 100th peal on the bells: the first tower in Somerset to reach this total.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer—49½ years a member of the choir, 40 years a ringer, 24 years as P.C.C. secretary.

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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*BRIAN D. SAYERS .. .. Treble | GERALD W. EDWARDS .. 4  
ANNE J. BULLARD .. .. 2 | JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5  
THOMAS COOPER .. .. 3 | R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

\* First peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.  
PETER M. DAWSON .. .. Treble | PERCY WHEATLEY .. .. 4  
JOAN M. DAWSON .. .. 2 | BARRY SULLIVAN .. .. 5  
WILFRED LEE .. .. 3 | ROGER J. LUMLEY .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

First peal of Oxford Minor for all.

A compliment to Wilfred Lee on completing 50 years as a member of the local company; also to Roger Lumley on his 20th birthday.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.  
WILLIAM HORNBY .. .. Treble | HENRY PARKER .. .. 4  
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5  
HILARY L. HORN .. .. 3 | PETER W. HORN .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

The conductor has now called peals on all the bells in the tower.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR YARROW .. .. Treble | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 4  
\*GEORGE WALKER .. .. 2 | GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 5  
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* First of seven Surprise Minor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

\*ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble | BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4  
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 2 | †JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5  
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3 | †PETER T. DALE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven methods as conductor.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 19 methods in seven spliced extents, as follows: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) York and Durham Surprise, (3) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 69 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. Treble | \*NOEL R. WAITE .. .. 4  
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2 | CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5  
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 3 | PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Tenor  
Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal in more than seven methods.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID T. MAULTBY .. .. Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. .. 4  
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2 | ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 5  
JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor  
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Alan G. Payne has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.  
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Flatters.

WOULDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Ipswich, (2) Norwich, (3) Surfleet, (4 and 5) Beverley, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.  
PETER BORER .. .. Treble | MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4  
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2 | BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5  
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CHILTERN TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.  
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4  
FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5  
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3 | GERALD PENNEY .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

PYTCHEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MATTHEW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.  
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Treble | \*MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 3  
RONALD RUSSELL .. .. 2 | TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4  
PERCY AMOS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

\* First peal of Doubles. First in the method.  
Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Matthew.

TORQUAY, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, TOR MOHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
A. WILLIAM MYERS .. .. Treble | WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. .. 4  
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 2 | D. ROY BOULD .. .. 5  
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 3 | WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Probably the first peal of Minor on the bells.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

\*IRENE ELLSMORE (13) .. Treble | JOHN HOPE .. .. 4  
COLIN A. LEWIS .. .. 2 | †A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5  
ROBERT HATCHER .. .. 3 | \*REGINALD J. PREECE .. Tenor  
Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal, and for the Guild.

DARRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
\*STUART CORSON .. .. Treble | †FRANK GLEDHILL .. .. 4  
†C. BARRIE DOVE .. .. 2 | †WM. H. BOSTOCK .. .. 5  
GEORGE DYSON .. .. 3 | †JOHN A. SYKES .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN A. SYKES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.  
Rung in memoriam Mr. T. Tate, late verger of All Saints', Pontefract.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Treble | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4  
\*KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 2 | \*ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. 5  
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3 | ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* First peal in five methods. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'



## KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*CLARE CHAMBERS .. Treble	STANLEY HUCKLE .. 4
*A. JAMES COLE .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 5
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 3	JOHN G. CULL .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor. The ringer of the tower has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. W. Lawrence, Vicar of Kimpton.

## MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Ipswich and Norwich and three of Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

T. CHRISTOPHER R. BELL .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
MICHAEL J. DYER .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by MANSFIELD GINN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Trevor A. Bevis and June Peel, both members of this tower.

## STOCKBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of April Day, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, five of Grandsire and 17 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*KENNETH B. WILLIAMSON Treble	†JAMES DAVEY .. 3
†FREDERICKA R.D. UNDERHILL 2	§PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4

ALBERT J. DUNK .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in four methods. § First of Doubles. First as conductor.

## BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

LORNA DOONE .. Treble	*MARGARET WITNEY .. 3
WILLIAM R. CHANDLER .. 2	RONALD J. BROWN .. 4

BARBARA FISHER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. BROWN.

\* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. Victor J. C. Dale (ringer and steeplekeeper at this church) and Miss Dorothy K. Saunders (ringer of Findon, Sussex), who were married at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Findon, earlier in the day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## WIGSTON · MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

## A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods: 1,064 Little Bob, 3,808 Plain Bob and 132 Gainsborough Little Bob; with 239 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Primrose, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and six of Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
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RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

## OUTINGS

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 15th annual outing on September 9th was almost perfection—a lovely day, good bells and nearly perfect timing. The coffee break just spoilt the punctual arrival at Privett. There was an awkward moment during the raise, when the rope coiled round a young member and lifted him off the floor. The 'alleged' rough going octave was found to be quite good. At Alresford we found the locals waiting, with the bells up, and some good ringing was enjoyed, while the hungry in the cafes ate and listened. An hour on the six in their squat tower at Ropley passed all too soon and we were away through the lanes in an abortive attempt to get a 'grab' at Froxfield.

After a good meal at 'The Welcome Inn,' Petersfield bells were put to good use for an hour, then on to Rogate with a good six in a wooden tower. Here the clock has to be wound up, or the weight fouls the second bell. The last tower was the pretty little octave at Easebourne, where the Vicar kindly showed the company round the church and the remains of the old Priory. A touch of Superlative made us late away on the trek for home, but everyone was happy after a good day, and after the other sort of 'rounds' in 'The Cowdray Arms,' we had a certain air hostess crawling on her hands and knees in the coach, but only in search of a 'lost' hand-bag! C. A. B.

## LEYLAND

St. Andrew's Leyland, ringers had an all-day outing on August 19th. First ringing was at a noted tower, St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne. The A.57 road was then followed via Glossop and the Snake Pass to the Ordnance Arms Hotel, Hathersage, for lunch.

Two Derbyshire towers were selected for the afternoon—All Saints', Bakewell, and Fairfield. After a picnic tea there was an hour's ringing from the ground floor at St. Mary's, Cheadle.

## FURNESS RINGERS' OUTING

September 16th saw the Furness and South Westmorland ringers in the Southport area. We were blessed with a fine but very windy day, and arrived at the first tower, Leyland, in good time. Soon the fine Gillett ten were being rung (too slowly, apparently) to various methods. At Eccleston touches in methods up to Cambridge were rung on the odd-struck but pleasant six. Here, too, the flower bedecked church was much admired.

Parbold's 19th century church stands in a beautiful setting, but the ringing members of the party had little time for gazing, especially when the wind was howling with icy blasts round every corner. A course of Yorkshire was managed, whilst the non-ringers played the organ and sang. Southport was reached early in the afternoon, and after a few hours spent in various bays, the part met to ring at Christ Church. The bells here are a fine sounding eight by Mears and Stainbank. Again Yorkshire was attempted and successfully brought round. At an early hour the whole party, tired but happy, climbed into the coach for the long journey home, to the accompaniment of handbells and various other forms of music. Our thanks are due to the organisers, the incumbents and local ringers.

W. G. W.

## ELLAND, YORKS

Elland ringers enjoyed their outing in Wensleydale on August 19th. The route was via Harrogate, Ripley, Grantley Hall (where some of the company attended a course), Kirby Malzeard and Marsham, to the first tower, Middleham, where there is a good ring of eight. From Middleham we made our way to East Witton for tea at the Red Lion, followed by an evening of good ringing at the church there. We look forward to our next visit to this delightful part of Yorkshire.

D. S.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

For the first time in living memory the North Berks Branch held their autumn meeting at Letcombe Regis on September 23rd. The service in St. Andrew's Church was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. M. F. Gibbs, the lesson was read by Major J. K. C. Cross, and the address was given by Canon H. Pickles, the Rector of East Hendred. One of the local residents said afterwards that she had not heard such lusty singing during the whole of the 25 years she had worshipped at the church!

After the service the company of 102 (one of the largest numbers at a Branch meeting for some time) had tea in the Village Hall, which was served by members of the P.C.C. At the business meeting the proposed memorial to be placed in St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, to the memory of the late Albert E. Lock, for many years honorary secretary and treasurer of the Branch, was discussed. The honorary secretary (Mr. G. W. Bishop) said that he regretted having to report that no progress appeared to have been made in making the locker seat, which it had been agreed was the form the memorial should take, and the meeting agreed to ask the contractors to do their utmost to complete the work in time for the memorial to be dedicated on November 26th, when other memorials to the late Mr. Lock were to be dedicated.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at Appleton on May 26th. The thanks of the Branch to the churchwardens and P.C.C. for their hospitality were expressed by Miss M. R. Cross, the honorary general secretary.

After the meeting ringing took place at Childrey, Ardington, West Hannev and Wantage, and at Letcombe Regis, where ringing has recently been restarted after the bells have been silent for some years. K. L.



## NOTICES

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### BIRTH

**THRELFALL.**—On Saturday, September 30th, 1961, in Cambridge, to Frances (née Edgar) and Brian D. Threlfall, a son (David Michael William), 6, Pightle Close, Harston, Cambridge. 9015

### ENGAGEMENT

**LEWIS—HILEY.**—The engagement is announced between Frank, only son of Mrs. D. F. Lewis, of Reading, Berks. and Eunice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. F. Hiley, of Herisham, Surrey. 8992

### MARRIAGE

**BOLTER—HALL.**—On September 16th, 1961, at St. Peter's Church, Cradley, Kenneth, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bolter, of Lye, and Barbara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall, of Cradley, by the Rev. H. L. Davies, Vicar of Cradley. 8974

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield is now 'Campania', 2, Bowdens Close, Grove Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 8996

The address of William Butler and 'The Ringers' Magazine' is now 19, Longcroft Road, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. 8976

The address of Dr. Richard E. Price is now 'Rozel', Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Yorks. 8971

### PERSONAL

'GO work in my vineyard.' (Matt. xxi. 28.)

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### HANDBELLS FOR SALE

A RING OF 12 BELLS, plus seven half-tones, making 19 in all, by Mears. Tenor No. 15 in C. Handbells in good order, but leather straps need renewing—Apply Eade, 11, Hadrian Avenue, Southwick, Brighton. 8929

### HANDBELLS WANTED

**WANTED.**—Secondhand set of handbells for a band of young church bell ringers wishing to start a handbell ringing group. Please contact M. Dodd, 55, Bowland Avenue, Childwall, Liverpool, 16, Lanes. 9007

**SET of handbells wanted.** State particulars and price to Mr. A. E. O. Jordan, The School House, Thorncombe, near Chard, Somerset. 8990

### MISCELLANEOUS

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—The first practice next term is on Wednesday, October 11th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's Church. Ringers coming up are welcome. Or contact the secretary, Richard Hough, Jesus College. 8999

**COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.**—The Registrar asks those members of the College who have not yet sent in their annual return to do so, as soon as possible, please, so that the annual report may be completed. 8981

**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WARWICK.**—Please note that the practice night from now on will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 9006

**PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS.** minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

### MEETINGS

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting **Goldington**, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note change of venue. Amptill meeting postponed. 9008

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held Saturday, October 7th, in conjunction with the North West Branch meeting, at Silverton. Members welcome at service, tea and meeting. —G Skinner, 38, Hanston Road, Exeter. 8993

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Important meeting at Dudley on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting to discuss the future of the Guild. Names to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches', 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 8961

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 8943

**HEREFORD GUILD AND GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting of Ross and South Forest Branches, Ross, October 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 9004

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—Joint meeting with South Forest will be held at Ross on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 n.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 8975

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8912

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8920

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells: Great Chart (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m., Willesborough (6) 2.30 to 4. Ashford 3.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C.T.H. 8934

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Business meeting in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in Bletchley Parish Church 5.30 p.m. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 3s., should be sent to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks. Tickets can be collected from Mr. Edwards at the business meeting. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8915

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, October 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 8944

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, October 7th. Please bring own tea as no arrangements can be made. Bus from Retford at 2.30 p.m.—H. Denman. 8998

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Western District.—A get-together, to arrange a future programme, will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, October 11th at 6 p.m. Bells available. Please come.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. 9011

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Castleacre on Wednesday evening, October 11th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 8953

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Evening practice, Thursday, October 12th, 7.30 p.m., Porishead. Members and Friends welcome. 8955

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: October 17th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; October 24th, St. Giles's, Cripplegate, 6.30; October 31st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; November 7th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8987

**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting to be held at Royston, near Barnsley, on Saturday, October 14th. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Buxton. 8983

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton Courtenay, October 14th. Numbers for tea by the 11th.—A. R. Tudball. 8995

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting Binegar (6), Saturday, October 14th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8973

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Silsoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Special methods: Fulbeck and College Exercise. Good bells for all ringers.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9016

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Pocklington (8), Saturday, October 14th, from 2 p.m. Special Major methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Oxford. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 8967

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Saltburn (8) on Saturday, October 14th, at 3 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9017

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Meeting at East Grinstead, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Corner Cafe', Lewes Road. Names to Mrs. E. M. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue.—C. A. Bassett. 9001

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD, and Cambridge District, on Saturday, October 14th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9000

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8945

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 11th, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 8938

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Berkeley (10) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley, Glos. 8989

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, October 14th. Ninety 3 p.m. Oaksey 6 p.m. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9002

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8) and Yorktown (8), Saturday, October 14th. Ringing: 2.30-4.30 p.m. Hawley: 6-9 p.m. Yorktown. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Hawley. Names for tea by October 11th to Mr. G. Gilder, 29, Beech Road, Farnborough, Hants. 8988

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Gt. Gaddesden (6), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 12th, to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 8958

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 14th. Essendon 2.45-4.45 p.m. Hertingfordbury from 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements please (White Horse, Hertingfordbury, 'does tea', but will accept no booking).—M. A. Coburn, T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 8969

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, October 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Inform by October 12th numbers for tea.—T. A. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Salop. 9003



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting. All Saints', Maidstone. Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8979

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting. Saturday, October 14th. at St. Mary's, Walton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mr. A. Jackson. 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool 4, by Wednesday, October 11th. 9019

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting. Kendal. October 14th. 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. No names no tea. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 9012

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's. Saturday, October 14th. Business meeting in tower 5.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 8982

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting. Broughton Astley, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Bull's Head Inn. 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. C. E. Carr, 4, The Avenue, Coventry Road, Broughton Astley, Leics.—M. Vernon. Dis. Sec. 8984

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Hathern. October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. in Rectory. Service 5.45 p.m.—C. W. Hall. 8968

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Arnesby, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Social Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. N. L. Hewitt, Arnesby Vicarage, Leics. not later than October 11th.—A. J. Poynor, Sec. 8991

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone (6) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 11th. please, to Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Humberstone, Leicester. 9013

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, October 14th. 3 p.m. St. John's, Deptford. 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall. 6.30 to 8 St. Mary's, Lewisham. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 8936

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting. Saturday, October 14th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Service 6. Business meeting in the tower 6.30, followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8994

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting at Overseal on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 8972

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing meeting. Saturday, October 14th. Kidsgrove. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 Names for tea to Mr. N. Sherratt, 101, Attwood Street, Kidsgrove. Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8966

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Lyng on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Collis, Cooks Stores, Lyng, Norwich. NOR 63 X, by the 11th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8889

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District.—Quarterly meeting. Wroxton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Ringing at Hanwell (5) 7 p.m. Names for tea by October 9th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 8939

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury. Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting at Shaw and Newbury. 8962

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James. Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday certain to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8985

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting. Yardley. October 14th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify for tea please by October 11th. G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Edwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8931

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton. October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service and tea at the usual times. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Benteleys Road, Market Drayton. 9009

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District.—General meeting at West Stow (6). Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea please by Saturday, October 7th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8948

**SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 14th. St. Martin's bells (10) 3.15 p.m. Service at St. Martin's 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church (8). Names for tea to Mr. Frank Oakshott, 'Downsview,' Lewins Road, Epsom, by Thursday previous. —W. Parrott and M. Andrews, Hon. Secs. 8859

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual commemoration dinner to the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers will be held at Betty's Café, Darley Street, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets (15s. each), no later than 9th, from Mr. F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Earlier application (giving names) much appreciated. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Idle (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Ilkley (8) (home tower and burial place of the late J. W. Snowdon), 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Chair to be taken at 6.45 p.m. prompt by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 8836

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 8978

**HILLINGDON.**—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on October 21st. Iver (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Bishop of Kensington. Tea and evening social to follow in St. John's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to secretaries or F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by previous Monday.—Mrs. S. Bullock, Miss D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch Secs. 8997

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual District meeting of the Rochester District, combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch), will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 21st. Choral Evensong in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. (not ringers' service.) Chatham bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting at George Inn, 35, High Street, Rochester. 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells after meeting. Please make own tea arrangements. —T. Barton and S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Secs. 8980

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting in Leicester District. Saturday, October 21st. Bells available: Groby (6) 2-3 p.m., Newton Linford (5) 2.30-3.30. Anstey (8) 2.30-4.25 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Anstey 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names to R. F. Elkington, 24, Andrew Street, Anstey, Leicester. Dinner tickets will be on sale at this meeting. General Committee meet St. John's Vestry, 7.45 p.m., October 18th. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9014

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 21st. Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Wishford (5) also available in evening. Please send names for tea by 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8965

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—General meeting. Saturday, October 21st. at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3. 5.30 p.m. Ringing: Holloway. St. Mary Magdalen (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. (Nearest tube Highbury and Islington.) Afternoon ringing as in circular. Weekly practices 6.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, Hart St., Tuesdays. Freshers of all standards very welcome (Tower Hill underground).—Secretary, Gay Williams, College Hall, Malet Street, W.C.1. 8956

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 1961. Time 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. from Hon. Sec., F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E. please. 8970

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting for October will be at Watwick, St. Mary's, on Saturday, October 28th (please note change of venue and date). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea would be appreciated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, 1961, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Full details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8986

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment will include recital by Great Glen handbell ringers. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned. Latest date for receipt of order Tuesday, October 31st. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8950

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#### LATE NEWS

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has suffered a severe heart attack and is a patient in the City Hospital, Chester.



## OBITUARY

## MR. FREDERICK OAKHILL

Another link with the past has been lost by the death of Mr. Frederick Oakhill, of Wotton-under-Edge, at Torquay on September 22nd, at the age of 84.

Fred learned to ring as a lad at Tortworth and joined the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a member of the Wotton-under-Edge band in 1900. He held office as secretary of the Wotton Branch when it was formed in 1910, and was its chairman for 1921-23 and 1935-38 and represented it on the management committee 1925-27 and again 1933-35. In 1948 he was made a vice-president.

Mr. Oakhill participated in many recorded peals in mid-Gloucestershire and despite advancing years took part in special ringing at Wotton-under-Edge in 1956 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the bells. A painter and decorator by trade, he leaves no family, his wife, who was well known to Gloucestershire ringers, having died in 1958.

Cremation was at Torquay on September 27th. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude for many years. May he rest in peace among the eternal towers.

C. R.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## West Dorset Branch

The September meeting at Beaminster was honoured by the attendance of Mr. W. C. West, honorary secretary of the Salisbury Guild. Eight towers of the Branch were represented, and total attendance during the day, including visitors, was about 40. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Arthur and the lesson read by Canon C. C. Cox. Tea was served by Mrs. Pannell and some of the Beaminster ringers.

The business meeting was brief. The A.G.M. of the Branch was fixed for Bridport on December 2nd. The Guild service is to be at 4 p.m., instead of the usual 4.30 p.m.

Canon Cox proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Mr. Arthur for the use of church and bells and very useful address, to Mrs. Pannell and ringers for the tea, and Mr. Roy Gunning for playing the organ. Ringing consisted mainly of Stedman Triples, Cambridge could not be brought round!

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## A THOUGHT FOR THE SECRETARY

WHO would be a secretary—the easiest job to get and the hardest job to lose? No matter what sort of a hash one makes of it, the secretary is always re-elected unanimously. After a few years, arranging meetings is just routine work, for no matter what snags arise one knows just the chap to ring up, write to, or call on, and everything is O.K. The only headache is the ringers' universal reluctance to send a p.c. for tea.

But when it comes to arranging outings out of one's area, when you do not know the state of the bells, the local conditions, or the right chap to ring up, write to, or call on, then the fun begins. The writer has just had an experience that nearly sent him 'up the wall.'

It was the local tower outing, just a half-day trip, with four towers and tea. The coach was booked and the four towers applied for, all with stamped envelopes for reply. The first tower said we could have the bells, but could we call earlier; the second, the bells are under repair; the third, we have a wedding at that time; and the fourth never answered at all. One tower recommended a café for tea: a letter to them, with the usual s.a.e., failed to get a reply; and so with only 14 days before the outing the poor secretary just had a coach and one doubtful tower.

It took all Saturday afternoon, covering 76 miles on the scooter, to sort things out. The route was reversed and altered; other towers, personally applied for, were put in. The most suitable café was closed, but through the back window said that they could cater for us. The doubtful tower was notified of the change of time, and everything was in order—or was it?

The following Wednesday the doubtful tower wrote to say that the altered time was not acceptable. That meant another Saturday afternoon, and 40 miles on the scooter, to get another tower. The Vicar gave his permission, but had to see his ringing captain. A stamped envelope was left for a reply, and this arrived, three days before the outing, with a letter to say that the bells would be rung for our wedding on August 26th and that the fee would be three guineas. It took seven phone calls to sort that out. So the day arrived, and all went well until the second tower. When the secretary rang the café to confirm the tea arrangements he found to his horror that he had dropped a real clanger. Owing to a misunderstanding during the back window conversation, the café had forgotten to mention that they only had 'counter service.' What a horrible mess the tea was! Everyone, including the Vicar and his wife, took it in good part, but the poor secretary just wished that he could quietly disappear, and has asked himself ever since: 'Is it worth it?'

C. A. B.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

PROBABLY only Easter and Christmas draw more people into our churches than does the Harvest Festival. The miraculous yearly cycle of sowing, first green haze of crops and buds, lush spring growth, golden ripening and gathering in has reached its end once again, proving to us that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and rightly bringing us to our knees in wonderment and gratefulness. What a time to be a ringer; to be able to ascend our towers and to make the bells swing and shout for joy over the lands that have given such gifts and to tell the people that God has given them their daily bread. Small wonder that one hears of parishes where the ringers can find little time for ringing their bells for most of the year but gather in full force at Harvest Festival to make the bells speak.

What a time to have a ringing week-end, and where better to have it than among the Mendips and vales of Somerset; travelling from Shepton to Ditchet to Evercreech to Mells to Backwell to Chewton Mendip, and having the privilege of making those incomparable bells sound forth over meadow, pasture and orchard from their breath-takingly lovely towers glowing in the autumn sunshine. To be able at the same time to view and scent in each church the array of marrows, apples, tomatoes, corn sheaves, potatoes and eggs, tastefully displayed amidst the misty blue of the Michaelmas daisies, is a pleasure which alone makes it worth while being a ringer. What could be more appropriate to finish such a tour than to stand in awe for a few moments in the nave of Wells Cathedral before going aloft and paying a final homage to the Festival on the greatest of all Somerset bells?

Such a week-end could hardly be anything but memorable, and the 20 or so members of the University of London Society who accepted Mike Rose's invitation to share in it will not soon forget it.

Thank you, Mike, and thank you, Somerset. P. G.

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—41

One of the best known, respected and competent ringers in the Exercise is Mr. Edward Patrick Duffield, of Colchester. Of powerful build, he is an excellent bank-ender, and has the unique record of being the only man to have rung both the 11th and tenor to peals at St. Paul's and Exeter Cathedrals.

Ted Duffield was born at Tasburgh Mills, near Norwich, on December 21st, 1898, and learnt to ring on the five bells in the round flint tower of St. Mary's, Tasburgh, where his father, William L. Duffield, and uncle, Arthur E. Fuller, were ringers, and had, a few years previously, been instrumental in getting the bells increased from four. Learning at the same time were two of his brothers, William Charles, now residing at Lamas, Norwich, and James Frederick, who lives in Norwich. Both of these brothers became well known ringers in Norfolk, although Jim, a truly first class ringer and striker, is, regrettably, seldom seen in a belfry these days. There were five beginners who started to learn on those five bells, and of the four who survived the First World War three progressed to ringing peals of London and Bristol, methods not so widely practised in those days. To teach these five beginners, Mr. Duffield sen. engaged, firstly, Albert G. Warnes, and afterwards Philip Sadler, both Norwich worthies, who made the eight mile journey on the weekly practice night. Albert, a cobbler by trade, rode a bicycle, whilst Philip did the journey on foot, and would arrive back in Norwich well after midnight.

From the age of eight, Ted travelled daily to school in Norwich, firstly at the King Edward VI Middle School and later the City of Norwich. After arriving home from school he would do the eight mile journey to Pulham Market for eight bell practice, under that well known Norfolk character, Frederick R. Borrett. Ted and his two eldest brothers were driven by Mr. Duffield sen. in a horse drawn trap. These visits quickly led to a first peal on January 18th, 1912—Bob Major, conducted by F. R. Borrett. Double Norwich followed, and soon after Stedman Triples, conducted by Albert G. Warnes. There had to be a family peal on the five bells at Tasburgh, and this was duly made possible by the advent of a fourth ringing brother, John R. Later on, with the assistance of yet another brother, Harry T. S., Ted had the rare and gratifying experience of ringing a peal of Minor at Long Stratton with his father and four of his brothers. During the first war, Ted was commissioned into the R.A.F., and later took part in an officers' peal of Grand sire Caters at South Croydon.

### ASSOCIATION WITH WILLIAM PYE

In 1919, whilst living in London, Ted joined the College Youths, and was soon introduced to 12 bell ringing. He soon came under the watchful eye of William Pye, and from 1920 until Bill's last peal in September, 1934, he was associated with the great man in a considerable number of meritorious performances, of which he is justly proud. During the first of several ringing weeks with Bill, and within the space of 27 hours, he scored his first three peals of Surprise Major—Bristol, Superlative and London, rung in that order. Although London Major has always been a favourite method with Ted, twelve bell ringing has ever been his true delight. Apart from the large number rung with Bill Pye, and his associates, he has rung quite a few with the College Youths. After moving to Colchester in 1925, he rang a number of Surprise Maximus peals with the famous Ipswich company, who, at that time, practised a wider range of methods than any other 12 bell band.

Of Ted's total of 420 peals, no less than 88 have been of Surprise Maximus, with 48 peals of Stedman Cinques, and 59 of London Surprise. Whilst never making any claims as a conductor, he has called some 54 peals, including London from a working bell. On three occasions, he has taken part in two peals of Surprise Maximus in a day, and on August 5th, 1929, he rang the 11th at Ashton-under-Lyne to the record peal of Cambridge Maximus in 11 hours and 33 minutes. It was mainly Ted's persuasion that induced Bill Pye to



MR. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD,  
The Essex Association.

attempt to turn in Exeter tenor to Cambridge, and he 'strapped' the tenor for Bill in the resultant peal in 1932. Since then two further peals of Maximus have been accomplished on this grand twelve, Cambridge in 1949, in which he rang the 11th, and Yorkshire in 1956, when he rang the tenor from the box, ably assisted by Richard E. Price. Before one of these peals, he had not rung a peal for a year! In peals of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, he rang the 11th in one, and he well remembers ringing the tenor single-handed in another, on a day when the temperature reached 84 degrees in the shade! Ted conducted the only 'Edward' peal to date, this being Stedman Triples at Gravesend in 1929. During his travels, he has rung peals in every English county except Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and has joined some 33 ringing Societies.

### FIRST PEAL AT BUCKFAST

One of Ted's most interesting experiences was an interview in 1929 with the then Lord Abbot of Buckfast, to seek permission to attempt a peal on the twelve bells, which, at that time, hung in the partially finished tower, and were rung from the narrow gallery round the tower at about the level of the nave roof. Eventually permission was given, and an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in 1930, receiving much approbation from the Brethren, particularly the ringers, who had never before heard the full peal rung in changes by an expert 12 bell band. This proved to be the only peal rung on the original twelve, and was an unforgettable experience, by reason of the wide dispersal of the ringers, and the awesome 'drop' from the narrow gallery round the tower wall to the ground level floor below. In 1937, he again visited the Abbey, to take part in the first peal on the grand new bells hung in the completed tower, with the original bell chamber now serving as the ringing room.

For two years, 1934-36, Ted was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he also served the Essex Association in a similar capacity, for the same period of time. Throughout the 36 years spent in Colchester, he has been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Peter's, and for over 20 years he was tower captain. Like most members of his family, he has been engaged in the flour and provender milling trade, and so remained until his retirement in 1955. In 1956, he was elected to the Colchester Borough Council, being re-elected in 1959.

Ted has few ringing ambitions beyond the natural ones of good striking and interesting methods, but he admits a keen desire to ring a 12 bell peal in as many towers as possible. To date, he has yet to ring a peal at York Minster, Liverpool Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Leicester Cathedral and Hull. His present total is 56 towers, and he would like to make it 60.

Although Ted is now approaching the veteran stage as a ringer himself, he gives it as his firm opinion that there are, today, more good young ringers than at any time in the past, due possibly to the vastly greater opportunities for practice, combined with present day ease of travel.

Ted Duffield, in the course of his extensive travels, has made a wide circle of friends, and is very popular. He is a first class striker at any position in 'the circle,' and although he does not ring as many peals these days as he used to, he can be guaranteed to ring with the same ability which earned him a place on the 11th in many of William Pye's finest performances of Maximus. His friends will hope that he will continue in good health to enable him to fulfil his remaining ambitions.

APACE.

## COLLEGE YOUTH'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Mr. William T. Prior, who has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths since December, 1898, celebrated his 90th birthday on September 9th. At Bishop's Stortford ringers from Stansted and Bishop's Stortford rang touches on the day, and the following Saturday the College Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Royal by H. J. Tucker, a College Youth and an old Bishop's Stortford ringer.

William is a member of an old Essex family, and he and his elder brother, Walter, who died several years, learned to ring as boys at Stansted. The brothers throughout their lives were active ringers at Stansted and the neighbouring church of St. Michael, Bishop's Stortford. At these two churches they rang many peals and also with the Saffron Walden company in its heyday.

Although for some years William has been unable to climb the steep stairs at Bishop's Stortford, he still takes a great interest in the art, and it is a great joy to hear him relate the ringing exploits of 60 or more years ago.

## A CURIOUS CLOCK

A recent paragraph in Belfry Gossip about the clock face at Buckland-in-the-Moor leads me to recall the unusual, tower clock at Wootton Rivers in Wiltshire.

At the time of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, the villagers decided to commemorate the event by subscribing for a clock, but the estimate was beyond their resources; whereupon a local character Jack Sprat, who was well known for his inventive turn of mind, offered to make the clock himself. All he asked for was as much scrap brass, iron and steel as could be found.

The somewhat sceptical inhabitants of Wootton Rivers complied, and old farm implements, brass bedsteads and other junk arrived at his cottage. The only part of the mechanism which was to be professionally made was the escapement, and this was ordered from London; it failed to arrive, however, and Jack Sprat made that too. The result is a unique and reliable tower clock, provided with six sets of elaborate chimes, and in place of figures on the face, the words GLORY BE TO GOD.

The tower also contains a light ring of five bells, tenor 3½ cwt., all cast in 1793 by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne.

E. G. C.

Eighteen months ago Cosgrove, Bucks, had just three ringers. Suddenly they were overwhelmed with recruits, ranging in age from nine to 17 years. 'After a struggle,' writes Mr. E. R. Lambert, 'and with a little assistance we have now a regular Sunday service Bob Minor band and several good Doubles ringers.' Such reports are stimulating.



## TENTERDEN HONoured BY THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

IT was appropriate that Tenterden should be selected as the venue for this year's dinner of the Kent County Association. This old borough has provided a wonderful example of its love of the old bells of St. Mildred's Church, with its 30 cwt. tenor. Almost within a week of the issuing of the appeal for the renovation of the bells the £2,110 necessary had been subscribed, and later this month the new Archbishop of Canterbury will perform the rededication ceremony.

The town hall of more than a century and a half ago had a capacity audience for the dinner, held on September 30th. Mr. John Willis, the chairman of the Association, presided and his guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Tenterden (Major L. and Mrs. Chalk) and the Vicar (Canon H. Willis). The arrangements were admirably made by Mr. C. T. Crawford Hillis (Ashford District secretary) and Miss V. Ralph.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. P. A. Corby said: 'When we ringers of the Kent County Association think of the Church we think of the clergy and all they do for us and the ready permission they give for us to ring the bells.'

### FEW UNRINGABLE PARSONS

'I like particularly a phrase recently introduced "unringable parsons." There are a few about, but fortunately they are in the minority and, generally speaking, we get the utmost co-operation from the clergy of Kent, and it always a source of pride the way the Kent County Association is organised: it is a stroke of genius that the senior clergy throughout the county should be president and vice-president.'

'As far as the senior clergy are concerned there have been two major changes since our last dinner. Archbishop Lord Fisher, who was our president, on one memorable occasion graced our board. He has been succeeded by Dr. Ramsey and it was a great privilege to ring a peal at Canterbury Cathedral on the evening of his enthronement. The Archbishop took some pains that his appreciation should be conveyed to the ringers. He sent a very charming message to us through the precentor. 'In the Diocese of Rochester we have our "new boy bishop," who knows something about ringing, having been associated with the ten bell tower at Hatfield, and it was a source of pleasure to him when one of his ringers at Hatfield came to his enthronement and made up the band to ten, otherwise they would have been one short.'

### ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Canon Willis, who replied, said he hoped Tenterden bells would soon be back from the Whitechapel Foundry. Four were already back and they were to be rededicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on October 29th at 6.30 p.m. There would be a very large congregation so they had to limit attendance to those with tickets. Would those who would like to be present apply to him for a ticket.

'I suppose there are clergy and clergy's wives who are allergic to bell ringing. Certainly my wife and I are not among them as one of the most thrilling moments in my life was when the ringers of Tenterden rang a peal of welcome at my induction, a little over a year ago. Fortunately in Tenterden we have a Mayor and Mayoress who are bell lovers and when trouble descended on their bells the Mayor, and not the Vicar, issued an appeal and raised the money in almost a week.'

## BELLS IN A GREEK MONASTERY



AS PROPOS the article by Mr. Ernest Morris on Russian bells, the Rev. C. R. Chad Coussmaker sends us these photographs taken by him in July, 1960 (and for which he reserves the copyright), in the great Russian monastery of St. Panteleimon, on the Holy Mountain of Athos in Northern Greece.

The bells there, numbering about 20, were hung when the monastery was enlarged in the mid 19th century: the smaller bells are used



as a clock-chime, the larger (like those illustrated) are sounded only on days of the greatest rejoicing. They are operated by chains attached to the clappers, visible in one photograph.

The detailed, decorative castings may be noted: that in close-up is apparently the Prophet Isaiah, who is held in great veneration by the Orthodox Church, and is, in company with many of the Old Testament heroes, given the appellation 'Saint.'

The toast of 'The Kent County Association' was proposed by Mr. T. W. White, who said the picture of Kent as presented through 'The Ringing World' was a good one—their meetings were well attended, their peals were many and in a good variety of methods, and their service quarter peals appeared weekly. These all denoted life and vitality and Kent could hold its head up with the great ringing counties of the land.

### TWO DECISIONS

In a reference to 'The Ringing World,' Mr. White said the Editorial Committee had made two important decisions—to meet the extra 4d. on postage and not charge it to subscribers and to change the format, so that ordinary news appeared in the front of the journal and peals were recorded in the latter pages. The committee hoped that the first of these would result in an increase of postal subscribers and a prompt renewal of subscriptions. In regard to the latter the first reactions had been favourable although it could not be denied that many readers regarded peals as news and the most important thing in the journal.

Mr. N. J. Davies, who replied, said the success of the Association would only be obtained by all ringers working hard for its welfare and not depending on a few at the top. Their young people could be their best ambassadors to the outside world, because they met people of all classes and people of the best age to take up ringing. They owed a debt to their officers, on whose shoulders rested responsibility for their Association: they had also much for which to thank people who rang peals, which was a specialist job, but there was no reason why young bands should not club together and ring peals.

There were plenty of churches with less than five bells. He suggested that the four bell towers should be visited, the bells rung and inspected where it was possible, and suggestions should be made for these to be augmented.

In proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' Mr. S. G. Waters, of Biddenden, mentioned that in their company there were many who were also members of other Associations—the Universities, the Cumberlands, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association and the Ladies' Guild. Their Mayor was a great friend of ringers and they were indebted to him for what he had done for Tenterden bells.

### MAYORESS A RINGER

The Mayor of Tenterden, who replied, said his closest acquaintance with bell ringers was through his wife, who was once a ringer at the Parish Church of Old Bexley. He was perfectly certain if he had known her in those days he would have been a voluntary bell ringer.

He was very pleased that Tenterden bells were to ring out again. He had listened to them for 60 years and as they knew four were already back and the Archbishop was coming to dedicate them. There was simply a magnificent response when the appeal was made; they wanted £2,110 and they practically got it in a week, which, for a tiny place like Tenterden, was wonderful.

During the evening a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie and Mr. P. A. Corby. At the conclusion of the speeches there were presentations—to the Mayoress, chrysanthemums presented by Miss Josephine Hardy; to Miss V. Ralph, chocolates, the chairman remarking that the success of the evening was largely due to her initial efforts; and cigarettes to Mr. Crawford Hillis, the secretary of the Ashford District.

Great promise is shown by 15-year-old Frederick Shalcross. This week we record a peal of London Surprise, which he conducted off a working bell. Possibly he is the youngest ringer ever to do so in this method.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BODELWYDDAN BELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. R. H. Dove's letter, appearing in your issue of September 29th, clearly calls for an answer.

As the report of the University of London Society tour, page 608, makes quite clear our ringing on these bells was restricted to half an hour on the advice of the architect.

I like to investigate such restrictions to see if they are in fact justified or if they can be raised; and so before ascending the tower I found, in discussion with the Vicar, that he was not clear why it was in force and suggested that I might care to let him have any comments as a result of my visit.

Ringling disclosed that the tower and tower sway was slight, but inspection of the bell frame showed that two wedges had been driven in between the top of the timber frame and the east wall by the seventh and tenor bells. The latter swings E.-W. and the former N.-S. Also there was some relative movement between the bell frame supporting beams and the walls.

These wedges clearly had been inserted to limit the frame movement and no doubt Mr. Dove will be the first to agree that they are definitely harmful. It should also be unnecessary to state that the Bodelwyddan marble church, with its fine spire, is one of the more important structures in North Wales.

In a written report to the Vicar, dated August 27th, I suggest removing these wedges and anchoring the frame support beams firmly to the walls with gunmetal anchors. I make no mention of restricting ringing.

Dealing with some of the points made by Mr. Dove: I have no connection with the S.P.A.B. I am, however, the author of 'The Church Bells of Flintshire,' which appeared in 'Archaeologia Cambrensis,' 1951, and in which this ring of bells is detailed. For the last seven years I have been a Bishop's representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Since 1958 I have been honorary technical consultant on bells to the Central Council for the Care of Churches. As a chartered mechanical engineer my technical training and the above appointments should make the label 'self-appointed and self-opinionated "expert"' inappropriate in my case.

In 1955 when the quinquennial inspection of churches was about to be commenced I undertook to make detailed inspections of all the 500 sets of bells in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, of which about half are rings of bells. To date I have reported on the state of 223 sets of bells in the diocese. As a result of these reports to the parish, the Archdeacon concerned, and the Diocesan Advisory Committee, I am pleased to say that quite a bit of bell restoration work has been undertaken. Suffolk is, alas, a relatively poor county and overhauling rings of bells is an expensive business, especially when new frames are required. Where I have found bells in a bad or unsafe state I have said so, in others, such as Covehithe, where I found the ring in quite reasonable order though not rung in changes for many years, I have obtained a band and proved that all is in fact in order.

Mr. Dove mentions worm gudgeon pins as a pretext on which ringing has been stopped altogether. Obviously the degree of wear is a material factor and whether the bell or the ringer is likely to be harmed if one of the pins did shear.

Clearly an active band of change ringers is highly desirable to help raise the necessary funds to have the bells overhauled and to keep interest alive, but the work should be undertaken long before the bells get into really bad going order. If this is not done then the ringers' liaison with the P.C.C. is possibly at fault.

In the wider field the grounds for refusing permission to ring is often given as technical but sometimes one cannot help feeling that there is a personal one, too. Imagine how frightful it must be for a Vicar and some of his parishioners who are only moderately keen on bells, with homes close to a church with a well known ring of bells? Is he to grant permission to ring to all who care to apply?

Clearly Mr. Dove was refused permission to ring before my visit to Bodelwyddan on August 14th, 1961.—Yours, etc.,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett, Herts.

Dear Sir.—For the past five years I have helped in the organisation of the Manchester Young Ringers' annual outing on Easter Monday. For our outing last year we went to North Wales.

Long before we applied for permission to ring at the various churches, I made some inquiries about St. Margaret's, Bodelwyddan. According to some of the local Welsh ringers, the architects found a loose pinnacle on the tower and stopped all ringing, but I was informed that the masonry had now been repaired and that ringing had been resumed. With this information from a very good and reliable source, I then wrote to the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Bodelwyddan, requesting permission for the use of the bells for an hour's ringing. I had a reply back from him informing me that there had been a loose pinnacle and that they were awaiting the architect's inspection before any ringing could be resumed.

Later on during the summer months of last year, I had the pleasure of ringing on this very nice and attractive octave, for evening service. The local ringers gave me the impression that they were alarmed at the Vicar's attitude towards would-be visiting bands. Mr. Dove's letter does not alarm me in the least, and I should not be surprised to read many more letters in 'The Ringing World' relating to this matter.

I would like to suggest that the Central Council looked into this business, as I, personally, have tried to arrange a visit to Bodelwyddan, without success, since 1955, and I have always received the same excuse, or variations of same, for not being allowed to ring.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN WARD.

Oldham, Lancs.

## LOOKING BACK ON 65's

Dear Sir.—It may interest Mr. Graham C. Grant that the subject of 65's was explored a few years ago, and that so far as I can remember, no reason was advanced as to why they are 'frowned' upon.

In fact, Mr. Desmond Painter, in a masterly exposition on the subject of 'Music in Bell-ringing,' quite rightly pointed out that 65's sounded no worse, and were in some cases not so bad, as 6 anything else. The objections to 65's are based upon prejudice (or ignorance) and, in fact, more than half the ringers who object to them would never notice them if they didn't see the tenors coursing the 'wrong way.'

Unfortunately, their presence gave E. Banks James the excuse to foist upon the Exercise his arrangement of ringing three 720's rolled into one. The propagation of this pernicious practice, which had it been introduced by someone who was not such a prominent member of the C.C. hierarchy, would have quite rightly been shot down in flames, strikes at the very roots of six bell ringing since it introduces rounds in places other than the 720 ends and encourages peals in a minimum number of methods.

Furthermore, Cambridge Surprise, which was intended as the principal beneficiary, doesn't even require the arrangement as A. G. Driver's tables already had 8 720's of that method in which 65's do not occur at backstroke, as was recently pointed out to me by Mr. A. D. Barker, of Slough.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

## RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—On reading the report of the Pershore Outing in 'The Ringing World,' we cannot appreciate the selfish attitude of these ringers in 'tower-grabbing' for their own pleasure, no doubt at no cost, when they would not let the Putney ringers visit the Abbey, without payment of a fee. This does not seem a very Christian or decent attitude.—Yours sincerely,

Putney, S.W.

DAVID C. BROOKES.  
ALAN B. MILLIDGE.

## BRADBOURNE BELLS

Dear Sir.—In his letter on page 648, Mr. Dove refers to the safety of the tower at Bradbourne as regards to ringing, and mentions that the late Vicar did not seriously believe that the tower would split from top to bottom if ringing was permitted.

I would say that the resumption of ringing at Bradbourne was in no way attributable to the late Vicar; in fact when he heard that the bells were being rung, he informed his successor that they must not be, as the tower was unsafe. As a matter of fact, this gentleman had very little use for bells or ringers. I wrote an article on ringing for the Diocesan Leaflet last year, to which he wrote a letter; some extracts I will quote.

'I think Mr. Morris will own that he sees the matter from the standpoint of a ringer, and that the parson's view needs stating also.'

'First, as to their regrettable "come and go" attitude, let me give two examples. At one church I know well, the ringers were exemplary in their attendance, but never dreamt of staying for service, late comers often saying they were just in time to see the ringers "turning out."'

'At another church the ringers never appeared on a Sunday morning and only rang in the evening when it suited them, which in practice was not more than half a dozen times in the year.'

'Moreover, bells should be chimed for services, not rung, as indeed should be obvious. It is a mistake to think that chiming is a mere clumsy substitute for ringing—it is a recognised practice of using bells and to ring always is the voice of the superlative, leaving nothing to mark great festivals and other occasions for rejoicing. But left to themselves, ringers will never chime because it is for them a monotonous drudgery, whereas ringing is great fun, as enjoyable as playing football, tennis, or a musical instrument. I fear this is really the attraction in many cases, rather than a wish to serve the Church and ring to the Glory of God.'

The fact that the bells at Bradbourne are now rung is due to the efforts of a Vicar who is interested in ringing. When he took over the parish, he asked me to look over the bells to see if ringing was possible. After two nights tightening the frame, releasing the clappers (which had rusted tight), greasing, etc., we eventually raised the bells. They are now available to anyone.

There are only a few houses in the parish and hardly any young people, so the chances of forming a local band are very remote.—Yours sincerely,

B. P. MORRIS.

Honorary Secretary,  
Derbyshire Association.

## A CHANCE OF A NEW RING OF SIX

Dear Sir.—Knowing that many of the readers of 'The Ringing World' will be sympathetic towards a church bell problem, I venture to ask if you will be good enough to publish this letter.

In Colchester, the home of bell founder Miles Graye, our parish—All Saints—has an unsafe bell frame. To reconstruct this and hang a ring of six small bells to replace the present three will cost approximately £1,500. In addition to this we are faced with heavy roof repairs, and it is the financial strain of these two burdens which brings us to appeal to your readers.

Inasmuch as we hope to give pleasure to many bell ringers on completion of the work, may we ask for their support of our cause, for which we shall be most grateful. All donations will be acknowledged.

If we achieve our object, the new ring will be the third only in the ancient borough of Colchester.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK H. ABBOTT.

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# Universities' Association 1961 Tour

FOR their 17th annual tour the U.A. this year visited the Tring area, ringing being in five counties. Various trends discernible over the last few years were continued: the increase in numbers attending and towers available seems to be almost at near maximum, while there is a decrease in the number of car breakdowns, visible male knees and strange methods concocted for the tour.

The ringing activities started on Friday afternoon (August 18th) on the pleasant five at Weston Turville, followed by Wendover's, which are rather noisy in the ringing chamber. Arriving at the headquarters, Pendley Manor, we discovered that it was opened as a 'Residential Centre of Informal Education for Adults' (!) and we were introduced to the cooking, of which the staff are so justifiably proud. The excellent organisation was immediately evident, since a plan of the vicinity was provided with the church, school and museum prominently marked—also four of the 13 local hostels. The rest of the evening was spent 'locally'—most ringing on the Chandler eight at Tring.

Saturday morning saw a band of experts depart to ring a peal of Stedman Caters at Leighton Buzzard, while the 'others' rang at Winslow, North Marston, Stewkley and the early Taylor eight at Newton Longville. The party was reunited on the pleasant Gillett six at Whaddon, and Spliced was among the achievements on the excellent 'Taylorised' eight at Wicken, the sole tower visited in Northants. After this, Buckingham came as a disappointment but spirits were mixed at Maids Moreton, with its excellent six, 15th century sedilia and opportunities for puns. Padbury was visited on the way back and the evening was spent socially—furthering our 'informal education' with table tennis, handbells and bridge. Dermot found all three absorbing, especially as it was noted he has the same style in each.

## AT WHIPSNADE

All departed to their allotted towers on Sunday morning and, the afternoon being pleasant, a rather risky excursion to Whipsnade was organised. Here was seen a specimen of the animal prominent on one of the, by now, famous pairs of braces; that on the other pair, however, proved of greater interest to some. Ringing in the evening was again 'assistance' of local towers, including a quarter of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, St. Albans, during which a slider became dislodged, to the surprise of the ringer at the end.

Dermot's organisational skill was severely tested on Monday, due to the complexity of the programme and the efforts of one of the young members, yet most people had an idea which party they were to be in. The elite departed only to fail a peal of spliced at Stoke Mandeville, while half of the remainder visited Hardwicke, Swanbourne, Little and Great Horwood. The other half rang at Wingrave, the Saxon church at Wing, where some of us had plenty of opportunity to appreciate the architecture—some 'anti-tower-grabbing' activities being directed against those who were at their correct tower by some who were not! A similar confusion on the other circuit

seemed to set a precedent for touches considerably longer than appropriate. That great unifier, lunch, settled matters, and the party, complete again, went on to Bleichley's plain, solid church, rebuilt in a period of little church building, where Richmond Bob Major was attempted. The good Mears six at Wavendon was followed by the fine eight at Newport Pagnell, Great Linford, (a six by Joseph Eayre, 1786) and Stoney Stratford.

After a well-earned meal at Pendley some went to enlarge their repertoire of Surprise Minor methods at Apsley, while others contented themselves with London and Superlative at Berkhamsted.

Most of the party set off for a more leisurely day on Tuesday, starting on the excellent Taylor eight at Hughenden, where Bristol and Pudsey were duly 'tapped,' the select few ringing a peal in four Minor methods at Cheddington. In this latter the College Method for ringing trebles in cupboards was conceived and developed, to be expounded later, it is understood, in the Manual (R.V.). The rest of the morning was spent by the main group at West Wycombe, where, tiring of the bells, most investigated the interior of the church with its wall paintings, and the ascent of the tower, where a plan to leave Malcolm for posterity in the golden ball was thwarted. Meanwhile the hon secretary managed to gain access to the caves but was so disgusted at missing one of the Hell-Fire Club orgies that he disappeared for several hours. A picnic lunch was consumed on the hill-top despite trouble with the wind, wasps, canned beer and England's performance in the final Test. Afternoon ringing was at Beaconsfield and Woodburn Green, where we were generously provided with a buffet tea by Ivor Trueman. The final tower before dinner contained the pleasing 12 at High Wycombe, where methods up to Cambridge Maximus were rung. Local practices invaded that evening included Totternhoe and Northchurch.

## PLANNING AHEAD

The final peal attempt was successful on Wednesday morning, Cambridge Major at Totternhoe, while the rest headed towards the great Metropolis, ringing first at Chesham, where a huge beam splits the circle, and we split the fourth clapper. A small yet select few unfortunately failed a quarter of Cambridge at Chalfont St. Giles; the others visiting Amersham and Chenies, the former with its Drake monuments and the latter with those to the Dukes of Bedford. A red triangle (not on a 'Hal' sign!) determined the place for lunch and afterwards Cambridge Royal was rung at Rickmansworth (a fine 10 just back from Whitechapel!). Spliced was again rung at Bushey, where we were met by Chris Woolley, before visiting Watford, Langleybury and King's Langley. After dinner Paul and Dermot soon disposed of the business meeting, during which it was confirmed that the next dinner is to be in Manchester, the 1962 tour in Shropshire and the 1963 tour in Hampshire. The meeting was then able to express its gratitude to the incumbents, the ringers who met us and especially to Miss Cross, Geoffrey and Joyce Dodds for their excellent arrangements.

Harpenden was the first call on Thursday, followed by the St. Albans towers. London

was among the miscellany of methods at St. Stephen's but five spliced failed at St. Michael's. The Cathedral ringing was divided into two sections: the first, for lesser breeds, included Erin and Stedman Cinques, and these humbler folk were despatched to Wheathampstead, where a silent single upset some London Minor. It was later rumoured that the best ringing at the Cathedral was some Grandsire Cinques in the first half!

Yorkshire Royal at Leighton Buzzard was a good start to Friday's excursion, to be followed by Glasgow at Woburn and five spliced at Hushorne Crawley. Lunch was enlivened by local fauna, a ferocious dog beating a hasty retreat on Jumbo's appearance, and later some befriended a donkey which emitted a noise reminiscent of some well-known conductors. The splendid church at Luton was the afternoon's first stop: here the London Royal which had been causing so much furtive swooning was at last attempted. After this, in reply to a charitable 'Some seemed a little unsure,' one member of the band agreed, adding, 'and the rest didn't know the method.'

On the way to Houghton Regis a subtle diversion into a factory entrance enabled us to shake off the hot pursuit of the Rabbits' Guild, but it was a reunited party which made its way to Dunstable, and the navigation of the previous lap was forgiven, despite local connections with the Peasants' Revolt. At Winghoe the cleric managed to 'persuade' five others to ring Orpheus; one is tempted to ponder the significance of this choice. The evening was spent socially after a pilgrimage to a place twixt the Grand Union Canal and Tring Station.

During Saturday morning the party began to disperse, most staying for a ring on the steel bells at Waddesdon. The anti-clockwise eight at Long Crendon was followed by Had-denham, where Jumbo managed to break a rope in six spliced, and Dinton—again anti-clockwise. In the afternoon we rang for a wedding on the difficult eight at Thame, followed by Great Milton, where sufficient were left to ring London. Finally some stalwarts invaded the Oxford Guild meeting at Benson, where we were generously allowed to 'crash' tea and ring Bristol in the third anti-clockwise ring of the day. J. G. U.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 6th, 1911.—

Two North Country ringers, whose business takes them to many parts of England, had a rather amusing experience recently in Sussex. They walked one Sunday from Seaford to the ancient village of Alfriston, where there is a ring of six. They made themselves known to the local ringers, but were not invited to have a pull. When eventually they suggested they would like to take a rope they were politely told that, as the bells 'required careful handling,' visitors were not allowed to ring them.

So there was nothing left but for the two gentlemen concerned to take themselves back to Seaford. Those bells must indeed require very careful handling if Messrs. Ben Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield, may not be trusted to ring them. But it is only an example of the exaggerated ideas which some 'stony' men get when they have never pulled a bell outside their own tower.

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## HALF PEAL

**SWITHLAND, LEICS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 2,520 Doubles in eight methods (St. Columb, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury, April Day, Clifford's pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. R. Brown 1, A. Barnes 2, M. W. Brown (cond.) 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant 5, R. Clark 6. Most methods rung to a touch by all the band.

**BATH.**—At St. Michael with St. Paul's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. J. Roberts 1, Miss P. M. Nappin 2, Miss K. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, G. N. Wood 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

**BAUGHURST, HANTS.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Sheila Taylor 1, A. Littlejohn 2, L. West 3, D. Papworth 4, J. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. A. J. A. Blake, on the occasion of his induction as Rector. First quarter on the bells by a local Sunday service band.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Bryant 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, J. Edmunds 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Frole 8. For Harvest Festival.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. F. Godley 1, Miss I. Down 2, Mrs. R. Pope 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. Amey 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first lesson in this tower on October 10th, 1931, and as a compliment to his instructor, Mr. W. (Bill) C. Shute.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Jacobs (first quarter) 1, C. R. Lovett (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. F. Downing 3, F. J. Crappell 4, R. F. Downing 5, J. Bennett 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Boer 1, T. Padbury 2, L. W. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, W. F. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and marking the restoration of the steeple.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hudson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss S. Buchanan 4, J. Martin 5, R. Johnson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Valerie Skinner (Charlwood band), on her 20th birthday, and also her engagement.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, Sallie Buchanan 2, J. W. Priest 3, D. G. Blows 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron. Collins 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. C. M. Vignoles, sidesman.

**CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Norwich): D. Murcott 1, Miss C. Bibby 2, Robert J. Warrilow 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, D. W. Friend 5, B. J. Wyld 6.

**CORBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Russell 1, P. M. Fleckney 2, Miss D. M. Lawless 3, R. A. Webster 4, A. J. Frost 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

**CORSTON, NEAR BATH.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1, Miss B. Jewell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, C. J. Brown 3, S. G. King 4, Mrs. M. de Jong 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. A thankoffering for harvest.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Cummings 1, R. Rogers 2, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 3, Miss G. Barnes 4, T. Hefford 5, E. J. Lambert 6.

**COWFOLD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boxall 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, F. F. Godmark (cond.) 3, C. Packham 4, R. Johnson 5, H. Symonds 6. For the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Julia Woolven.

**DEDDINGTON, OKON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Ivings 1, E. E. Pearson 2, W. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, E. W. Honour 5, W. H. Minnear 6, J. Ivings 7, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Morrison (first on eight) 1, Sheila P. Miller (first 'inside') 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, M. P. Howard 4, R. H. Peters 5, D. R. Mitchell 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band for Harvest Festival Evensong.

**EDMONTON, MIDD.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,248 Little Bob Minor: Judith Burden 1, D. Langdon 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, W. George 4, J. Weeks 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**EXETER.**—At St. David's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Woodland (first quarter) 1, N. Mallett 2, B. Thompson 3, J. Carter 4, F. Mack 5, F. Wills 6, F. Wreford 7, G. Skinner 8. For Harvest Festival.

**GOLDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. L. Crisp (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Marshall 2, R. H. French 3, E. J. White 4, Deborah Hopkins (cond.) 5, J. H. Edwards 6. For children's Harvest Festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

**GREAT DALBY, LEICS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Fields 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, A. E. Hinman 3, R. H. Cook 4, C. E. Cooper 5. A farewell to Clive Harold Bonshor, son of the conductor, who has joined the Royal Army Catering Corps.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,480 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, London, Bristol, Lincoln, Watford, Pudsey, Dorchester, Cassiobury): J. N. Parkin 1, S. M. Moulds 2, P. Reeve 3, M. V. Copping 4, J. F. Bryant 5, G. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, S. M. Moulds 2, P. Reeve 3, M. V. Copping 4, J. H. Fielden 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of York.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boid (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshott 2, Miss Mavis Brown (first quarter) 3, P. Smith (first in the method 'inside') 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Priestley 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb 5, J. King (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5. For children's service.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Friend 1, R. G. Jones 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, J. Shedel 5. For Harvest Festival.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Harper 1, Miss G. Grancy 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, Miss M. W. Picton 4, K. Waples 5, A. Hill 6, R. J. Picton (cond.) 7, D. J. Goodman 8. For Harvest Festival.

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On Sept. 30th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. G. Campbell 1, C. Hobson (first as cond.) 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. S. Johnson 6.

**LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): O. Gatter 1, J. West 2, P. Gatter 3, F. Mack (cond.) 4, R. Gatter 5, A. Knight 6, H. West 7, T. Sparkes 8. For Harvest Festival.

**LONGDON, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. W. Dutton 1, L. E. Monk 2, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 3, E. D. Yardley 4, J. C. Howells 5. First quarter 1, 4 and 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Fry (first quarter) 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Fry (first quarter) 6. A farewell to H. Fry, Angela Fry and Louisa Fry, all members of the tower, who are leaving for Scotland.

**MARLOW, BEDS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. R. Dean 1, R. Blackler 2, E. D. Poole 3, E. Silvey 4, J. Young 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7. A Boarder 8. For dedication festival.

**MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Laurence 1, J. H. Jones 2, B. Griffiths (cond.) 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. Jones 5, C. Evans 6. For Harvest Festival.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NORTHUMB.**—On Oct. 1st, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Scott 1, Miss D. A. Yates 2, Miss W. Phillips 3, T. O. Piercy 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6. Also first quarter by an all St. George's Guild band. For Evensong.

**NORTHMOOR, OKON.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. Bowsher 1, H. Miles 2, A. Hicks 3, A. Cantwell 4, H. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. A birthday compliment to Vernon Clifton, a ringer at this church for over 30 years.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Wills 1, J. S. Dear 2, Caroline Wills 3, I. T. Werrett 4, W. J. Hitch 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. G. Buck (cond.) 7, Jean Sanderson 8. Half-muffled in memorial Horace E. Werrett, late captain of Norton ringers.

**NORWICH, NORFOLK.**—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Sept. 24th, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: C. Bird 1, S. Boar 2, C. Sayer 3, F. N. Golden (cond.) 4, A. Bason 5, R. Duesbury 6, D. Cubitt 7, J. Cox 8, G. Sayer 9, W. Love 10, B. Gogle 11, H. W. Barrett 12. For Harvest Festival.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss G. Mooring 1, J. Martin 2, A. D. Leach (25th quarter) 3, H. Colcombe 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Wootton 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, M. Swadling 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden (first 'inside') 5, A. J. Roden 6. For Harvest Festival Matins.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Walker 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, A. H. Gearing 3, D. O. Wilks 4, J. H. Gardner 5, E. S. Edwards 6, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 7, H. J. Prately 8. For Harvest Evensong.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Martin (first quarter) 1, B. Kercher 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Walker 4, K. Tipper 5, N. H. Bassett 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**PITNEY LORTIE, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. D. Munday (first on 5 and in 2 methods) 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, P. Cox 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. F. C. Hill, landlord of 'The Lime Kiln Inn,' Long Sutton, who was laid to rest at Pitney the previous day.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 1st, as St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Wheeler 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd (first on eight 'inside') 2, F. E. Day 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, C. E. Taylor 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sylvia C. Chard 1, M. J. Uphill 2, D. C. Brookes 3, A. R. Millidge 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5. First in two methods 1 and 2. First in two methods 'inside' 3 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Sagers 1, K. Game 2, A. T. Shelton 3, M. Atfield (first of Triples) 4, A. J. Bull 5, W. H. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, Joan Hanning 8.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, F. Harrington 2, G. Harrington 3, W. Chapman 4, P. W. Mills 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. For morning prayer.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. B. Jeffries 1, C. Blain 2, Mrs. Houghton 3, Miss Ashton (cond.) 4, R. Houghton 5, F. Sherman 6. For Harvest Festival.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Jeffries 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Carol A. Ritchens (first 'inside') 3, L. J. Cox 4, D. J. Barnett 5, D. J. Burt 6. For Evensong.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. Heawood 1, Judith A. Harding 2, G. W. Elmes 3, C. T. Brown 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. G. Cherrett 6. First quarters 1 and 3 on working bells. For Harvest Festival, and as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. C. Wallis.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Kent T. B. Minor: R. Bullivant 1, F. Cooke (first of Kent 'inside') 2, G. Challans 3, A. E. Dobb 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. A. Bond 1, Miss C. M. Hill 2, Miss B. D. Munday 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, D. M. C. Hill 5, H. C. Hill 6. To mark the conductor's completion of 30 years of ringing.

**WHITESTONE, DEVON.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Bye 1, Mary Browne 2, S. Skinner 3, P. Jupp 4, J. Carter 5, F. Mack (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mary Browne, who is going up to Manchester University.

**WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Biscoe (first quarter) 1, G. Pullinger 2, R. Percy 3, Janet Percy 4, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 5, A. Honeysett 6. Rung for children's Harvest Festival, and as a 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, C. Wallater 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. G. Turner 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, C. Griffiths 6, W. Davies 7, K. Williams 8, F. G. Handley 9, R. Mowforth 10. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Bond, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, J. Glanvill 2, K. Wannell 3, B. Coles 4, J. Carter 5, F. Bye 6, F. Mack (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For Harvest Festival.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: K. E. Pinney 1, H. G. Keeley 2, C. Gaylard 3, G. S. Morris 4, T. E. Marks 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, J. E. Looker 8, W. E. Turner 9, J. Cornelius 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2 and 6. First on 10 bells for 1 and 10.



**PHILADELPHIA 'LIBERTY BELL'**

With reference to Mr. Ernest Morris' article on the Philadelphia Liberty Bell, Mr. A. Hughes writes to him: 'I have seen the one at Philadelphia several times and it is a horrible casting. The original, which came from here (the Whitechapel Foundry) in 1752, could never have been as bad as the one in Independence Hall. As you know, Thomas Lester made very clean castings.

'We sent out last year to Houston, Texas, a modern Liberty Bell, which was moulded from the original strickle which was used in 1752. The lettering is also that used on the original bell. The headstock is of elm, which had been seasoned for about 15 years, and the gudgeons are fitted in and secured with the old style iron hoops. Every bit of ironwork is hand forged. The threads are the old wide pitch used in the 18th century and the nuts were hand made to suit.

'The bell was ordered as an advertising campaign to collect funds for more intensive research into the cure of muscular dystrophy, a horrible disease which mostly attacks young children. The bell has been mounted on a specially made truck, which tours the country appealing for funds to obtain liberty from muscular dystrophy.'

**TITANIUM AS BELL METAL**

Arcturus Manufacturing Company, Venice, California, has made bells from titanium. They polish to a beautiful silvery lustre. The clapper of one of their bells, which is about 24 inches in diameter,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in thickness and weighs a little under 50 lbs., is made of a phenolic resin-wood flour mixture, about as large as a croquet ball and covered with thin leather.

Four of these bells have been installed at Peace Lutheran Church, Pico River, Los Angeles.

Titanium, among other things, is used to make gas pressure vessels for Atlas missiles. [From the journal of the Electrochemical Society, September, 1961.]

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

For the first time, the Eastern Branch met at Kessingland on September 16th, where Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have recently restored and augmented the ring to six. Many favourable comments were heard as to the 'go' and tone of the bells. The Rev. Giles Galley conducted the service and members were sorry to learn that Miss Doris Lidbetter, Branch Ringing Master, was in hospital as the result of an accident.

The short business meeting was presided over by Mr. E. R. Goate, who welcomed Mr. Nolan Golden. Subject to satisfactory arrangements, the next meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth. The votes of thanks included one to Mr. R. C. L. Brown, who, with his mother and other ladies, arranged the splendid tea.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

The quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Dunkeswell, when there was an attendance of 50 members and friends, including an encouraging number of young ringers, and members from Bampton and Aylesbeare Branches. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Vicar. Tea and the business meeting were held in the Village Hall.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Awliscombe and the monthly practice at Buckerell on October 3rd. Mr. Woodley, Branch chairman, presided over the meeting.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge, Kent, Single Court, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire.

**THE PEAL AT CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD**

A correspondent writes:

The peal recorded in our columns at Oxford Cathedral must have been the quickest on the bells. While in itself not a virtue, it can be said that, as a rule, fast ringing is better than slow ringing. But if it is fast, it must be wellnigh perfect or there is no case for it.

On this occasion 9, 10, 11, 12 were rung faultlessly throughout, and on only two occasions did any of the others make a trip or hold up the rhythm in any way. A peal of Cinques on bells of this size can only be rung at this speed when the four back bells 'keep rolling along,' and even then the speed is not by design but just happens. Fast ringing, when the leads are not kept open, and there is a lot of clipping and near-firing, is unjustified.

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## BELFRY

Dr. C. T. Brown, who until recently was captain of Wareham and Ringing Master of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, sails for the Antarctic on December 2nd. For 18 months he will stay at the Royal Society base camp, Halley Bay. Among those who will miss him will be the young band of ringers he has built up almost entirely from scratch.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques last Saturday at St. Paul's Cathedral to mark the enthronement of Dr. R. W. Stopford as Bishop of London.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Evesham by Cambridge University Guild on September 9th (see page 653) was rung on the tenth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

The peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods rung at Cawthorne, Barnsley, on September 30th was of special interest to the conductor, Mr. Noel F. Moxon. It is 30 years since he rang his first peal and it was in the same seven methods.

The bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset, are now ringing again after an enforced silence of five months, owing to repairs to the tower and roof. Mr. R. H. Duke, captain, hopes that the visiting bands who were disappointed will come again another year.

Mr. Jabez Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster, completed 50 years as a reader of this journal last month. In September, 1911, he received a specimen copy from Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, and at once became a subscriber.

Many people while on holiday in Devon have noted with interest the round church of St. James, West Teignmouth. Since March 5th the tenor bell has been lying in its pit in the bell chamber. The only satisfactory solution is a complete rehanging of the bells. This the P.C.C. are prepared to do and so far the appeal fund has raised £425. Mr. F. J. Pillar, captain of the tower, of 14, Paradise Road, Teignmouth, appeals to ringers for their help and will personally acknowledge any gifts received.

## GOSSIP

When Shrewsbury ringers had their outing on September 16th they discovered that Dolgelley bells were ringable again. An engineer concerned with the building of the new power station at Trawsfynydd is helping to train a new band. Except for the treble, the other seven bells run easily enough and local learners, who at one stage seemed to outnumber the visitors, watched Bob Major and Grandsire Triples with great interest.

Mr. B. W. Willgress, of Acle, Norwich, writes expressing his thanks to the ringers of South Buckinghamshire while he was staying at Hughenden. He hopes later to score a peal in the area.

As a compliment to one of our Australian ringing friends, Turrumurra Surprise Major has made its appearance. The first peal in the method has been rung at Loughborough and it enabled the conductor, Mr. John M. Jelley, to complete the Surprise Major alphabet.

St. John's Church, Redhill, is sending three ringers to University this year. Ann Williams goes to the Royal Holloway College, University of London. Michael Atfield to Christ Church, Oxford, and David Mundy to Peterhouse, Cambridge. All are change ringers, while Michael and David aspire to Surprise.

Cowfold, Sussex, ringers are very proud of their centenarian, Mrs. Julia Woolven. This week, her 102nd birthday was honoured by a quarter peal. Now the same six ringers also rang for her 100th and 101st birthdays. They modestly suggest that they have done something that no other six ringers have done in ringing together for a 100th, 101st and 102nd birthday of the same individual.

Carhampton, Somerset, band report a big step forward. For the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Dawson) five of the local band rang their first peal. It was intended to be an all local peal, but owing to the indisposition of Mr. B. G. Williams Mr. H. W. Lloyd, of Dunster, stepped in at short notice to conduct. The regular assistance given by Mr. Lloyd on practice nights is chiefly responsible for the advance of the band.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

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THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 30 cwt.

BRIAN R. WHITE .. Treble	EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. 7
JOHN DREWITT .. .. 2	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORNE .. 8
EDWARD VENN .. .. 3	EDWIN J. SMITH .. .. 9
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 4	GEORGE E. HOLLAND .. .. 10
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON .. 5	FREDERICK A. H. WILKIINS .. 11
J. RICHARD CHAUDY .. .. 6	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 6
REGINALD HAYDEN .. .. 2	HENRY BIRD .. .. 7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 3	DENNIS RANDALL .. .. 8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. .. 4	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. 9
GEORGE W. CECIL .. .. 5	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mr. William T. Prior, of Bishop's Stortford. Mr. Prior joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in December, 1898.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 8
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 9
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

Rung in honour of the wedding earlier in the day at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, of Mr. Geoffrey D. Fearnough and Miss E. Dorothy France.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED W. STONE .. .. Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6
JOSEPH C. WOLLEY .. .. 2	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
*DEBORAH WILSON .. .. 3	CLIVE WALKLATE .. .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 9
DAVID PARKIN .. .. 5	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.  
Rung as a compliment to a local ringer, Miss Brenda Nelson, on her marriage to Mr. Barry Wayne.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 23 cwt.

RAYMOND G. BURTON .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 6
JOHN CHILCOFF .. .. 2	ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. .. 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 8
JOHN W. HIBBERT .. .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 9
DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 5	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOFF.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	ALFRED J. MOY .. .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 8
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. 9
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 5	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Caters on the bells. Alfred Moy leaves shortly for the Maldives Islands—with best wishes and a safe return on completing his tour of duty.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS .. .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. .. 7
JOHN E. COOK .. .. 3	ALAN J. FROST .. .. 8
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. 9
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

First peal of Belgrave Royal for the Society.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	A. RONALD LING .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
SUSAN M. JACKSON .. .. 3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. .. 8
PETER J. EVES .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 9
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal for the Society, and by all the

band except the second ringer.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 5
DEREK OGDEN .. .. 2	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 6
*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
F. JOHN NELSON .. .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

\* First peal in more than one method. First of Spliced as conductor.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 5
BASIL JONES .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
*PETER DALE .. .. 4	*NEIL BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, CASTLEHALL.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
*DEREK J. MARSHALL .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

TOM W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	*TREVOR TARBATT .. .. 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal in the method. First of Yorkshire as conductor. First

of Yorkshire on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F.



### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HUBERT H. MITSON .. .. Treble	*PETER S. BENNETT .. .. 5
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. 2	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 6
ALICE E. J. LESTER .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 22).

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method. The conductor has now completed the Surprise Major alphabet.

### FAVERSHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

H. Hubbard's Ten-Part.	
CYRIL J. EADES .. .. Treble	ERIC T. EADES .. .. 5
LAURENCE MITCHELL .. .. 2	BRIAN E. JEMMETT .. .. 6
HAZEL V. DADSON .. .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. 7
WILFRID S. PALIM .. .. 4	*GEORGE J. NICHOLSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all except the seventh ringer. Rung to celebrate the twinning of the town of Hazebrouck (France) and Faversham, Kent.

### MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Treble	REV. CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL 5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 2	PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 6
VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. 3	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. .. 7
GWILYM G. SALMON .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

### MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

#### A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 6
*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
*JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

### PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGH.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. .. 5
*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 2	ALAN J. GRIFFIN .. .. 6
†B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 7
PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire. First in the method on the bells.

### TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—14—38—56— H.L. 78 L.H. 12 Gp. B.

### REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. 2	*MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. .. 3	*RALPH W. BICKERS .. .. 7
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

Tenor 24 cwt.

### SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

NORMAN SHERRATT .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 2	ROY WORRALL .. .. 6
*PHILLIP S. MASON .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
†REGINALD A. CHALLINOR 4	WALTER SHERRATT .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

First of Cambridge as conductor.

### WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN .. .. Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 5
JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. 2	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 6
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung for the 93rd anniversary of the dedication of this church.

### CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PAUL CATTERMOLE .. Treble	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. .. 2	ALAN J. GRIFFIN .. .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 7
B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire. First in the method on the bells.

### HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 2	KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 4	DAVID T. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. DEASON.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.41).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

### WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*CHRISTINE HOWLETT .. Treble	JAMES A. LORD .. .. 5
DAVID WALDRUM .. .. 2	JOHN HAWTIN .. .. 6
COLIN LORD .. .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. 7
WILFRED LORD .. .. 4	*ROBERT A. PEPPER .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First tower-bell peal. First of Bob Triples by all. Tenor 12 cwt.

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**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Sept. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,**  
**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol for the Association by a resident band, in which the ringer of the fifth rang the seventh to the same composition. Mr. Whiting was heartily congratulated on both performances.

**SALLE, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Composer's Twelve-Part, No. 18 in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ROY DUESBURY .. .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 5
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	JOHN COX .. .. 6
*DAVID CUBITT .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
†CHRISTOPHER G. SAYER .. 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First 'touch' in the method, and of Major.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

F. ERIC ROBERTS .. .. Treble	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 5
*E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. .. 6
*MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 7
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal in the method.  
 Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Pratt on his engagement to Margaret Lovelace.

**BRAY, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DAWN V. ELSON .. .. Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. 5
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 6
*HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
†ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. B.58). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
 \* 50th peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,**

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Ikenson variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER JONES .. Treble	*†ROY WORRALL .. .. 5
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	MICHAEL THOMSON .. 6
*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. 7
*JOHN RYDER .. .. 4	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

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

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**  
**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,**  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans'. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM HIBBERT .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. .. 5
JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 6
DENNIS RANDALL .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 4	JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.

**HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. I. M. HOLLAND .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
*EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal in the method.

**HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

Consisting of 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol; with 53 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT .. .. Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 5
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,**  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In nine methods, comprising 960 London, 640 each of Ealing, Rutland and Wembley, 480 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, and 320 Ashted; with 139 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

**LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,**

**A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDEGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 7
IVOR GOULTER .. .. 4	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method.

**MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

KEITH C. FLEMING .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 6
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	FRANK W. RIVETT .. .. 7
*RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

\* 100th peal on the bells.

Composition: See page 478, 'R.W.' 1955, in transposed form.

**SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. D. J. MARSHALL .. Treble	†DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. 5
*CYNTHIA WEBB .. .. 2	‡MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. 6
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 3	‡JOHN MURFIN .. .. 7
†JOHN HARVEY .. .. 4	REGINALD G. NEWSUM .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

**QUEDEGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—4—58—16—12—3—1456—7  
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## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
 SYDNEY ANTHONY .. Treble \*FRANK KING .. 4  
 MICHAEL THOMSON .. 2 HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5  
 JOHN RYDER .. 3 HAROLD WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal.

Rung as a sixth wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

**CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.  
 ANTHONY GIBBONS .. Treble ANN BRYANT .. 4  
 CYRIL R. WEBBER .. 2 ROBERT M. WATTS .. 5  
 \*HENRY W. LLOYD .. 3 ALAN D. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal for all the band except the third ringer.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar of Carhampton, the Rev. T. S. Dawson.

**ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Rung on the front six.  
 \*W. F. GREEN .. Treble †J. C. ELLISON .. 4  
 †T. D. ROUGHLEY .. 2 †W. G. ROTHERY .. 5  
 E. ROUGHLEY .. 3 C. BLACKBURN .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BLACKBURN.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

**BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.  
 Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESLEY J. BLADON .. Treble \*BRIAN COX .. 4  
 W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 2 ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5  
 ERIC SUTTON .. 3 BRIAN BLADON .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a welcome to Catherine Ann Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin, born September 21st, 1961.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Single Court and two each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford T.B. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SUSAN MEREDITH .. Treble FRANK BRADLEY .. 4  
 \*CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. 2 WILFRED RILEY .. 5  
 DOREEN BRADLEY .. 3 BRIAN MILLS .. Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN BRADLEY.

\* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the wedding of Miss C. Bentley and Mr. L. Guy-Smith, which took place this day; also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Bradley.

**GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Double and Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

\*†FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble \*PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 4  
 RONALD RUSSELL .. 2 \*FREDERICK DERRY .. 5  
 †PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal in eight methods. † 225th peal. ‡ 175th peal

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gilson, of Gravesend, Kent.

**OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*ANTHONY H. SMITH .. Treble RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 4  
 †PHILIP G. ROGERS .. 2 MARTIN MAJOR .. 5  
 ALEX SIMPSON .. 3 PERCY W. TOMPKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First 'inside.'

**ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.  
 RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4  
 KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2 GRACE BURCHNALL .. 5  
 MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 3 ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GRACE BURCHNALL

**MILDENHALL, WILTSHIRE.**  
**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sun., Sept. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON .. Treble †MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. 4  
 ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 2 †BRIAN COX .. 5  
 \*MAURICE A. NEW .. 3 A. TERENCE COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TERENCE COLLINS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

Rung for Harvest Festival.

**WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sun., Sept. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID T. MAULTBY .. Treble JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4  
 ALAN G. PAYNE .. 2 ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. 5  
 BRIAN HUNT .. 3 J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tues., Sept. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, the extents being (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

\*DEREK SLATER .. Treble REV. BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4  
 FREDERICK J. ROBERTS .. 2 JOHN A. HOWARD .. 5  
 HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3 FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a welcome to Nicholas Martin John Slater, son of the treble ringer and Mrs. Slater, born September 11th.

**BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**  
*On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

\*FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Treble RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4  
 †ALAN HARVEY .. 2 †ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5  
 CYNTHIA BIBBY .. 3 DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

\* First peal away from the covering tenor. † First peal. ‡ 100th peal.

A compliment to the ringers of the third and fifth on their engagement.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Barnsley and District Society.)  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON Treble HERMAN RUSBY .. 4  
 IRVINE CROSSLAND .. 2 TREVOR TARBATT .. 5  
 FRED COWLING .. 3 NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal on the treble.

Rung for the Feast of St. Michael.

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANNE P. SMITH .. Treble \*GEOFFREY A. YARWOOD .. 4  
 BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2 PETER T. DALE .. 5  
 CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal in three methods. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' to peals.



### HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In five methods, consisting of eight extents each of Grandsire, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury and April Day, and ten of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	BARRY BRANT .. .. . 3
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 4

MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung for the Harvest Festival; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. T. Brown, grandfather of the conductor.

### MAIDSTONE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. . 4
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. . 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. . 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

### PREES, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being an extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, Stamford, Rossendale, Durham and York.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD V. ROBENHURST Treble	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. . 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. . 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. . 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. . 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Also quickest peal on the bells.

**NORTH WEALD**

The absence of four ringers delayed the start for half an hour when North Weald ringers decided to proceed without them on their outing into Suffolk on September 2nd.

There was some fine ringing at the first tower, Stoke-by-Nayland, until a rope jumped one of the wheels and forced us to curtail activities. The light six at Higham suited the ladies, who began and ended the day in fine form. Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Spliced were brought round and there were some Doubles for Jim Bingham to cover in splendid style.

A stop was made to look at East Bergholt bells in the churchyard, before ringing on the light bells at Holbrook. Lunch was an individual affair at Ipswich. At Barking we were surprised to find, waiting at the church, Andy Crowson, of Woodford, who had hitch-hiked from Woodford. Barking bells are about the same as our own and everybody had a ring.

Owing to hold-ups in traffic, Preston was given a miss. At Monks Eleigh the ringers stand on a platform set around the tower and at a height of about 10 feet. There are 'crash barriers' in front in case any feel height conscious. The bells rang quite well although a little oil on the bearings would have made a world of difference.

A wonderful tea was obtained at the Spinning Wheel restaurant, Hadleigh. Afterwards we went through narrow lanes to Polstead, our last tower, where we enjoyed every minute of our stay and had one of the best rings of the day. Thank you, Geoffrey, for the excellent arrangements. H. K.

**STRATTON**

On September 16th an enjoyable outing was arranged by the Stratton ringers for visitors who came from Basingstoke, Appleton, Plympton and Saltash.

Ringing commenced at Hartland (a glorious six), then on to Bideford for lunch, where Yvonne joined the party, and some good ringing was had on the fine octave. The next tower

**MULBARTON, NORFOLK.**

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	GILBERT LARTER .. .. . 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. . 2	HENRY TOOKE .. .. . 5
*THOMAS SPIGHT .. .. . 3	PETER ADCOCK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by PETER ADCOCK.

\* 100th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

For Harvest Festival.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 1—2	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 5—6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3—4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. . 7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung as a farewell to Miss Janice E. Williamson.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

E. M. Atkins'.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. . 5—6
*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. . 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7—8

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal on eight bells.

A farewell to Derek M. Sawyer, who is going to Bristol University.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 27, 1961, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

AT 36, EASTGATE, BEVERLEY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Spliced Oxford and Kent, two of Oxford and three of Plain Bob.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 1—2	CHARLES BARKER .. .. . 3—4
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MALCOLM LINCOLN .. .. . 5—6

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

**OUTINGS**

was the lumpy eight at Pilton, then to Exmoor and the glorious eight of South Molton.

At Chittlehampton, a very fine tower, some time was lost trying to find who had the key. Ringing for the day was concluded at Great Torrington, all being agreed that it had been a perfect day.

Charles was annoyed at the size of the pasty, purchased in the local for 8d., and didn't fail to express his disgust to the landlord.

W. G. L.

**TOR PARISH CHURCH**

The ringers of Tor Parish Church, Torquay, had their first outing since the band was reformed two years ago, on September 9th. Of the present band, only three are over the age of 16. Accompanied by the Vicar, the company was strengthened by the presence of John Kelly, of Paignton, and Don Roberts, his wife and daughter, of Babbacombe. We set off from Tor Church in three cars and Bill Harvey, the tower captain, brought up the rear on his ancient motor cycle, which has existed mainly for ringing expeditions since it was demobbed from the British Army after the war.

We reached Berry Pomeroy, at present one of the 'silent' towers in South Devon and were joined by two very welcome visitors from Burnley. The bells were rung to rounds and call changes on the eight, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor and the striking was far better than we had dared to hope considering that the young ringers have had little experience outside their own six bell tower with a tenor of 8½ cwt.

After tea at Totnes, we visited the Parish Church, which contains the heaviest ring of eight in the county (tenor 28 cwt.). We were further strengthened here by the appearance of Aubrey Bennett, Yvonne Porter and the local captain, Mr. Jim Browne, and two of his ringers.

Again the striking was remarkably good and those present joined in rounds and call

changes on the eight, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and a course of Bob Minor on the back six.

At the end of the hour's ringing at Totnes we returned to Torquay, greatly satisfied with our afternoon's ringing. Next year we hope to travel farther from home and visit some more of the fine towers in Devon.

W. J. H.

**WEST COUNTRY RINGERS  
IN LONDON**

Twenty ringers from Twerton, Corston, Warmley and Bristol spent September 16th in London, the journey being made by train.

The ten bells at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, gave much pleasure during the morning and thanks are accorded to Messrs. Weedon and Sheldrick for looking after the visitors. The newly restored bells at St. Lawrence Jewry (tenor 24½ cwt.) were rung after lunch and proceedings finished with an excellent fall in 'Devon' style. Mr. A. Hughes is thanked for arranging ringing at these two towers.

At St. Giles', Camberwell, where we were met by Mr. C. Jones, some of the Westminster band had just been ringing for a wedding; they stopped and rang with us—a very great privilege. Ringing the tenor to Cambridge Major was Mr. Reuben Sanders, now 87 years of age. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

A former Vicar of Twerton (the Rev. J. W. Higgins), with the local band, met us at Greenwich and ringing was followed by a supper at the Vicarage. 'Blue Bells of Scotland' were rung on handbells around a bonfire in the garden, where the local youth club were holding a barbecue. Before leaving Greenwich the Vicar and Mrs. Higgins were sincerely thanked. Thanks for this happy day are also offered to Mr. Tom Lock, who supplied information and maps. A. F. L.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Harwood (cond.), 1. C. Dear (first 'inside'), 2. J. I. Dear 3. E. Wills 4. R. Castledine 5. J. S. Dear 6. E. Buck 7. P. Flack 8. For Harvest Festival.



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### ENGAGEMENTS

**PRATT—LOVELACE.**—The engagement is announced between Margaret, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. C. Lovelace, of Cambridge, and Geoffrey, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pratt, also of Cambridge. 9033

**SMITH—DAVIS.**—The engagement is announced between Lucy Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, and Raymond George, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, both of Watford, Herts. 9056

### DEATH

**BIRKETT.**—On October 2nd, 1961, in hospital, Winifred, beloved wife of Ted. Interred Holy Trinity, Wavertree, Friday, 6th.—7, Stanmore Road, Liverpool 15. 9026

### IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN BASS,** October 6th, 1958. 8977

### PERSONAL

'BE pitiful, be courteous.' (I Peter iii, 8.)

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Corby have now left Bedford and until their new house at Wakefield is ready their temporary address is c/o 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 9022

The address of Donald and Ruth Niblett is now 14, Allerton Grange Drive, Leeds 17, Tel.: Leeds 685858. 9035

The home address of Dermot and Caroline Roof is 33b, Norham Road, Oxford (tel. 59467). U.A. business to Exeter College, please.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE.**—Holy Trinity, Guildford, Thursday, October 19th. Methods: Bristol, London, Rutland (Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire). 9050

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.**—On St. Luke's Day (October 18th) there will be a special service for members of the medical and nursing profession. Bells will be rung immediately afterwards and ringers among congregation are invited to the belfry to take part. On October 21st visiting Girl Guides who would like to help to ring for their service should let me know by previous Wednesday, Ringing 6 p.m.—W. O. Haythorne, Hon. Sec., 2, Milverton Road, Winchester. 9042

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—Practice night, Friday (instead of Thursday), until further notice.—W. Birmingham, Belfry Captain. 9055

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### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: October 17th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; October 24th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30; October 31st there will be no practice; November 7th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery—Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8) Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—D. G. Yarn, 'Estune', Brockway, Nailsea. 8667

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8) and Yorktown (8), Saturday, October 14th. Ringing, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Hawley: 6-9 p.m. Yorktown. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Hawley. Names for tea to Mr. G. Gilder, 29, Beech Road, Farnborough, Hants. 8988

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 14th. Essendon 2.45-4.45 p.m. Hertingfordbury from 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements please (White Horse, Hertingfordbury, 'does tea' but will accept no booking).—M. A. Coburn, T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 8969

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8979

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, October 14th, 3 p.m. St. John's, Deptford, 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall, 6.30 to 8 St. Mary's, Lewisham. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 8936

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 14th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Service 6. Business meeting in the tower 6.30, followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8994

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting at Overseal on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 8972

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Yardley, October 14th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify for tea please. G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28, SPR 1025. 8931

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual commemoration dinner to the late Jasper Snowden and past officers will be held at Betty's Cafe, Darley Street, Bradford, on Saturday, October 14th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets (15s. each) from Mr. F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Earlier application (giving names) much appreciated. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Idle (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Ilkley (8) (home tower and burial place of the late J. W. Snowden), 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Chair to be taken at 6.45 p.m. prompt by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 8836

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, October 17th. W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9028

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 4.30. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9029

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 18th to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9045

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, October 21st. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9051

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 21st, 2.30 p.m., Blackhill St. Aidan's. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 9023

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Meeting at East Grinstead, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Corner Cafe', Lewes Road. Names to Mrs. E. M. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue.—C. A. Bassett. 9001

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD, and Cambridge District, on Saturday, October 14th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9000

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8945

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed to tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 8938

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9039

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9054

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Hatfield Heath (6) on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9049

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 8978

**HILLINGDON.**—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on October 21st. Iver (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Bishop of Kensington. Tea and evening social to follow in St. John's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to secretaries or F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by previous Monday.—Mrs. S. Bullock, Miss D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch Secs. 8997

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual District meeting of the Rochester District, combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch), will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 21st. Choral Evensong in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. (not ringers' service). Chatham bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting at George Inn, 35, High Street, Rochester, 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells after meeting. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. Barton and S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Secs. 8980

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 21st, at Brookfield Unitarian Church. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. B. Rumney, 52, Woodland Road, Gorton, Manchester 18, by October 18th, please.—D. Ogden. 9047

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury on Saturday, October 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9053

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting in Leicester District, Saturday, October 21st. Bells available: Groby (6) 2-3 p.m., Newton Linford (5) 2.30-3.30, Anstey (8) 2.30-4.25 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Anstey 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names to R. F. Elkington, 24, Andrew Street, Anstey, Leicester. Dinner tickets will be on sale at this meeting. General Committee meet St. John's Vestry, 7.45 p.m., October 18th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9014

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on October 21st, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Oxford Treble Bob.—B. C. Castle. 9048

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warmington (6—recently rehung), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea only for those sending names by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9041



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 21st, Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Wishford (5) also available in evening. Please send names for tea by 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8965

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Thorne, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, on or before October 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9030

**SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Leigh meeting (not Thorpe Bay), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9044

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Joint practice meeting of Southern and Western Divisions. Southover, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes, Sussex, by Wednesday, October 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9020

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES.**—Meeting, October 21st, at Talgarth. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service and tea (2s. 6d.) after. Llanfeigan 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Colin A. Lewis, Pantycelyn, Penglais, Aberystwyth. 9021

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Phoenix Inn, for those who notify by previous Tuesday. Names to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 9037

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion. Wraxall, Sunday, October 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells available 7 a.m. Breakfast for those who notify by October 19th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 8668

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Goxhill (6), October 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 25th to Mr. S. Neave, Ainslie House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 9036

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne on Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, October 23rd, to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9053

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Bleanavon, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Method practice: Double Norwich. Numbers for tea by October 23rd, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 9046

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Thetford on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, by Wednesday, October 25th.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 9027

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Burford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 9034

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Meeting at Aldeburgh (8), Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before Thursday, October 26th, to J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh (T.N. Aldeburgh 3395). 9025

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, 1961, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Full details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8986

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Meeting at Springfield, Saturday, November 4th. Finals of striking competition will take place at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 9040

**READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th at the Caversham Bridge Hotel, Reading. Tickets (16s. 6d.) and details of ringing arrangements, from Miss J. Foster, St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road, Reading. 9032

### NEW QUARTER HAS STARTED

This is the second issue of the new quarter, and it is an opportune time for new readers to enrol as postal subscribers. Will those renewing subscriptions please remit today to Mr. J. E. Jeater, 'Greystones,' Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 24th annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th, at 5.45 p.m. Accommodation for 300. Cathedral bells (12) available 3.30-5 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, November 1st, from Dinner Committee. Branch officers, or from J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., 'Aubyns,' Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham (Tel.: Ashton-under-Hill 309). 9043

**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—First annual dinner, Saturday, December 2nd, at the Cotswold Hotel, Portswood, Southampton. Ringing programme. Entertainment. Bar extension. Tickets available at 17s. 6d. from Hon. Sec., A. S. Harrison, South Stoneham House, Swaythling, Southampton. 9038

### LATE NEWS

#### REACHED 17,000 CHANGES

The attempt for the extent of Plain Bob Major (40.320 changes) on October 7th at the Campanile of the Loughborough Bell Foundry was lost after ringing 8 hours and 30 minutes when a shift occurred. Some 17,000 odd changes had been rung.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has been appointed by the Bishop of Oxford an honorary canon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, in recognition of his services to the Guild.

### QUARTER PEALS

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-ire Triples: B. Coles 1, G. Skinner 2, F. Wills 3, B. H. Thompson 4, E. Glass 5, J. Carter 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8. Ring before Evensong for the Patronal Festival.

**HOLME PIERREFONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Spliced London Scholars, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): F. Bradley 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, D. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: D. Bradley 1, C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-ire Doubles: A. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Chandler 2, T. Giddings 3, B. Giddings 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, J. Wilce 6. For Harvest Festival.

### TREBLE BOB FOR BEGINNERS

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#### V BOBS IN TREBLE BOB

Those of us who always seem to find difficulty in making singles will be glad to know that they are not necessary in Treble Bob. The reason for this will, I hope, form the subject of a further article, still to be written, on the In and Out of Course of the Changes. Put very briefly, however, half of the possible changes in any method are In Course, or positive or even—just as half the ordinary numbers we use (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.) are even—and half are Out of Course, or negative or odd (as 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.). Singles are needed when plain leads and bob leads produce only rows which are even, or a combination of odd and even rows which cannot otherwise be altered to give all of the possible total number of changes. But in Treble Bob both odd and even rows are obtained by the ordinary operation of the method, so it is only necessary to use Bobs to obtain the full extent of changes possible.

In both Kent and Oxford Treble Bob the bob is made at the full lead of the treble and in exactly the same way as in Plain Bob. Its effect on the blue line seems to the ringer, however, to be different from Plain Bob and also different according to whether he is ringing Kent or Oxford. Here is the first lead end of Kent Treble Bob Minor, shown plain and bobbed:

Plain	Kent	Bobbed
231546		231546
213456		213456
123465		123465
214356	Call Bob	214356
124365		124365
142635	Make 4ths	142356
412653		412365
146235		143256
416253		413265

The bell which is leaving the Slow is unaffected. It makes its First places up in the normal way.

The bell which is going in to the Slow is unaffected. It makes its Second places down in the normal way.

The bell which is doing its Second places up stays in fourths place for another whole pull, then makes thirds and goes in to the front. The next lead it will make places down and go in Slow. It has done thirds and fourths places up, then fourths and thirds places down.

Because of the fourths place, the bells in 5-6 (and in Major in 7-8 also), having already dodged once, have to dodge again at the lead end. This puts them into the position in which they would normally (at a plain lead) dodge together. This means that instead of having one dodge together they have three dodges together and find themselves back in the same positions as in the preceding lead. So they repeat the work of the lead they have just rung. As we have seen in previous articles a bob affects the position of three bells, so if we call bobs at this first and the two subsequent leads they will affect the second, third and fourth. The bells in 5-6 (and 7-8 in Major) will continue to ring the same lead over again and we shall have a touch of three leads.

Here is the first lead end of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, shown plain and bobbed:

Plain	Oxford	Bobbed
241536		241536
214356		214356
123465		123465
213456	Call Bob	213456
124365		124365
142635	Make 4ths	142356
416253		413265
146235		143256
412653		412365

The bell which is leaving the Slow is unaffected. It makes its ordinary fourths place and goes down to lead again.

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**Treble Bob For Beginners—Cont.**

The bell which is going in to the Slow is unaffected. It has made fourths place and goes in to dodge with the treble and stay in Slow.

The bell which has come down from the back and made thirds place then makes the bob (fourths place), makes thirds place again and goes back to 5-6. The next lead it will make fourths place and go in Slow.

The bells in 5-6 (and in Major in 7-8 also) do two extra dodges as in Kent and repeat the work of the lead they have just rung.

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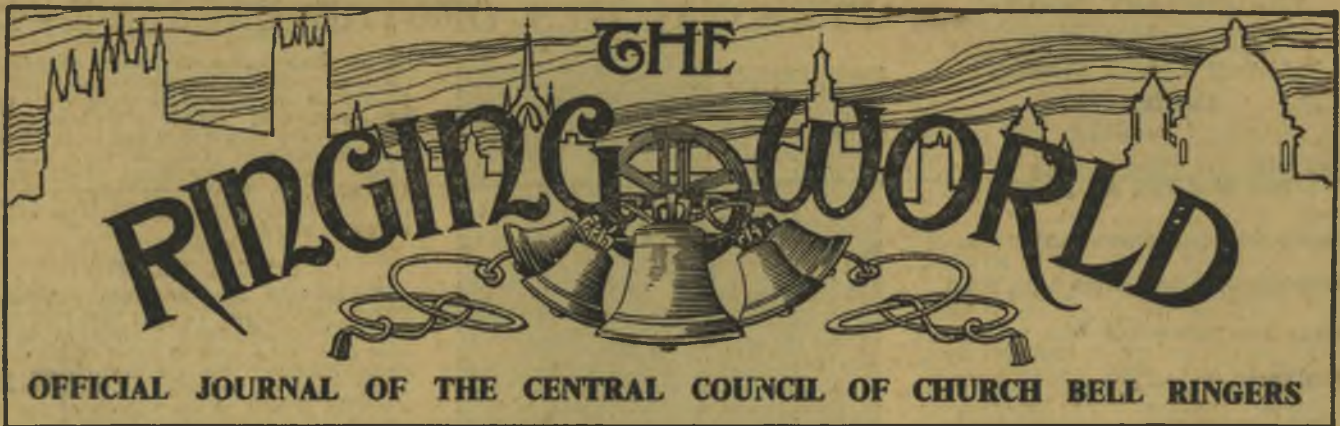
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## AMALGAMATION TALK IN SURREY

**A** SCHEME for the amalgamation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association has been prepared by a joint meeting of both bodies held earlier in the year at Leatherhead and has been circulated to the various towers in the two areas.

As the Surrey Association is the older body, the proposed title is the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The Association would operate through five Districts, the suggested initial constitution being as follows:—

**Farnham.**—Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Bentley, Crondall, Farnborough, Farnham, Frensham, Grayshott, Hawley, Pirbright, Seale, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

**Chertsey.**—Chertsey, Chobham, Egham, Hersham, Horsell, East Molesey, Oatlands Park, Ockham, Old Woking, Ottershaw, Send, Thames Ditton, Walton, Weybridge, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Kingston and Esher.

**Guildford.**—Albury, Bramley, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Godalming, Guildford, Hascombe, Haslemere, Merrow, Puttenham, Shalford, Shere, West Clandon, Witley and Wonders.

**Northern.**—Addington, Ashtead, Banstead, Beddington, Carshalton, Croydon, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Southwark, Streatham and Wimbledon.

**Southern.**—Betchworth, Bletchingley, Buckland, Burstow, Charlwood, Coulsdon, Dorking, Godstone, Horley, Kingswood, Limpsfield, Merstham, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, Oxted, Newdigate, Ockley, Capel and Ranmore.

If a tower felt unhappy in the proposed set-up, an application to transfer to another District would receive sympathetic consideration.

Before any merger could take place, the general approval of 75 per cent. of each Guild attending a meeting was necessary. Special meetings for this purpose would be convened by both bodies, and only members attending the meeting would be entitled to vote. If both meetings favoured fusion, a Merger Committee would consider such matters as constitution, rules and subscriptions.

Of the two bodies, Guildford Diocese has the larger membership and is entitled to four members on the Central Council, whereas the Surrey Association has three. The new body would only be entitled to four members (maximum). Financially, the Surrey Association would contribute more to the common pool as Guildford had spent very freely in providing a memorial bell at Guildford Cathedral to the late Mr. Pulling.

The Guildford Guild was created after the Division of the Diocese of Winchester when it was then held that the area of the old Guild was too large. The proposed area would extend beyond the Surrey County boundary and take in the Hampshire parishes of the Guildford Diocese. The respective centres would be Croydon and Guildford, and the suggestion is that such functions as the A.G.M. and dinner be held alternately at each place. It must be recognised, however, that communications between Guildford and Croydon are not good, but these can be surmounted by private cars and coach travel.

There are two main reasons for the amalgamation. The first is financial, as a large number of ringers in the Metropolitan fringe area have divided loyalties and pay subscriptions to both bodies. The other is that pooling resources would strengthen the financial position of the joint organisation. The prospect of amalgamation has been explored previously.

At one time the claim of the Surrey Association to all towers within the administrative county was a source of irritation to the deaneries in the centre of the Guildford Diocese, and if the Surrey Association attempted to usurp their claim to the whole county it would be resented. Another objection was if once a member from Guildford joined the Surreys by virtue of ringing a peal for them he would be expected to pay an annual subscription in the future. These animosities of the past seem to have died.

There is, however, one matter that has not been solved. The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers is part and parcel of the fabric of Guildford Diocese. The Bishop is president; the Guild is consulted on matters appertaining to bells by the Advisory Committee; it is very closely associated with the building of 'its' Cathedral and provided for it a memorial bell for Mr. Goldsmith and another for Mr. Pulling. The Diocese recognises its ringers in the same way as bodies like the C.E.M.S.; it approved of its ringers' service. Will that happy relationship have to be severed? As the main title is the Surrey Association there might well be established an alliance with Southwark Diocese. The matter would be simplified if the Districts were formed on the diocesan pattern. They are not. In each of the proposed five Districts there are towers in the Guildford Diocese, while in two Districts there are no Surrey towers and in a third only one tower. The fact remains that if the Guildford Diocese was recognised as one unit the area left over in Metropolitan Surrey would be much smaller in towers but would possess Kingston, Croydon, Wimbledon, Reigate, Richmond, Putney and even Southwark.



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AUSTRALIAN RINGERS  
AMUSED

Adelaide, South Australia, ringers are amused by some correspondence that has been going on recently in 'The Church Guardian,' the paper of the diocese of Adelaide. A clerical columnist, writing under the pseudonym of 'Contra Mundum' had said that the worst thing about bell ringers was that they clattered out of the belfry just as a service was about to begin and headed for the nearest bar. His remarks misfired as nearly all our ringing is done on Sundays and in South Australia all hotel bars are closed on Sunday.

But we were amused that the Cathedral organist, Dr. J. V. Peters, should leap to our defence in the following words:

'In the September issue of "The Guardian," "Contra Mundum" is reported as saying that bell ringers "clatter out of the belfry just as a service is commencing—and seek spirituous consolation at the pub."

'I have, Sir, a good working knowledge of most of the hostels in this diocese, but to date I have failed to discover one which is prepared to accommodate a thirsty bell ringer or organist at the time of the statutory services.'

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters to mark the centenary of the first 10-bell peal at Appleton (October 11th, 1861, in which the late Rev. F. E. Robinson took part) came to an end after two hours' good ringing owing to a missed call.

Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, is to have a sixth bell, although space in the bell tower is limited. The bells are completely exposed to the weather and in consequence the frame is to receive anti-rust treatment. Electric lighting is to be installed in the bell chamber, calculated to make a beacon by night as well as making the swinging bells visible after dark.

Pupils of Lady Hawkins' Grammar School, Kingston, Herefordshire, rang for the founders' day service on September 29th. In the belfry with them were Mrs. E. Chandler, assistant Ringing Master of the Kingston District, and Mr. E. Giddings, a Kingston ringer. The pupils were R. Dayns, Adrian Davies, Robin Hughes, Marilyn Rawlings, Jennifer Cartwright, Richard Lloyd and Maureen Davies. A picture appeared in the 'Hereford Times' of October 6th.

Last June Miss Merrill Chambers came with her mother to England from her home in Australia to visit relatives at Ingrave, Essex. She became interested in ringing and had her first 'pull' at the parish church on June 22nd. Keen and quick to learn, she was soon ringing for Sunday services and during the week whenever possible. On the Sunday before she returned she rang her first quarter—Grandsire Doubles from the treble.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—42



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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A pioneer in bringing change ringing to all parts of Dorset, and one of the most untiring instructors in the country, Mr. William C. Shute, of Ferndown, near Wimborne, has done more to advance beginners in this area than anyone. It would be true to say that Bill's life, during the last 36 years, has been devoted to encouraging and helping others, and although he has always shunned the limelight, his enthusiasm and unselfishness has earned him the respect, gratitude and affection of every ringer in this predominantly rural county.

Bill Shute was born in the village of Buckhorn Weston, near Templecombe, on November 1891, and learnt to ring there in February, 1908. At that time, and up to the formation of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, nearly all the ringing in this area was rounds and call changes. During World War I, Bill served in France with the Welch Regiment, and after demobilisation he lived and worked in Loughton, Essex, in the early 1920's. He frequently visited the famous Surprise Minor band at Leytonstone, and learnt to ring many Minor methods, which served him in good stead in later years.

His first attempt for a peal was 7 Surprise Minor with this band, but it was unfortunately lost, and he did not ring his first peal until about 1925, when he returned to Buckhorn Weston. Bill's first peal as conductor was Grandsire Doubles at Zeals, Dorset, on September 25th, 1926, and since then the majority of his peal ringing activities have been in the humbler methods, in which many of the band have scored their first peal or first in the method.

## FIRST BRANCH RINGING MASTER

The North Dorset Branch was formed in 1924, and soon after Bill became their first Ringing Master. He set to work, often ringing seven evenings a week, to help learners and raise enthusiasm for change ringing. He still holds this post, after 36 years' continuous service, and even though now he lives outside the Branch. He is, of course, a long-standing member of the Guild Committee. His success in this job was reflected in the fact that for a number of years attendance at the quarterly branch meetings was usually around 70 ringers.

To show their appreciation of his untiring efforts his friends in North Dorset presented him with a gold watch in 1948 in remembrance of over 20 years' service. No place was ever too far for Bill to go for instructing a band, as long as he could get back in time to start work the next morning. In his earlier days, his mode of transport was a bicycle, and

he has been known to ride to Yeovil (15 miles) to work, on to Evershot (9 miles) for practice in the evening, and then 24 miles home afterwards! Thanks to his teaching, the Evershot band rang a local peal in 21 Doubles methods, just prior to the last war. Two well known Dorset ringers, Messrs. H. D. Bishop and E. T. P. Field, were both taught by Bill, and he called their first peal in 1932 at Buckland Newton.

## 'THE UBIQUITOUS SHUTE'

His activities have not been confined to Dorset. Mr. Joseph T. Dyke once referred to Bill as 'the ubiquitous Shute,' and he has done much good work in South Somerset and South Wiltshire. Perhaps one of the most telling pieces of evidence of the esteem in which he is held is the warmth of the welcome he receives in a tower which he has not visited for a long time. He has a wonderful memory for incidents of the past, so doubtless there are many who could recall having shared these incidents with him.

Mr. Edward Chant speaks of an occasion in 1937, of which he and Bill are the only survivors. After cycling to Durweston for a peal, and finding that the bells could not be used, they cycled to Fontmell Magna, and rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles there. It is not reported at what time the peal ended, but Bill apparently set off on his bicycle for home at Ferndown (some 24 miles away) at midnight!

Bill Shute has not kept a record of his peals, but they must number around 300, and he conducted 100 out of his first 200. They have included Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, Cambridge Major, and a large quantity of Doubles and Minor in various methods, most of which he conducted, unless they were called by one of his pupils.

## MAYOR ON THE TENOR

One peal of which he must be proud was Grandsire Triples which he conducted at Bridport for the King George V Silver Jubilee, 1935. All the band were ex-servicemen of Dorset, and the Mayor of Bridport, Mr. W. S. B. Northover, rang the tenor. Another worthy performance in which he took part was the first peal of Major at Sherborne Abbey on December 20th, 1930, before the bells were rehung, and the tenor was rung in masterful fashion by the great Joe Dyke. Bill also called the first peal in seven Minor methods for the Salisbury Guild at Iwerne Courtenay in January, 1936.

One of Bill Shute's characteristics is a fierce determination to pull his pupils through their difficulties, whether in Grandsire Doubles or some Surprise Minor method. The on-looker is always amazed at his ability to ring, conduct and instruct at the same time, with absolute confidence. Yet, for all this, he is a most modest man, and dislikes attention being focused on himself. It can be truly said that he has always put other people's interests and ambitions before his own. His personality does indeed stand out from the rest, and he has dedicated his particular gifts to the benefit of others. If there were any medals given for bellringing, Bill Shute would most certainly have earned one. If there were any medals... APACE.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The autumn meeting of the West Central District was held at Rattlesden on September 30th. Ringing under the guidance of Mr. Robert E. Lester suited all members present.

After a short service, conducted by the Rector, an excellent tea was provided by the local lady ringers. At the meeting the chairman, Mr. L. Last, welcomed all visitors to the District, and also the lady ringers, as probationary members to the Guild.

After tea ringing continued at Rattlesden and Drinkstone until nine o'clock.

Next meetings: Wetherden. Saturday, November 25th (evening practice); Palgrave. Saturday, January 20th, 1962.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK IN SUSSEX

WITH very few exceptions, the best company one can enjoy is that of ringers and for me the Guild week has confirmed this once more.

The week started under two clouds. It was the first since the death of our last president, A. C. Blyth, and many of us learned after meeting of the tragic death of Geoffrey Benson, a short time before. However jolly the company their absence was always felt, and particularly when we met for the evening meal.

Wednesday began with Holy Communion in nearby Cold Waltham Church and finished, like the other days, at the 'Labouring Man,' equally near. We rang on the fine eighties at Arundel and Chichester first and then at Havant. After lunch there was a peal attempt, the last of the week owing to our numbers being low, and unfortunately we lost Rutland after an hour. The band arrived at Portsmouth in time to ring Cambridge Royal on the fine ten.

On Tuesday there was ringing at Chiddingfold, Godalming, Shalford and Witley, and two Guildford towers sandwiched lunch. I have never seen a rope spliced so quickly as at St. Nicolas' here, when Roger Leigh tackled a broken one.

### PORT-HOLES IN TOWER

A peal attempt at Ranmore was successful, despite the 'go' of the fifth. The tenor man stood sideways to avoid the wall and as there were circular port-holes in the tower, about six inches in diameter and four feet above the floor, there was speculation as to what shape he ought to be if he wanted to use them in order to bend at backstroke.

We got back so late we were all in the 'dog house,' though our meal was excellent as usual. However, a course of Cambridge Major came round in hand that evening, though tiredness caused us to abandon the idea of a peal attempt at Stedman Triples.

Thursday found us at Haslemere, where, I think, we tried to ring 'too fast,' Grayshott, Hawkley, Privett and East Meon. Monday was a good day and saw some good ringing from Billingshurst to Horsham, 'Apace' at Dorking and a good beat knocked out of the ten at Reigate. Stedman Triples went for an hour and a quarter 'in hand' that evening, breaking down well before 10.30.

Friday took us south to Brighton, for ringing on both tens there, and five other towers.

### THE VICAR'S MOLE

It was a fairly uneventful week, but there was no weakness or deficiency in it. The most unusual event occurred after Sunday's ringing at Fittleworth, on the first day. Here the Vicar invited the Guild to beer and sherry afterwards, and the agricultural statistician amongst us laid a trap for the mole that was ruining his lawn!

My garbling of the programme must not be taken as a slight to our organisers, Messrs. Brian D. Price and Threlfall, to whom we owe very hearty thanks, for an enjoyable week, and finding first class accommodation.

We wish to thank the many incumbents and tower captains who made the week possible, and the ladies of Lodge Hill, Pulborough, who made it so comfortable and who cook so very, very well. We were very happy from August 19th-26th. J. H. F.

**NORTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hughes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, I. Cunningham 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, R. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival.

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE WEDDING



[By courtesy of The Sheffield Telegraph.]

Two well known South Yorkshire ringers, Miss Marion Archer and Mr. Ian M. Holland, were married at their own tower, St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, on September 9th.

The ringing celebration started the previous evening with a peal attempt at Dronfield, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours.

Ringling at Handsworth the following morning commenced with a course of London, in which the bridegroom took part, pending the arrival of the conductor, apparently suffering from the effects of the previous evening's celebrations. Despite this, he made good work of calling the successful peal of Yorkshire.

The bride was attired in a white lace and tulle crinoline, with bouffant veil mounted on a crystal coronet, and carried red roses. She was attended by her sisters, the Misses Hilary and Sylvia Archer, who wore short blue lace dresses, with blue flower petal headaddresses. The best man was Mr. Keith Hodgson.

The bride's going away suit was pale blue, with pearlised bronze accessories. The honeymoon was spent at Thornwick Bay. Their future home is being built at Dronfield and is not quite completed.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAM, RINGERS' OUTING

With over 20 Sunday service ringers to draw on, Cowbridge had a wide range of ages for their outing on September 23rd. There was Geoffrey, not yet in his teens (but ringing Triples), and his grandfather, a veteran call change expert. As to ringing ability, at one end there was Ted Coles, with over 100 peals up to Cinques to his credit, down to the writer, who still after 10 years was only able to bump the tenor round.

A damp day and it was through the morning mist that the first tower was reached—Ebbw Vale, with the heaviest 8 in Wales. Grandsire went creditably here, but there were two mishaps—young 'Jonah' slipped on one of the smart Taylor mats and nose-dived under the table, and Ted failed to set the seventh first time.

From Wales' heaviest eight to Abergavenny, with the finest 10 and a great gaunt barn of a ringing chamber. Our shaky rounds did the bells scant justice. Framed on the walls was the cheque for £2,316 for the bells made out to the bell founders.

At Ross-on-Wye we could not ring long; a chiming mechanism would not disengage and the seventh was making an ugly 'gboick' every blow. We regretfully called it off. Chepstow, our last tower, was different. On the back eight Grandsire Triples were rung and, with some local assistance, Stedman Triples. Many thanks to David and Jacqueline King and the band for their welcome; and also to those who met us in other towns, and Bert Thomas, who organised it all. I. D. D.

## BEQUEST OF INTEREST

THOMAS NASH, OF BATH

By ERNEST MORRIS

(See also page 607)

The following singular bequest made by Thomas Nash, of Bath, to the ringers of the Abbey Church there, is contained in a codicil to his will, proved in Doctors' Commons, 'I do hereby give and bequeath to the Mayor, the Senior Alderman and Town Clerk of Bath, for the time being, the sum of £50 per annum, in trust, payable out of the Bank Long Annuities, standing in my name at the Bank of England, for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the set of ringers belonging to the Abbey Church, Bath, on condition of their ringing, on the whole peal of bells, with clappers muffled, various solemn and doleful changes (allowing proper intervals for rest and refreshment) from eight o'clock in the morning, until eight o'clock in the evening on the 14th May in every year, being the anniversary wedding day; and also the anniversary of my decease, the ring a grand bob major and many mirthful peals unmuffled, during the same space of time, allowing the same intervals as above mentioned, in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and wretchedness, and for the full, strict, and due performance of such conditions, they, the said ringers, are to receive the sum of £50 per annum, in two payments of £25 each, on those respective days of my marriage and decease. And now that dear divine man (to use Mrs. Nash's own words) the Rev. ...., of ...., may resume his amatory labours, without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection. I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for the first time only) the very next day following after my interment, and to receive £25, one half year's dividend for so doing. Written with my hand, the 14th day of May, 1813.—Thomas Nash.'

This inspired that ringer-poet, the late G. F. Margetson, to break out with:

'Come muse, let's sing of Tommy Nash,  
Who found a wife at Bath;  
Who gnashed his teeth while 'queathing cash  
For ringers' gain and mirth.  
Upon the 14th day of May—  
His anniversary wedding day.

No joyous peals were they to ring,  
But long, said, doleful knells;  
His love had proved a wretched thing,  
So muffled are the bells:  
With proper intervals for rest  
You're sure the ringers try their best.

Whole pull and stand they labour on,  
From morning until night,  
Not sorry when the hours are gone,  
To see the end in sight:  
Divisions then employ the cash,  
Left by the will of Thomas Nash.

And since poor Tom has gone aloft,  
They ring for his decease,  
Most joyful peals come stealing forth  
In praise of his release,  
From all the miseries of life  
By taking himself a wife.

Bob Majors now ring wild and true,  
To tell poor Tom is dead,  
Reminding them he never knew  
To pause before they wed:  
Great is the ringers' grief for Nash,  
But tears subside where there is cash.'

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Leggett 1, A. Semken 2, Miss J. Semken 3, Miss J. Munson 4, N. Avis 5, P. Erith (first as cond.) 6.

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## BELLS AND THATCH AT GODSHILL

By T. A. BEVIS

'THERE are so many places and institutions and joys and delights in this land of ours that it is not surprising an Englishman declared: 'A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.'

To describe the surroundings of, and approaches to, an ancient church is not always easy. Godshill, Isle of Wight, is a poet's and artist's paradise and the visitor to this practically unspoilt portion of Olde England understandably feels that the very ground on which he treads is indeed the Garden of Eden.

In summer months Godshill earns a living by opening its colourful back gardens and tempting visitors with home-made scones, cream buns and the inevitable 'cuppa'—a delicious experience when encircled by dahlias!

As the name implies the church stands at the top of a tree-fringed hill from which ethereal-like views are obtained of the southern heights of the Garden Island.

### THE PANORAMA

The incumbent believes it to be one of the finest, if not the finest, of panoramas seen from a porch of an English church.

It is refreshing to observe a collection of charming old world cottages keeping the church company, thatched roofs of which testify to the excellent craftsmanship of local men.

The present fane is the fourth to be erected on the site, and claims to be the largest old church on the island. The edifice is 600 years old and is dedicated, as was its predecessors, to All Saints. An unusual feature, the 'double nave'—one row of pillars, centred—provided an area on the north side with sanctuary, this forming the parish church, while the corresponding side and sanctuary came under the jurisdiction of the Benedictine monks of Montesbourg.

Visitors should note the mediaeval two-ply south door with plain ironwork, incorporating a massive and curious lock.

Like most ancient churches, the fane at Godshill possesses a varied collection of treasures. A wall painting, 'The Budding Cross,' in the Chapel of St. Stephen, depicts Our Lord crucified on a living tree; it was created in 1450.

There may be seen on the south wall a consecration cross and traces of 15th century lettering. The church also possesses a large canvas entitled 'Daniel in the Lion's Den,' reputed to be by Paul Rubens. It was given early in the last century by Lord Yarborough, who obtained the painting from Sir Richard Worsley's collection, the latter having purchased it from abroad for £1,500.

Owing to the ravaging jaws of the death-watch beetle, the church is at present burdened with heavy expenses.

A niche contains a sanctus bell inscribed 'Clement Tosier made me in 1703.'

### CANNON INTO BELLS

Mr. C. H. Denness, foreman of the bell ringers, informed the writer that a large frame was constructed in 1816 for six light bells, these having been partly cast from the old village cannon. (Isle of Wight villages each possessed a cannon to protect them from marauding Frenchmen, Spaniards, etc. The only surviving cannon on the island may be seen in the museum at Carisbrooke Castle.)

The present bells were rehung in 1887 by a Bristol firm and in 1934 Taylors completely overhauled them, two spare bays having been provided in the event of a possible augmentation.

Easy to handle, the bells are delightful to the ear. Weights are: Treble, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.; second, 4-1-17; third, 5-0-0; fourth, 6-0-19; fifth, 6-3-12; tenor (Dove, 8-3-7, G sharp). They are rung from a comfortable chamber half-way in the tower, accessible by ascending a substantial wooden staircase.

Eleven peals have been scored, including two of Doubles, five of Plain Bob Minor and



one of Cambridge. The first peal on the bells was achieved on Saturday, May 22nd, 1926. It consisted of seven different extents of Bob Minor and was conducted by H. Barton.

Evidently the ringers of long ago believed in being 'quick off the mark and on the make' for at the vestry meeting on July 8th, 1754, 'it was agreed from this time forward no more than one guinea be allowed in any one year for ringing the bells on the usual days for that purpose.'

### MUTED BELLS

The writer visited Godshill twice during his stay on the island, the second visit of which imbued him with a perpetual memory of this fair place.

A son of the village had unexpectedly passed away and the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of this young man, whose family had been connected with the church for many years.

The village was still that evening... the sun had gone down in a blaze of glory, saturated in the autumn foliage of St. Boniface Down. Muted bells recalled to man's mind his fleeting moments on earth.

They also warmed the heart to that mysterious brotherhood peculiar to the bell ringer; particularly at that time did they reflect the friendliness of Godshill ringers (remembering with gratitude the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey).

Truly, nature and man—despoiler though he is—have been wonderfully kind to Godshill.

Bells, thatch and coffee—an admirable and satisfying combination.

### HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

All towers except four in the St. Albans District were represented at the meeting on September 16th held at Monken Hadley during the afternoon and Barnet after tea.

At Monken Hadley, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Erin Triples, standard methods and rounds were rung. After an interesting address by the Rev. Mr. Wood the party, approximately 30 strong, had tea at a Barnet cafe. The meeting at Barnet was the first for a long time and ringing reached Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Major.

Mr. F. Jacklin acted as chairman at the short business meeting, when it was decided to accept the Eastern District's invitation to have a joint meeting on October 14th at Hertingfordbury and Essendon.

A vote of thanks to the local incumbents was proposed by Mr. S. Huekle.

C. M. R.

### 'SMACK 'EM IN TIGHT'

Brixham of the holiday-maker is quite a different place from the Brixham which lies clustered around the parish church of St. Mary, with its sturdy battered tower of 104 feet, a mile or so away on the hillside on the road to Kingswear and the River Dart. Brixham Quay formed the old haven under Berry Head for the one-time famous fishing fleets, and its village was tucked away inland sheltered from the 'sou-westerly' gales.

It was in this setting of the original village that the South Devon Association of call change ringers held its annual eight bell festival on October 7th—a miraculously fine day after a week of storm and rain. The Rural Dean, who is Vicar of Dartmouth, gave the address at the opening service to the members of the seven competing teams and friends. In it he suggested that ringers might go into their respective belfries, Sunday by Sunday, with the name of a friend in need in mind, so ensuring that their ringing was an offering of prayer and praise.

The service over, the captains drew for order of ringing and Paignton was first 'out of the hat,' followed by the home team and North Tawton to ring before tea.

After a generous tea organised by the Brixham ringers, during which they rang their bells and 'fired' them in congratulation to George Langworthy, an old Paignton ringer celebrating his jubilee wedding anniversary, Ashburton went in to ring with Upton, Kenn and King's Teignton to follow. In spite of what was later judged to be the best rise of the day (to the command of 'smack 'em in tight') Upton never really settled down in their top ringing and so spoilt a promising start.

Mrs. Yeomans, the wife of the Vicar, presented the awards at the end of the festival. North Tawton were placed first with 50 faults. Their top ringing was truly in prime style. (After a quick tea, they had taken the opportunity of running over to Torquay for a peal on Upton's well hung eight.) King's Teignton were placed second with 73½ faults, Kenn third (84), Upton (97), Brixham (182½), Ashburton (190) and Paignton (230).

The judges were Messrs. T. G. Daw (Ippelen), H. G. Edwards and F. J. Stephens, both of West Alvington.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Linda J. Kew 2, D. P. Hilling 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, D. K. Walters 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. First of Lincolnshire 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Kalgoorlie (Australia).



# Roving Ringers in the North-East

THE Roving Ringers' 15th annual tour was held from July 29th to August 7th, when for the first time the Society visited Durham and Northumberland. Some 250 miles were covered through some of the finest scenery in the North of England, throughout disproving the myth that the area consists only of coal-mines and steelworks.

All but two of the party met at Darlington, where ringing took place, both at Holy Trinity (6) and St. Cuthbert's (8), after which tea was provided by the local company, a most warm-hearted gesture which was greatly appreciated.

## RIVAL CHOIRS

The last two members of the party joined us at Barnard Castle, to make the numbers up to 24. The hostel was alarmingly full, but the 'Cricketers' that evening was even more so. The initial renderings of the choir were not entirely appreciated by a rival singing party, but their protests were somewhat drowned in the strong harmonies of well known numbers, and after all, we had the pianist! The second house, held back at the hostel, was even more successful.

Sunday morning ringing was at the Parish Church, but the short time available was further restricted by a broken stay. The majority stayed to service and then cycled over to Richmond, our one and only Yorkshire tower, where good ringing was enjoyed on a very good going eight.

We were due to ring at Gainford for Evensong, and those with faith in the Ordnance Survey decided to take the short cut across the ferry. It was found on arrival, however, that this particular ferry was operated by foot—our feet! Fortunately the upper reaches of the Tees are shallow, and the afternoon trippers on the further bank maintained a polite but curious silence whilst bikes and a tandem made the crossing! The six bells at Gainford go very well considering they are seldom rung. A course of London and a good fall in peal completed the day's ringing, and the Rector came out to thank the company for their efforts.

Monday started at Staindrop, a fine church inside and an equally fine eight. Here the Master made the first of his many appeals for Glasgow, and even distributed the blue line to prove he meant it, but it was early days, and converts were few. St. Andrew's, Auckland, was the next eight, where ringing suffered somewhat as a result of springy ropes.

## A LADIES' TOUCH

The route led on through semi-rural country, somewhat marred by open cast mining, to Brancepeth, with its rather unusual dedication to St. Brandon, set in the grounds of a large castle (W.D. owned, of course!). The bells go well, and this time it was the ladies' turn to bring home a touch of Triples, after spliced was found wanting.

The visit to Durham was memorable, famous as it is for its T.V. controlled traffic, its alarming gradients, and an almost complete lack of cafes! The town is dominated by the twin west towers of the Cathedral, where we rang on the heaviest eight (30 cwt.) of the tour. The ringing was not without incident, taking place literally amid the encircling gloom, lit by one solitary light. Those who went aloft to view well known local landmarks, the college, the jail, etc., came down to find the ringing chamber with no light at all, but eight pairs of lynx eyes were ringing Major well, whilst several couples had no complaints about the conditions!

Tuesday morning was spent leisurely in Durham, as the six at St. Nicholas' were pronounced unringable, so Houghton-le-Spring was our first tower. Here the party received a very cordial welcome from the Vicar, who was most insistent on having a short account of the tour and its reasons from our honorary recorder. Obviously the need for 'prepared statements' and P.R.O.s is drawing near!

## CHESTER-LE-STREET PRAISED

At Chester-le-Street we were met by Mr. Dennis Bayles, and rang on the best eight to date, a fine 19 cwt. Taylor ring, which goes perfectly. In giving a brief historical survey,

Mr. Bayles pointed out that the church was for many years the seat of the Bishops of Durham, before the Cathedral held that distinction.

The road led on to Lanchester, which was reached by various wrong roads, and after ringing on the six the party started on the long climb across the moors, which coincided with the first rain of the week, to Edmundbyers. A fair hostel this; the wardenship has been here since it opened in 1933, but veteran hostellers agreed that the beds were from an earlier period of history.

The road to Consett on Wednesday gave us a fine view of the town and the iron works. Whilst ringing was taking place at Christ Church the local Press interviewed the Master, Mr. George Morris, and we noted sadly in the report later in the week that we had 'played the bells' at various churches in the area. (But perhaps the reporter was a pianist?)

Two sixes followed: Whickham, with a tenor of no recognised note and a floating frame, and Winlaton, where three people managed to break the fifth rope. Rather indifferent ringing was improved on at Blaydon, and Ipswich Minor was added to the repertoire. The second night at Edmundbyers was enlivened by a fine vocal effort at the 'Punchbowl', which was jointly shared by the Army, and later still the local lads gave us a further course of instruction in the language.

The following morning found the party at St. Aidan's, Blackhill (a light but hard going eight). These were thankfully exchanged for the R.C. church nearby, and once the clock chimes had been disentangled some enjoyable touches were rung. We left regretfully for Benfieldside (6) to be greeted by the B.B.C. who filmed and recorded the proceedings, accompanied by the threat of its appearing on T.V. that very evening.

## BRICKLAYER WANTED ON HADRIAN'S WALL

After lunch we crossed the Northumberland border and after 16 miles of hard pedalling reached Hexham. The Abbey contains many treasures, including a Saxon crypt and a unique memorial to a Roman gladiator. The bells are a fine 21 cwt. eight and we made good use of them during the time available. The trip across the moors was a wet one. We passed Hadrian's Wall, now sadly in need of a good bricklayer, and, keeping a wary eye open for Picts and Scots, arrived safely at Bellingham Hostel, and a welcome fire. Despite 'no meals provided,' Mr. Short kindly brought along a huge grocery order by car, and the ladies provided first class meals.

A fine sunny morning with a strong tail wind combined to make a glorious cross moorland 20 mile ride to Rothbury, and a very good toned Mears eight. Owing to distance two towers only were scheduled for this day, and after lunch the party reached its most northerly point at Embleton (another mellow toned Mears six), where ringing included a touch of Spliced Doubles and Minor, and a method called Grandsire Doubles made its debut.

The North Sea looked cold, but Mr. Secretary and three other misguided persons went bathing, whilst another, not to be outdone by this publicity, was stung by a wasp. Friday night was spent at the palatial looking hostel at Rock Hall, where a fine sing-song was held in the Common Room.

Group photos were taken on Saturday morning, and after a pleasant coastal ride we arrived at Morpeth. The party were met by Mr. Nicholas Wright at the famous Curfew Tower, and the bells certainly lived up to their reputation as a grand light eight, which went well to all methods.

The next tower, Cramlington, provided a very pleasant surprise, a fine 19 cwt. Taylor six and a most satisfying find in an area where heavy rings are not the rule. The local shopkeeper, however, did not share our enthusiasm and made us move our bikes from his wall, with the ominous remark that if bells were a passport to heaven, he hoped he would go elsewhere. His sentiments were ours, and some good ringing, especially a course of Kent, followed.

Gosforth (the only 10 of the tour), came next, but the ringing was well below standard, and we certainly did not do justice to this fine ring.

The day ended at Jesmond, a most unusual tower (rather like some gigantic space rocket), but containing a good 18 cwt. Taylor eight. The eternal problem of ringing without upsetting the public has been solved admirably here, where the bells sound perfectly in the ringing chamber, but are scarcely audible outside.

## CROYDON FOR REUNION

By this time the week-enders had arrived and the party moved into St. Margaret's Hotel for the week-end. At a short business meeting in the morning Croydon was chosen for the reunion, with Winchester as an alternative. Bands then split up to ring at the Cathedral and St. John's, with the local company. The eight at Whitley Bay were visited in the afternoon and further ringing took place in the city for Evensong, followed by a quick run to Gateshead (8), where a number stayed to Evensong.

Monday came all too soon, and after visiting the rather odd-struck six at Benwell, where the view from the tower was the best feature, we made our way to Fenham, with undoubtedly the best eight of the tour. In all there are 17 bells, all by Mears, of which nine are hung as a carillon. A perfect course of Rutland was an outstanding feature of the ringing, and all too soon our time was up and another tour was over.

Apart from the usual votes of thanks to the Master, our hard working secretaries and all tower captains and incumbents, a special word of thanks is due to Mr. George Deas, for his invaluable help and guidance in Newcastle.

We left the north-east regretfully, having more or less learnt the language, and when we return the Society has only two requests: a view of the Lambton worm, and a day at the Blaydon Races!

J. B.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### 102 At North Berks Meeting

In the absence of an incumbent, Canon H. Pickles, in his inimitable style, conducted the service, assisted by the chairman (the Rev. F. Martin Gibbs), at the North Berks Branch's meeting at Letcombe Regis on September 23rd.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs. Wilkins (P.C.C. honorary secretary), Mr. George Savle (churchwarden), Mrs. Mullins (Village Hall secretary), Jim Finch, and the band of willing helpers, for the success of the Branch's first meeting at Letcombe.

The sight of so many young people forming a majority of the 102 in attendance was heartening; and well done, Rachel (Wallingford new member), who, together with friend, walked the journey.

The correspondent for Letcombe, by the way, is Jim Finch. The Greyhound, Letcombe Regis, Wantage, Berks. Jim has joined the Guild and hopes to introduce some young trainees in the near future.

G. W. B.

## SHREWSBURY RINGERS IN WALES

Leighton (a loud six near Welshpool, which bells had been applied for but refused, on the grounds of weak foundations) and Machynlleth (a soft eight, with an awkward circle and a flat treble, but pleasant when in changes) were visited by St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, during their outing into Wales on September 16th.

There is no local activity on the lovely eight at Barmouth. Three ropes, brought from Shrewsbury, were used and while the fitting took place it was noticed that the stay of the third was on the wrong side of the third and cracked. The last touch finished when a learner, on the third, pulled too hard, making the slider jump the block but not cracking the stay any further.

An interesting discovery was to find that Dolgelley's bells were ringable again, although the treble needs attention as the rope is apt to catch wheel at the end of a hand-stroke call.

Thanks are due to John Terry for his efficient organisation, and to all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring.

H. P.



## RED MINIBUS TAKES RAVING RINGERS ON 1961 TOUR

THE Raving Ringers began their 1961 tour in style. Gone was the usual convoy of cars of precarious vintage and in their place appeared a sparkling red minibus. Into the minibus piled the main party in the early hours of Saturday, July 29th, and headed off from Reading towards Deddington to pick up further supplies. Here unfortunately we found that with all the equipment loaded in and on the minibus there were five Ravers with nowhere to go. The minibus zoomed off and the five deserted Ravers were forced to resort to the former tour transport, speeding north in the wake of the main party.

Eventually all were reunited at Burton-on-Trent, where the 28 cwt. ten rang out the first touches of the tour, including Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Glossop, in Derbyshire, provided the headquarters for the tour and the camp site was situated in a pleasant rural setting beyond the town.

Four towers were scheduled for the first full day's ringing, when the two Oldham towers were visited. We found the twelve at St. Mary the Virgin difficult to handle. The tower is impressively slender and the twelve hung in three tiers with subsequently a tight rope circle. We satisfied ourselves with rounds on the twelve after an abortive attempt at Cinques and completed our ringing with a service touch of Stedman Triples. After lunch the party moved to the eight at St. Thomas', Oldham, where we enjoyed good ringing and a hearty welcome. We took some time to find St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. We circled the tower several times convinced that there couldn't be any bells in it, and if it hadn't been for the imposing profile of Neil Bennett standing in the gateway we might have headed off. Evening service ringing was at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), where Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung. Here again we were impressed by the welcome of the local band. An extra tower was also included in the 'welcome service' and after Evensong the minibus loaded up with Ravers and new found friends and headed towards Mottram, an imposing hilltop church. Here we rang our first touch of Yorkshire on the eight, returning to Ashton-under-Lyne to celebrate this triumph in Raving manner.

### RINGING IN A DERELICT CHURCH

Seven towers were visited on the first Monday on tour, including Marple, in Cheshire, where two churches stand side by side, with the bells in one and the congregation in the other. It was the first time the Ravers had rung in a derelict church, but the ringing and novelty were greatly enjoyed. Disley and Bollington were also visited before lunch, and Macclesfield and Prestbury concluded the afternoon's towers. Norbury (Hazel Grove) bells were considered the best of the day, where Superlative and Stedman was rung. Stockport practice ended the day's ringing.

By Tuesday the Ravers were well settled in their northern habitat and (blister hardened) set out for Penistone in the West Riding. Here we had our first experience of Yorkshire tail ends, but they did not hinder a good course of Superlative. Silkstone and Cawthorne were also visited, with more Yorkshire tail ends. After an excellent lunch in Barnsley, where we had difficulty in retrieving our 'master' who was mistaken for Hynam Holiday by blushing waitresses, we enjoyed an hour's ringing at St. Mary's. We then headed for Royston, where we suffered our first broken rope. The ten at Ossett were greatly enjoyed and the evening's ringing pleasantly concluded at Wakefield Cathedral. We enjoyed a lovely supper supplied by Wilf and Jo Morton, to whom we extend grateful thanks.

### LITTLE JOHN'S GRAVE

Wednesday's programme commenced with ringing at Hathersage, in Derbyshire, where half the party measured up Little John's grave whilst the other half pulled the bells up. Among the other seven towers visited, Dronfield will be remembered for a broken clock hammer and Thrybergh for being light enough to handle after an excellent 'rectory tea.' Rotherham was the last tower visited and a good practice and warm welcome were greatly appreciated.



The Raving Ringers photographed outside Fairfield Church, Buxton (left to right): Standing: Howard Oglesby (Ringing Master), Denis Bowen, Ron Russ (Master), Tony Mann, Noël Waite; kneeling: Terry Collins, Michael Ling, Chris Clarke, Stan Huckle; seated: Ann Pettiford, Clare Chambers, Olga Critchlow, Christine Bowen.

Thursday again saw the red minibus, Raver pennant flying at full mast, heading for Yorkshire. After a precarious start at Holmfirth, where we rang by candlelight and managed another broken rope, we made for New Mill and Shelley, making up for the earlier start. Almondbury, Batley and East Ardsley were also visited and we were later pleasantly surprised to find out that it isn't only Ravers who break ropes, as the rope of the eleventh neatly descended on a local ringer at Leeds.

Friday's programme included three good rings in the morning at Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton. Chelmsorton and Youlgreave were also visited and a great difference noted between ringing the 8½ cwt. six and 26½ cwt. eight. Bakewell concluded the afternoon's ringing and refreshed by a good tea, we left for Darley Dale. We were greatly honoured when 'Jafus' himself came to meet us and when he even complimented us on our ringing—with a name like ours, we are often misunderstood—the door of the minibus was not large enough to accommodate our extended craniums. Evening ringing was at Chesterfield, where we recorded our first course of Surprise Royal and later duly celebrated the achievement.

### SURPRISE FOR WEDDING COUPLE

For the first time on tour we arrived behind schedule on the last Saturday and were disappointed in having to curtail ringing at Tideswell, in Derbyshire. Eyam and Brampton made up the remaining morning towers, with well struck touches of Hull, Norwich and London on these pleasant sixes. After lunch we were delayed by a wedding at Ashover, but managed to ring a surprised couple out of the church.

We arrived at Clay Cross, again behind schedule, but it was as well, as the church was also in use for a wedding. Staveley and Old Whittington concluded the day's ringing, where the 5 cwt six blankly refused to be rung at a fast pace. Here we also said goodbye to two Ravers, who were retiring south through the night to attend another wedding.

A working party, complete with tools of every description, was despatched on Sunday morning from the camp site to 'fix' a clapper in All Saints', Glossop, ready for morning service ringing. After climbing up through the bell chamber, rank with pigeon droppings, the

clapper (which was found on the floor) was replaced and with two stayless trebles the good Gillett and Johnston octave rang for service.

The culinary experts were able to prove their worth after morning service when lunch was taken in camp before making for Wentworth. The village has two churches, the present one superseding a now derelict building adjacent to it. Ecclesfield was also visited before evening ringing at Sheffield Cathedral.

The last morning of the tour was spent in a hive of industry as belongings were sorted out and a miracle of packing accomplished in loading the van. Despite the usual last minute rush, however, the little red minibus arrived at Leek on time for the last ring of the tour.

### INCIDENTS TO REMEMBER

During the ten days 56 towers were visited, though perhaps the events that will stick in Raving minds will be the night we couldn't find a tent on returning home in the early hours only to discover it trampled underfoot by cows, unappreciative of their southern visitors; or perhaps having crossed the Pennines one stormy night, arriving back in Glossop to find the camp afloat. Most of all, however, we will remember the wonderful hospitality that we met with throughout the tour.

The Ravers extend their warmest thanks to their hosts in Glossop, the incumbents and tower captains of the towers visited and the many northern ringers who helped make the tour not only highly successful but greatly enjoyed. Last but not least we must mention Chris Clarke and Howard Oglesby, who put hours of patient work into organising the tour. Their Raving comrades wish them to know that their efforts were greatly appreciated. Look out, 1962! C.C.

### Joint Meeting At Hucknall

In a church beautifully decorated for the harvest festival a joint meeting of the Sherwood Youths and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Hucknall on September 23rd. The many methods rung included Yorkshire and Superlative.

The beautiful playing by the blind organist was an asset to the singing at the service. There was a 'festival' tea—more than ample to eat. In all, a successful meeting.



# Oxford Guild's Autumn Meeting

## Another Survey Planned: Gift To 'The Ringing World'

**A**BOUT 140 ringers from all Branches of the Diocese, except Sonning Deanery, came to the autumn general meeting of the Guild held at Blechley on October 7th. Ringing was available in 30 towers in Central and North Bucks and advantage was taken of these opportunities. The ages of ringers present ranged from 11 to over 80. Arrangements for the meeting and for ringing were made by Mr. H. Sear (honorary secretary of the North Bucks Branch) and Mr. J. Hall (honorary secretary of the Central Bucks Branch).

The Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) presided, supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. C. Sharpe), the honorary general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the honorary librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and the chairman of the North Bucks Branch (the Rev. Alan Campbell).

After prayers the Master welcomed the Guild to the North Bucks Branch, of which he is a member, and had a special welcome for the Rector of Blechley. He asked the meeting to stand in silence in memory of Mr. J. Turner, of Simpson, who had been a ringer for 50 years and whose funeral took place that day.

The Deputy Master announced the appointment, by the Bishop, of the Master as honorary canon of Christ Church, in recognition of his work for the Oxford Guild. 'I feel,' concluded the Deputy Master, 'that this is in some measure an honour for the Guild.' The announcement was received with applause.

In thanking the Guild, the Master invited those who could to attend his installation, which would be held on a week-day evening.

### THE CHILTERN BRANCH

By a unanimous vote the meeting approved of the formation of the Chiltern Branch. This would consist of the following towers: Edlesborough, Ivinghoe, Marsworth, Mentmore and Slapton (Central Bucks Branch); Ellesborough, Great Kimble, Great Missenden, Monks Risborough and Wendover (East Berks and South Bucks); Aston Clinton, Bledlow, Stoke Mandeville and Weston Turville (South Oxon and Mid-Bucks).

Submitting the motion, Mr. D. Wheeler said the towers in the new branch had been holding regular meetings on the third Saturday in each month. The Branch had a nucleus of officers and a certain amount of funds. There were two members of Cheddington tower present, who, until the proposal to form a Branch, had never heard of the Guild.

The Master said the formation of a new Branch was an historic occasion. He thanked Mr. Wheeler for all that he had done and wished him every success.

### GRANT TO 'RINGING WORLD'

The honorary treasurer proposed that a grant of £20 be made to 'The Ringing World,' remarking that the journal had served the Guild well during the present year. Mr. C. Kinch seconded.

On being informed that the Guild had about £100 in hand at the present time, Mr. H. L. Roper proposed that the grant be raised to £25. This was seconded by Mr. F. Vickers and carried.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, on behalf of 'The Ringing World' Committee, thanked the Guild for its grant each year and particularly for raising it this year.

### SERVICE BOOK

The Master said he had read the first draft of the Service Book prepared by Mr. D. Smith and wished to congratulate him on its production.

Mr. Smith replied that the project had been going on for a long time. The old book had a very strong Victorian flavour. The new book contained not only prayers from the old book, but also introduced prayers in a modern idiom, new prayers, a shortened form of service for meetings, hymns and an Office for probationers somewhat on the lines of that used for choirs. Miss Cross had suggested that the service be duplicated and sent out to the Branches for criticism before the final draft is printed.

The Master pointed out that before the book could be printed it had to receive the sanction of the Bishop.

Mr. Smith said he wrote to the Bishop when he first began the work and the Bishop had asked to be kept informed of the progress of the work.

The meeting agreed to duplicate 25 copies for each Branch.

### NEXT AUTUMN MEETING

The meeting accepted the invitation of the Chipping Norton Branch for the next autumn meeting to be held at Burford on October 6th, 1962. Suggestions were invited for 1963, and Windsor was named. The honorary librarian said that this should be left to the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

This item was introduced to get the feeling of the meeting as to the value and type of course, if any, required. Speaking from experience, Mr. D. Smith thought the courses should be encouraged. A suggestion was made by Mr. P. Pearce of a mobile training team and giving instruction in either bell handling or method learning.

Mr. A. Diserens, who said he gained a lot of valuable experience at Radley, felt that the type of course needed was for instructors rather than beginners.

The meeting favoured day or half-day courses rather than residential, and it was finally decided on the suggestion of the honorary general treasurer to refer the whole matter to the Branch secretaries' meeting.

### A YEARLY SURVEY

The honorary general secretary said that the Bishop of Dorchester had suggested that another survey of ringing in the diocese should be undertaken so that an estimate of what had been done could be assessed and further steps taken as necessary.

Mr. H. Lawrenson suggested that a survey should be made each year. This was supported by the honorary librarian, who asked that the form prepared by Mr. C. Clarke for the Banbury Branch be used. This was carried.

### 50 YEARS IN MINISTRY

Mr. D. Wheeler announced that Canon G. Dixon, a vice-president, had just completed 50 years in the ministry, and 40 as Rector of Waddesdon. It was decided to send him a letter of congratulations and the best wishes of the Guild.

### APPROACH TO MR. J. BETJEMAN

Mr. H. Lawrenson said the Newbury Branch had suggested that Mr. J. Betjeman should be approached and asked to write a new hymn for the Guild, particularly as he was a past member. This was agreed to.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Wheeler and there was a half-hour break before tea, which was prepared by the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group. The service touch was rung by members of the North Bucks Branch and shortened Evensong was conducted by the Master and the address given by the Rector of Blechley.

## OBITUARY

### MR. C. C. BISHOP

One of the oldest ringers of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, Mr. Cecil Charles Bishop, of Upchurch, has passed away. He joined the Association in 1905 and before he took part in public life he was a very keen peal ringer.

It was on Easter Monday, 1913, that he had the honour of ringing in four peals of Minor in a day. All the peals were in seven methods and were conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins. A start was made at 6.50 a.m. at St. Mary's, Upchurch, and this was followed by St. Mary's, Newington, Bobbing and Tunstall. Mr. Bishop rang the tenor to the last two peals. The ringers were W. J. Wood, sen., Cecil C. Bishop, William J. Hyland, William Nye, James Nye and W. H. B. Wilkins.

At Upchurch he was chairman of the parish council and a member of the Swale Rural District Council. An active member of the church, less than 36 hours before his death he was at choir practice.

In an address at the funeral service at Upchurch, on October 6th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. McNeill Bradshaw) said Mr. Bishop had a sense of public duty far beyond what they saw in many places.

### MR. HORACE E. WERRETT

Tower captain and steeple-keeper at Norton for the last eight years, Mr. Horace Emlyn Werrett died suddenly after a short illness, aged 45 years.

A native of South Wales, he lived in Derbyshire during the war, where he did a lot of ringing, and then moved to Letchworth.

All his family worked very hard to augment Norton's three bells to eight, and when this had been done most of the teaching was his responsibility. He taught many people to ring, and at one time there was a full band of lady change ringers. This probably accounts for the comparatively small number of peals he rang, though they ranged from Plain methods to Spiced Surprise.

He was buried near his father and close to the tower he served, leaving his wife, their son, his mother and his brother. A memorial half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by his friends on October 1st.

### THE REV. G. R. CHANNER

News that the Rev. G. R. Channer, Rector of Revelstoke, Devon, died suddenly on October 1st was received with great regret by all ringers, to whom he was a great friend. He welcomed and thoroughly enjoyed ringers' meetings at his church, whether of the Guild or Association. His loss is felt very deeply by members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. H. H. T.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## MUSIC IN CONTRAST

Dear Sir.—To Graham C. Grant. I would say that if open handstroke leads are being rung, then it is obvious to any listener outside the tower with a quarter of an ear which rows are hand and which back—if not then mix 56's and 65's, however you like, no one will be any the wiser.

The old controversy raged furiously some four or five years ago, but has died down in later years.

Personally, I feel that the occasional 65 at back, unresolved as it is usually, adds slightly to the music by virtue of its contrast to 56's.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy,  
Manchester.

## 65's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Surely the answer to Mr. Grant's query re 65's at backstroke is to be found in Mr. Norman Chaddock's excellent introductory article 'Rhythm and Striking' ('Ringing World', September 1st). 'In ringing methods, the rhythm of the whole set of bells should be constant (i.e., 123456123456—123456123456), with equal intervals of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  second between each succeeding note and an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  second for the open lead every other change.'

If this rhythm is adopted, although the listener outside the tower may not know the two changes making a pair are called 'handstroke' and 'backstroke' he will notice there is a difference between the two.

If 65 occurs at the end of a handstroke change it will be in the middle of a two-change sequence and so sound inoffensive; if it occurs at the end of a backstroke change it will occur at the end of the two-change and the rising small interval, rising indeed from the key tone of the ring of bells, will give an extremely unfinished effect, particularly to a musically-trained ear. If the final notes of the two-change sequence are 56, the natural fall to the key tone of the ring will give a finished, and therefore very pleasing, effect.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON.

Willesborough. Ashford, Kent.

P.S.—If the bells are 'cartwheelled' I agree it doesn't matter what you ring.—R. J. C.

## WHY? WHY?? WHY???

Dear Sir.—I was glad to see Mr. Grant's letter (page 648), as it shows at least one critical reader for 'Treble Bob.' There are many things connected with the Exercise which beg the question 'Why?'

'Why, for instance. Bob Major lead ends? Why are only two odd-bell methods normally practised on the higher numbers? Why is (or was) Cambridge Surprise more popular than Yorkshire? etc. The answer is often merely that things have grown up that way and become accepted.

I am not a musician, neither am I particularly musical. But, while I have no objection, when listening to 'Abide with me' or 'Land of Hope and Glory' or even 'Tiger Rag,' to variations on the less important notes to give variety to different verses or renderings, my ear expects to find the main notes of the tune remaining the same. And the 'tunes' to which we have become accustomed in our even-bell ringing have the most prominent notes in the order 56 (or 78, etc.) at backstroke. Sufficient variation is obtained by the alteration of the smaller bells. Hence, to many of us the 'tune' sounds right that way and wrong the other way.

There were articles in 'R.W.' not long ago to show that 65's (or their equivalent) are not regarded as unmusical. That may well be so, but when ringing I prefer the accustomed 'tune' and I am sure that beginners, for whom the article was written, find things complicated enough to justify the retention of the simpler 'tune.'—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

## RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—I was horrified on opening a recent 'R.W.' to see the letter headed 'Ringing at Pershore.' As Ringing Master at Putney at the time referred to, I feel I must offer an unconditional apology to all Pershore ringers for the insult paid to them. Perhaps unknown to the two Putney ringers, the outing which they have so falsely castigated was organised by Mr. P. Cattermole, who has given great assistance at Putney, since he has been studying in London. Furthermore, I very much doubt if the outing was a Pershore Abbey outing. It appears that we at Putney have not learnt Christianity very well if we only use it to further our own spiteful ends.

To all Worcestershire ringers my sincere apologies.—Yours sincerely,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Dear Sir.—I wonder how many ringers appreciate the great opportunity offered to them at this time to make a real worth while Christian gift to a church overseas. I mean the church at Kilifi, in Kenya, where a local District Commissioner—Mr. Paul Kelly—himself a bell ringer, has done some really hard work for the Africans and settlers in helping to build the church and has insisted all the way through that the tower should be constructed to take six bells.

We are called upon at harvest time to contribute to the various missionary societies. We sometimes wonder (I know I do) where the money goes. Administration perhaps? Well now we do know where the money could go. To help a Christian society in East Africa to have some bells to ring. Africans love making a noise to rejoice. Let them do it in our way, with a ring of bells and ring out a Christian message to a troubled multi-racial world—that all at home do care and are prepared to help. The address is Mrs. Kelly, Kilifi Church, P.O. Box 29, Kilifi, Kenya.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

## A BISHOP'S PLEA

Dear Sir.—I see in your issue of September 22nd that notices of peals rung in churches at Llanveigan and Knighton are listed under the Hereford Diocesan Guild. I write to point out that these churches are both in my diocese and we have a vigorous Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. Perhaps you would kindly rectify this in future issues.—Yours sincerely,

✠ JOHN SWANSEA & BRECON.

## NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir.—In giving the continuation to the Bidding Prayer used at the recent enthronement in York Minster (which is really no more than 'E. & O.E.' at the foot of a bill), Mr. Walker was no doubt quoting from the Order of Service, and if so I would point out that in delivering the prayer Dr. Coggan added 'singers' to those given special mention. It was this which prompted my letter.

Ringers, while acting in the discharge of their duties, are not perhaps as ornamental as the choir, but they are just as useful and just as worthy of mention.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Dear Sir.—The composition used for the peal of 5.088 Lincolnshire rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford, recently seems to have been a three-part arrangement of mine, published in 'The Ringing World' some time in 1955 or '56.

A fortnight after the figures appeared I was told with some force that it was William Barton's peal, not mine. I grovelled abjectly by return of post. The two arrangements are, in fact, alternative forms of each other, and Barton had the idea first.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER.

Shrewsbury.

## TESTING 6-5's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Like your recent correspondent, I have been brought up to believe that 6-5's at backstroke in Minor were to be avoided owing to the 'unfinished' musical quality of such rows. As these are followed immediately by other changes, just as if they had occurred at handstroke, it may be that these do not matter overmuch to the listener. To test both sides of the argument I, being required to conduct two peals of Delight Minor of very similar construction, deliberately rang one peal with all 5-6's at backstroke as usual, and the other one with numerous 6-5's, including a 720 (C.C.C. 78) where these even occur at lead-ends!

The opinion of the band was that the peal with 6-5's produced much more entertaining music, especially where rounds at handstroke seemed inevitable until the row came up with only one pair reversed as it were in the nick of time: it kept us guessing what would arrive next! We will never again avoid a Minor composition merely because it produces backstroke 6-5's.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK P. JONES.

Burton-on-Trent.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Towcester Branch held its quarterly meeting on September 30th at the recently restored church at Easton Neston, this being the first there for about 40 years. The service was conducted by Canon D. H. Curtis (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. R. G. Richards (president) and the Rev. J. M. Warwick.

About 60 members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Major the Hon. J. B. Fermor-Hesketh in the grandstand of Towcester race course. At the meeting members were informed that Mr. G. Atkins was leaving the district and he was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Ringing on the eight bells (one of the finest rings in the county) continued until 9 p.m. in a variety of methods, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major

A social evening followed and a hearty vote of thanks was given to Major Fermor-Hesketh, for his very generous hospitality.

B. M.

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Congratulations to Mr. Dennis Starkey, of Shenstone, on ringing his first quarter there on October 8th. He is the first of the newly-formed band to do so, and we hope others will follow.

With a £10 collection at harvest services, Athelington, Suffolk (population 40), has inaugurated a fund for the restoration of its three bells, described by Raven as a 'pretty little ring, "maiden" and in good tune.' For 18 months the bells have been silent, resting on the belfry floor.



# TOM LOCK'S PARTY TOUR DEVON

FOR the keen ringer, and being one who finds pleasure in spending a whole week of his annual holidays amongst the bells, the anticipation of and preparation for a tour holds a certain amount of excitement. To have the tour in Devon adds to the interest and excitement, for the people who live in this south-western part of the country seem to be able to enjoy many of the good things which life holds for them. One ringer was actually heard to say that if it were possible he would come to Devon every year for a ringing tour. However, the party on this particular tour, arranged by Tom Lock, was last in Devon in 1949, so the visit was by no means out of turn.

The touring party numbered twenty-seven (ringers and non-ringers) and we were assisted by three of the king-pins of the Devon Guild—Aubrey Bennett, Norman Mallett and Fred Wreford, and others who knew of our whereabouts.

With headquarters in Exeter, where Parliament Street, varying between 35 and 45 inches wide, is believed to be the narrowest street in the world, the tour took place during the first week in September and the programme opened with successful peal attempts at Exeter St. Thomas', where Rev. Roger O. Fry was the first to call, 'That is all' to Double Norwich Court Bob Major and at Newton St. Cyres, where Alick Cutler completed his 50th peal of Yorkshire S. Major.

One the day following, Sunday, September 3rd, we made our presence known to as many of the local inhabitants as we were able. By ringing for various services at the Cathedral, St. David's (twice), St. Mary's and Heavitree (twice) we, with the local ringers, found the hours of daylight well occupied. At St. Mark's we had the pleasure of ringing Grandsire Triples with the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Poulton, and members of his local band.

For Evensong at Heavitree a quarter peal of London S. Major, reported in a previous issue of this journal, was rung as an 88th birthday compliment to George H. Williams, an ex-Birmingham ringer who has been living and ringing at Heavitree for the past ten years.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

There are other interesting things happening at this well known tower, as evidenced by some scale drawings hanging on the walls of the ringing chamber. Miss Patt Woodland is winning her way through the Church Bell Ringing (Campanology) Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for Girls. She has nearly completed the first level by having rung rounds, raised and lowered a bell unaided, rung treble to two standard methods, demonstrated parts of a bell and how it is rung, demonstrated splicing of a bell rope and attended Sunday ringing and practice regularly for the preceding six months. There is a second level entailing a further six months, and the emphasis of the award is on genuine effort and individual progress.

On Monday we journeyed in a northerly direction to Broadclyst (six methods spliced), Cullompton (Cambridge S. Royal) and Uffculme (Yorkshire S.). Those who were not peal ringing moved on to Thoverton for an hour's exercise.

Whilst Bristol S. was being rung at Heavitree on Tuesday morning the remainder travelled along a Roman road to Alphington and then retraced their steps to call at Exeter St. Thomas', where it is recorded on a board John R. Hayman vice Edwin Shepherd rang the sixth in the first peal of Grandsire Triples there. It was noted also that whilst the Rev. Wm. Ellicombe (1780-1830 approximately) was Rector of Alphington six ringers sheltering in the belfry from a thunderstorm were struck by lightning. During the afternoon an attempt for a peal of four methods spliced was made at Witheridge, but this came to grief after 24 hours.

## RECORDER v. T.V.

South Molton was visited before we returned to headquarters. In this establishment, by the way, because of no alternative room being available we had to persuade the other occupants of the lounge that a demonstration on handbells and a playback of our ringing at the various towers on Norman Mallett's tape

recorder was preferable to watching the television screen—we did not win every time, however.

The party was split up for most of the next day for ten ringers plus made a distant journey to Plymouth, where, at St. Andrew's, an attempt for a peal of Yorkshire S. Royal was lost again, after 2½ hours. Those who were left half-way were not troubled by the human element for, in the morning, seven extents of Minor were rung at Dean Prior, where the bells ring out in memory of Robert Herrick, the poet (1591-1634), for they were hung in 1929 as part of his memorial.

In the afternoon a five thousand of Cambridge S. was completed at Buckfastleigh. It is not often that a first peal is recorded on a ringing tour, but this was duly accomplished at Dean Prior by Martin Lock after a very creditable performance. The Parish Church at Buckfastleigh has a very high situation and one of the ways to approach it is to climb up 195 steps. Having actually surmounted this obstacle we were able to hear quite clearly the monks, assisted by members of the Devon Guild, ringing Buckfast Abbey bells at their weekly practice.

## A PERSONALITY!

A near crisis developed at the breakfast table on Thursday morning, when, on opening the additional copies of 'The Ringing World,' it was found that within our company was the Personality of the Exercise. One member threatened to return his own copy to the 'R.W.' office unopened! Poor Arthur's leg must have been pulled two inches longer, but we hear that he did not have to get a size larger in hats. He claimed that his wife gave the details whilst he was abroad on business.

Peal failure number three came to us later in the morning when at Clyst Honiton after three hours' ringing two bells had shifted in Pudsey S. There was competition in endurance at the early stages of this attempt for the hand had to overcome the sudden noise of jet planes, which seemed to be flying just above the tower. However, the day witnessed two successes. Rutland S. at Ottery St. Mary and Cambridge S. at Woodbury. Ottery St. Mary is, as quoted in 'The King's England' series of books by Arthur Mee, an exquisite church—

to be seen to be believed—with two towers. Samuel Taylor Coleridge, author of 'And while old Otter's steeple rings,' was born here, his father being vicar and school-master. The peal at Woodbury was faster than it would normally have been, but the band was pushed for time because of a choir practice. Whilst this peal was in progress others visited Sidbury for a ring and a real Devonshire tea.

## PROCESSIONAL CROSS FROM ZEPPELIN

Friday's first peal attempt also ended prematurely. Bovey Tracey bells were stood up after ringing Tavistock S. for nearly 1½ hours. This church, above the river Bovey, apparently replaces another church which was one of three built by Sir Wm. Tracey as an act of penance for his share in the murder of Becket. The rest of the party visited Ashburton and Ipplepen for short rings. During the afternoon two peals of Lincolnshire S. were recorded—at Wolborough and at Chagford. The church at Chagford contains a processional cross made from the aluminium of a Zeppelin brought down at Cuffley in 1916, the first to be brought down in England. The other scheduled call was at Moretonhampstead, where Rev. A. D. Coleridge, a nephew of the late Canon Coleridge, is Rector.

Saturday morning's attempt was at Exminster, where the eighth conductor of the week was successfully employed in calling London S. And he created a personal record when, in the afternoon, he conducted a second peal in the same day, this being three methods spliced at Newton St. Cyres, which we were privileged to revisit whilst the local band were on their annual outing. The patron saints of Newton St. Cyres, Julitta and Cyr, were mother and a young son, who suffered torture because they were Christians. Others of the party attended the Devon Guild meeting at Tedburn St. Mary and Whistone, bringing the list of towers for the week up to twenty-nine.

So ended another pleasant and successful tour, for which we are indebted to all incumbents and ringers, especially the king-pins, concerned, who so kindly put at our disposal their bells for our use. We hope to visit Herefordshire and Shropshire for our tour during the same week next year.

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD VISIT SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

THE autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Southend-on-Sea on September 30th. Over 40 members gathered to take part in the day's programme, and although 17 apologies were received from those who were unable to attend all regions were represented. The weather was kind and helped to keep the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Roy Tomlin.

The few who arrived on Friday evening enjoyed the privilege of joining the local practice at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood, and afterwards saw Southend illuminations.

The first tower on Saturday morning was Holy Trinity, Rayleigh (8), where ringing was scheduled to commence at 11 a.m. During the hour spent here a high standard of ringing (and this includes all the ringing throughout the day) was really enjoyed by everyone. After refreshments, which were something other than jellied eels or oysters, the next tower visited was St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay (another grand eight), and all too soon these were lowered in peal, and a move was made for St. Mary the Virgin, Prittlewell (10), where the bells were very soon ringing to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Royal and even Duffield Major—not forgetting Bob Royal and Kent.

Tea at 5 p.m. which was laid on at the Park Cafe, Prittlewell, followed.

The Master, Mr. Bertram Kynaston, in proposing a vote of thanks, expressed his pleasure with the day's programme, and thanked Mr. Roy Tomlin for the perfect arrangements made for the Guild's visit to Southend. He also thanked the incumbents of the churches

for the use of the bells, tower captains and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Supporting the vote of thanks, Mr. Syd Foskett expressed his pleasure at seeing with them Mrs. Seagar and Miss Hogg and hoped to see them again at the next meeting.

Before retiring to Prittlewell Parish Church for further ringing all were reminded of the A.G.M. at Derby on the last Saturday in April, 1962. J. A. H.

## Marlborough Branch Outing

Two coaches were needed to accommodate all who participated in the Marlborough Branch outing on September 30th, which was organised by the Branch secretary (Mr. Arthur Palmer), assisted by the chairman (Mr. George Newman).

Heavy rain was falling at 8.30 a.m. when the party left for Lyneham, Wilts, where good use was made of the six bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were enjoyed at Kingston St. Michael, and lunch followed at Chippenham.

After ringing on the nice six at Bathford, a disappointment awaited us at Batheaston, as we were not able to ring. Following tea in Bath, St. Mark's and St. Matthew's churches were visited and in each tower 45 minutes' ringing was possible.

On the way home thirsts were quenched at Devizes and an excellent and satisfying day ended around 10.30 p.m., with thanks to incumbents and tower captains and not least to Arthur and George.

W. A. E.



## PACKWOOD BELLRINGERS' TOUR

PACKWOOD bellringers this year selected the Lake District for their tour and set off in the early hours of September 3rd, considerably augmented by ringing friends.

The first tower was Breton, in Cheshire, where we rang for Holy Communion. At Sandbach, Cheshire the local ringers very generously let us take over the service ringing for Matins. An electricity power cut, resulting from a thunderstorm, caused us to ring in relative darkness. The ten bells at Kendal were rung for Evensong, and once again the locals stood down for us. Here an advance party of three joined the main party of nine, after a breakdown on the Lancaster By-pass.

Keswick was the centre for the tour and we travelled daily from there. On Monday, the first tower was Bridekirk. From there we went on to Aspatria—a much renovated church with a pleasant ring of eight. The six at Thursby proved rather a handful, but our efforts were much rewarded when the Vicar and his wife invited us into the Vicarage and provided us with a most excellent tea. At very short notice we were given permission to ring at Brampton. We ended our ring here with rounds for a local 94 year old ringer. Carlisle Cathedral practice concluded the day's programme.

### TREBLE CREATES PROBLEM

Bowness-on-Windermere provided a fine ring with which to begin Tuesday's ringing. Many of our party were almost too tall to ring at Shap, where the roof of the ringing chamber is rather low. From Shap we journeyed to Bampton, where the fact that the treble strikes at least twice at every stroke did not facilitate the ringing. The eight at Kirkby Stephen were a considerable improvement, and the six at Appleby went very well to everything attempted. Penrith bells were undoubtedly one of the finest eights on the tour. Great Salkeld was the day's last tower and here we were joined by the local band.

Wednesday's ringing began at Cockermouth on a very fine eight. At Cleator Moor we were joined by Mr. Tembey, who acted as guide for the rest of the day. Egremont, Hensingham, Workington and Crosthwaite, Cumberland, were the other towers of the day—all have eight bells and all are very fine.

The first tower on Thursday was Crosthwaite, Westmorland, where the Vicar had laid on a welcome cup of coffee for us at the 'local.' Heversham was the next tower, followed by Burton-in-Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale. A trip over the county boundary into Lancashire saw us ringing at Hornby and Melling; finally into Yorkshire, where that method came round successfully at Sedburgh.

### IN LANCASTER

Friday's ringing began on Langdale's excellent ring of six bells. Our advance party had not been idle and after staying in Lancaster overnight, on their way up, Lancaster Roman Catholic Cathedral and Lancaster Priory were available for us on Friday afternoon. Amble-side bells were a fine eight with which to end the day's ringing.

Saturday's ringing took us first to the fine eight at Arlecdon. St. Bees and Broughton-in-Furness were excellent bells with which to continue the day's good start. During the afternoon a visit was paid to the Lancashire Association's meeting at Dalton-in-Furness and Barrow-in-Furness. Ulverston and Flookburgh concluded the day.

On the return journey on Sunday we rang at Hawkshead for Matins—yet another excellent eight. At Liverpool we lost two of the party, but for the benefit of the remaining seven ringing at Liverpool St. Nicholas' for Evensong began an hour earlier than usual.

Methods rung on the tour were: Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, Plain Bob from Doubles to Royal, and Stedman from Doubles to Caters. Minor methods included Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, London, St. Clement's, Double Court and Little Bob. Major methods included Little Bob, Kent, St. Clement's, Yorkshire, Bristol and Double Norwich.

An enjoyable week was spent and we wish to thank incumbents, tower captains and all those who met and helped us. Thanks again, to our three never tiring drivers.

P. M. T.

## A BRITISH COLUMBIA BRIDE



On July 8th a wedding took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, of Miss Margaret Horne and Mr. E. J. Moore. Margaret first learnt to ring in 1948, at the age of 13, and has been a regular ringer ever since then.

She has taken part in the ringing on many special occasions, including the visit of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, when he was so pleased with the ringing of the Cathedral bells that he asked to meet the ringers, and said how pleased he was to learn that the Guild included lady ringers.

Margaret took part in the ringing when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited Victoria, and for the service ringing when Princess Margaret attended Matins.

For Margaret Horne's wedding, ringing commenced one hour before the service and the bells were rung again and fired as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral. The Very Rev. Brian Whitlow officiated in the presence of many guests. The reception, after the service, took place at the Empress Hotel.

The ringers who rang for the wedding were: Dr. Longridge, Ian Izard, Margaret Izard, A. Izard, E. W. Izard, Dr. Batten, Douglas Boniface, V. Donaldson, L. Kerridge, Mrs. Guthrie, B. Guthrie.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 13th, 1911.—

### LADIES IN THE BELFRY

To the Editor. Dear Sir,—I have read the letters of 'E. J. B.' and others re the subject of ladies in belfries, and these. Sir, are my deductions: (1) That the person who would suggest anything wrong just because there happens to be a female in the belfry must have distorted views; (2) that that particular person is not fit for the society of any female outside his own family, and certainly should not be allowed to wear the garb of a profession which stands for the uplifting and not the damning of human nature; (3) that any lady ringer would show more brainpower than the person who suggests anything wrong, or the person who says that females should be kept out of belfries and middle class men brought in. If the interdict that devised the objections is a sample of what we might then expect, may all belfries be preserved from it. I think that is sufficient to sum up the whole case. It would be interesting to know what some of the clergy think about the matter. They seem very reluctant to say anything. If there is any defence let them defend the accuser, if not, denounce him.—Yours sincerely, Thos. Smith, Goole.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, W. G. Lavers 3, H. Stacey 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, F. White 6, C. Taylor 7, G. Halford 8. For Evensong.

## BRISTOL, 1961

RECENTLY a ringer from Australia was planning to visit Britain for a period and wishing to do as much ringing as possible whilst here consulted 'Dove' to see where the most number of bells could be found in a small area. He naturally came to Bristol. There are, in fact, 27 rings of bells within four miles of the city centre, which is more than there are in the whole of Australia; for that matter it is more than there are in the whole of Scotland and five of our English counties as well. There are more rings of ten within half a mile of the city centre than can be found in the whole of fifteen English counties.

What better place could there be for holding a ringing festival? There is something for all tastes: a twelve, tens, eights and sixes; heavy bells and light ones; fine examples of the art of the 18th century bell founder (St. Stephen's and Westbury-on-Trym, for example) and also examples of very recent renovation and recasting at the Cathedral and Filton. On October 28th there will be an opportunity for connoisseurs of bells to come and taste these delights in a full day's ringing programme, during which almost all the towers will be open to visitors.

Bell ringing is a very public art and a ringing festival in a city as full of bells as Bristol must cater for the public as well as the ringers. The day therefore includes lunch with the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Archdeacon of Bristol, as well as Evensong at the Cathedral. A special feature of the day's activities will be a public lecture on ringing given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, to which not only ringers but also members of the general public are invited. This will certainly be worth hearing.

We are looking forward to seeing you on October 28th.

P. M. J. G.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The place for the quarterly meeting was St. Ippolyts (so many ways of spelling it that few agree) on October 7th. Ringing began promptly at 3, to speed a newly married couple on the way.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Quinn, conducted the service, and Miss C. Taylor, the organist, played a brief prelude based on rounds and call changes before the last hymn.

The usual excellent tea had been provided by the Harris family. Sixteen ringers were able to do full justice to such a spread. Mr. L. B. Scoot was chairman for the business meeting. The elections of the following non-resident life members were confirmed: Messrs. D. Eames, V. Mephram and H. Tembey. Ordinary members were reminded that subscriptions must be paid quickly.

Two deaths were announced, a ringing member, Mr. H. E. Werrett, captain at Norton, and an associate member, Mr. E. G. Anderson, churchwarden of Norton. The members stood in silence. More ringers came later, and the pleasant meeting, held in surprisingly good weather, ended about 8 p.m.

J. S.

## THREE PEALS IN 50 YEARS AT TORQUAY

Prior to 1911, the Church of St. Saviour, Tor Mohun, the parish church of Torquay, Devon, contained three bells, but for some years only two were in use as the other was cracked. In 1911 three new light bells were cast by Warner and Sons, and the cracked bell was recast. The six were then hung in a metal frame by Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, Devon. Later that year it was found that one of the two 'old' bells was cracked and this was recast by Warner and Sons. Therefore the ring consists of three bells cast in 1911 (Nos. 1, 2 and 3), two recast in 1911 (Nos. 4 and 5) and the tenor dated 1623.

Three peals have been rung on these bells, the first in 1956, and the one just rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the bells is the first to have had three members of the local band taking part. A new change ringing band was formed two years ago and this was the first peal for two of this band, Keith Fursdon (16) and Neal Forester (15).



## MR. GEORGE FEARN'S PEAL WEEK

LINCOLNSHIRE was chosen as the venue of George E. Fearn's 11th annual tour. This was partly because it was new territory for the company and also to satisfy the Brum Maestro's demand for 'more potatoes, please.'

The journey to Lincoln was made by car and motor cycle on Saturday, September 30th, and, as in previous years, Bristol was chosen for the first attempt, which was at St. Giles', Lincoln. On this fine Rudhall eight (which came from the old St. Peter at Arches Church in the city) our first peal was rung. A quick move to the house of Jack and Betty Millhouse for tea, and then on to the Cathedral, where Peter Border's shortened peal of Cambridge Maximus was enjoyed. By the time headquarters at Moor Lodge, Branston, had been reached, we felt a satisfactory beginning had been made.

On Sunday morning the Cathedral company was joined for service ringing. In the afternoon we went to Ewerby, in lovely Haverholme Park. Cambridge Royal was rung on bells which are deep toned for their weight (15½ cwt. in D).

### LOCALS JOIN IN

Lincolnshire ringers joined in four peals, which were rung on Monday. London was as usual the morning method, and one peal was rung on the Mears eight at Sibsey, where it was impossible to avoid the sunshine streaming in the four large windows, and the other on the light eight at Bicker. The efforts of the band at Bicker had been tape recorded and the ringers enjoyed listening to the play-back as they descended the tower. After lunch at Boston, near the Stump of St. Botolph's, Rutland was rung at Sutterton and Donington, both good modern rings from Loughborough and Croydon respectively.

On Tuesday we travelled to the north of the county to Burton-on-Stather and were met by Mr. George Moody, the Branch secretary; London was successfully rung on this crisp

eight. Afterwards we were met by Mr. Ron Chafer, who directed us to lunch at the Ferry Boat Inn.

A pleasant ride took us along the Humber bank to Barrow-on-Humber, where Mr. and Mrs. Crowder and their family welcomed us. Happily it was Mr. and Mrs. Crowder's silver wedding day and we were able to compliment them by a peal of six spliced. After enjoying the hospitality of the Crowders, we hustled back to Scothorne, where George and Norah Randles entertained us.

Our four towers on Wednesday were in the far south of the county. London was rung and enjoyed at Long Sutton, which is nearly 100 miles from Barrow-on-Humber and reminded us of the size of the county. Cambridge was rung at Pinchbeck, nearby, where Miss Anne Dernley stepped in at short notice to ring her first peal. Holbeach (with its long draught and good sound eight) was visited later for Bristol, while George Fearn and Peter Border joined the local band at Spalding for Lincolnshire.

### FIRST FAILURE

Wednesday's late night was blamed for our first failure at Epworth, in the west of the county. We did not settle down in the first twenty minutes so a rest and lunch put us on form again for a good peal of Lincolnshire at Gainsborough in the afternoon. Returning to Lincoln we met the Lincoln Cathedral company at their local hostelry after their practice.

Edenham's well kept bells and belfry were appreciated on Friday for London. Lunch was taken at Folkingham and reminiscences were exchanged here with Mr. C. T. A. Bradley. Yorkshire was the method for the afternoon and peals were rung at Heydour and Caythorpe, preceding their harvest thanksgiving services.

Our final London was rung on Saturday morning, after a short trip to Wasingborough. Afterwards the company divided when some of the party went to Hull and the

remainder tried for Cambridge on the fine bells at Bottesford, in Leicestershire. Unfortunately the tenor bell rope became untucked after an hour, and though a great effort was made for another hour we had to stop when purchase on the rope became impossible.

One again, an enjoyable week—on the social side we had great moments—a dancing exhibition by our leader, for instance. An anxious moment—or longer—ten minutes, when we were locked in Edenham tower after our peal was over. The lady who locked us in forgot she had done so! Personal records show that one of the company rang his 100th, two their 250th and one his 500th peal.

Our thanks go to the incumbents, ringers and friends in Lincolnshire. Their generous welcome gave an enjoyable and successful week. J. M.

### THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held its meeting at the riverside Church of St. Mary's, Putney, on September 30th. During the afternoon an all ladies touch of Stedman Triples was rung.

The church was very tastefully decorated ready for the harvest festival and made a lovely setting for the short Guild service, which was conducted by the curate. Hymn singing was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Lock.

We were the guests of the Putney ringers to a 'harvest festival' tea in the Vestry Hall. At the business meeting a letter was read from the Southern District, inviting members to Portsmouth on November 4th, when there would be ringing at St. Mary's, Portsea, in the afternoon and on the Cathedral bells in the evening. One new member was elected—Miss Susan Frost, of St. Albans. E. S.

At the Oxford Guild autumn meeting at Bletchley on October 7th tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. Harry Turner, of Simpson, Bucks, who died last week at the age of 82. For 60 years he had been a faithful ringer at this tower.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Formed in 1959, the new band at St. Peter's, Droitwich Spa, has made considerable progress this summer. Friday practices are well attended and there is regular Sunday service ringing. On harvest festival Sunday two quarters were scored and Grandsire rung before 8 a.m. Communion. Special thanks are recorded to Mr. W. Raxter for his help on practice nights and in the band's nocturnal wanderings into rural Worcestershire.

Watford Grammar Schools' Society rang handbells all the way up the A5 on their outing on September 23rd.

Miss V. Relf had her name spelt wrongly in the account of the Kent County Association dinner (page 679)—a poor reward for her excellent work as organiser. Our regrets.

Two peals were rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Carol Fernley, one of the young ladies who have brought prestige to Cheshire's enthusiastic juniors.

**Correction.**—The peal at Bredons Norton, rung on September 5th and printed on page 633, consisted of three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet Surprise.

According to a letter quoted at the Oxford Guild autumn meeting, Mr. Russell Young hopes to bring a party of boys over from the United States for the Oxford Guild festival in 1962.

By special request, a band of ladies drawn from the Western District of the Ladies' Guild rang for the Almondsbury Mothers' Union Deanery Festival on October 4th at Filton Church, Bristol. This ring of six has recently been rehung.

His friends in the Exercise will note the progress of Mr. W. Hibbert in ringing his first quarter of DOUBLES! This took place at Kingsclere, Hants, and he was one of five who made this excursion into a new realm. For three of the band (aged 13, 15 and 15) it was their first quarter. With the fatherly eye of Mr. Hibbert upon them, their advancement in the Exercise can be looked forward to with interest.

A great friend of Sheffield Cathedral ringers, Mr. S. R. Pentecost, has retired after 41 years as head verger. His retirement was marked by a quarter peal rung on October 1st which was also a compliment to Miss Barbara Elizabeth Long (daughter of Mr. R. J. Long, Cathedral ringer) and Mr. A. E. Hawksworth on their wedding. The ringing also coincided with harvest thanksgiving service.

Mrs. Mary C. Poyner is the first lady to ring a peal on Ellesmere, Shropshire, bells.

Our Australian readers will note the thrill of two Adelaide ringers (C. H. Bagot and B. R. Cox) in notching a quarter of Caters (their first) at St. Clement Danes'.

'Nor would we wish church bells to be severely controlled: few enough now hear the chime and come to church on time.'—'East Anglian Daily Times' editorial, September 25th.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Moss, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Diss, 720 Plain Bob Doubles was rung at Blo-Norton, Norfolk.

First hung in 1833 and last overhauled in 1894, the bells of St. Mary's, Diss, are now receiving attention from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, inquires if there are any other change-ringers besides himself who take a practical interest in the playing of chimes or carillons either in this country or abroad.

Well-known ringers (we might say personalities) assembled at Holy Trinity, Hull, on October 7th, for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, so that the peal band could ring for the morning service on October 8th, at which the new Archbishop of York preached before the Lord Mayor and members of the City Council.

An open day at Rotherham on September 30th resulted in 500 members of the public making the not-too-easy ascent to the bells and ringing room. Almost £13 was collected for church funds. In the evening 50 members of the public watched the local band ring Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

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GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FREDERICK WREDFORD .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	REV. ROGER O. FRY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REV. ROGER O. FRY.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

## BROADCLYST, DEVON.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods: 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, 480 each Bristol, Yorkshire and Superlative; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GERALD PENNEY .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

## CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 8
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

## UFFCULME, DEVON.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN (arr.). Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

## HEAVITREE, DEVON.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

DENNIS KNOX .. .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

## DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Norwich and Netherseale Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARTIN F. LOCK .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* First peal at first attempt. First in seven methods on the bells.

## BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

## OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD THE CONFESSOR AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN MALLETT .. .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## WOODBURY, DEVON.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

Johnson's variation.	C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 5
	JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
	RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 2	*GERALD PENNEY .. .. 6
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

\* First peal in the method.

## CHAGFORD, DEVON.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

## EXMINSTER, DEVON.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

## NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULITTA.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods: 2,208 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

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LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 10
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. 9
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
PETER A. SHARP .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 2	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 6
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 3	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 7
*LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 250th peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 500th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge; with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crowder, of the local band

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*ANNE DERNLEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

PETER A. SHARP .. .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 250th peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	*DAVID J. PURNELL .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* 100th peal.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH .. .. Treble	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.



## CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 6
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
*CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 100th peal.

## WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

JOHN WALDER .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
JACK L. MILHOUSE .. .. 3	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

A NIGHT PEAL WEEK IN THE  
MAIDSTONE AREA

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.) Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

MARGARET A. LADD .. .. Treble	*MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 6
*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
FREDERICK S. MACEY .. .. 4	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples.

## LEEDS, KENT.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. Treble	GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. .. 5
PETER F. BORER .. .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. Treble	PETER F. BORER .. .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 6
†TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 7
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 250th peal. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

BERNARD GROVES .. .. Treble	DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4
*OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

\* 75th peal. First in five methods as conductor.

## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS E. SONE .. .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 6
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 7
†MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' This is the 18th tower the treble ringer has 'circled.'

RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE BOROUGH OF  
EASTLEIGH'S SILVER JUBILEEALL PEALS FOR THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

NORMAN HAYES .. .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
*DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 2	*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 7
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 8
ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 9
†DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

† First on ten bells. First of Royal

as conductor.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 2	†DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 7
†MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 9
†RAYMOND C. HAYNES .. .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

\* 200th peal, and has now 'circled' to Surprise Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 5
*VERONICA J. TUMBER .. .. 2	†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. .. 6
*CAROLYN VIBERT .. .. 3	†NICHOLAS R. TUMBER .. .. 7
VIVIAN ROWE .. .. 4	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 300th peal. ‡ First peal.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS

## KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. 11
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 9
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 10
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 11
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## LONDON, E.C.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. Treble	JACK A. WAUGH .. .. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. .. 8
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK .. .. 9
DENNIS RANDELL .. .. 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 10
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. .. 11
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 6	JAMES PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung following the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Robert Wright Stopford, C.B.E., D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of London.



## TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
*CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 2	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 7
*JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 8
*S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 4	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 9
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

BRYNLEY TAYLOR .. Treble	†ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY .. 6
*GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND .. 2	†WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 3	*M. JACK PRYOR .. .. 8
†NIGEL LAMPING .. .. 4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 9
†NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 5	*TREVOR T. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Royal. † 1st on ten bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon W. E. C. Thomas.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble	ALAN ROGERS .. .. 6
STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. 2	ROBERT W. HINDE .. .. 7
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS .. .. 4	RALPH BIRD .. .. 9
DAVID E. PARSONS .. .. 5	PETER BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung to welcome the Rev. John Hanson Read, M.A., Rector of Beddington, whose institution and induction took place on September 15th, 1961.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL PAULSON .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE .. 7
MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. 4	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung to welcome the new incumbent, Rev. G. K. Bathie.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
*FREDERICK DERRY .. Treble	†PETER A. SLIGHT .. .. 5
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. .. 6
RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 3	NORMAN B. FAVARGUE .. 7
*J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 4	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

A wedding compliment to Miss Patricia A. Baker, of Disley, and Mr. Clive Watson, of Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorks, who were married previous to the peal.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*VICTOR DRAPER .. Treble	*FREDK. PEARSON .. .. 5
*MRS. FRANCES LOW .. .. 2	*ERIC COOK .. .. 6
*PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 3	PETER COXALL .. .. 7
*CYRIL LOW .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Gladys Rogers and George Gibson, both members of the local band, and Miss Jean Marshall and John E. Waterworth, of Parbold.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTELEWORTH .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

ANDREW J. CORBY .. Treble	*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Four-Spliced Surprise Major. First of Four-Spliced as conductor.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON, N.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	HAROLD HOWSON .. .. 5
ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAYER .. .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. ROWE .. .. 7
ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. .. 4	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Rung for the centenary celebrations of the church.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. .. 4	J. DAVID CLARKE .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Rung as a welcome home to John F. W. Read, on leave after spending four years in Malaya and Borneo.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Tenor

Composed by S. IVIN.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 3,584 Cambridge and 1,472 Yorkshire.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Treble	*†JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	JOHN WARNER .. .. 6
*ANDREW S. HUDSON .. .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 7
*†IAN R. PANTON .. .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal of Spiced Major. † 25th peal for the Association. The conductor's 250th peal.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howard; also a farewell to Andrew Hudson, who is going to Cambridge University.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

CECIL RADDON .. .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 5
JOHN RYDER .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 6
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Maddock, the conductor's father, and also for the engagement of Cynthia Bibby and Robert J. Warrilow. Tenor 16½ cwt.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BIBBY .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal in the method. † Rung for the engagement of Miss Cynthia Bibby to Mr. Robert J. Warrilow.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARGERY MAUGHAN .. .. Treble	WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. .. 5
ROBERT WEBSTER .. .. 2	*JACK MAUGHAN .. .. 6
*MARGARET MACHIN .. .. 3	PHILIP DRAFFAN .. .. 7
*JANET PAYNE .. .. 4	†ANTHONY APPELGARTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP DRAFFAN.

\* First peal in the method. † Rung to commemorate the induction on October 2nd of Canon Hancock, Vicar of Stranton for 16 years, as Rector of Sedgfield.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 2	GILLIAN M. DOGGETT .. .. 6
SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. .. 3	MELVYN STEVENS .. .. 7
W. DAVID WARD .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. Treble	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 6
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	PETER T. DALE .. .. 7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Fernley.

## BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 75 lb. in E flat.

*PETER BRIDLE .. .. Treble	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 5
†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 6
†DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 7
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Rutland. ‡ 75th peal.

## COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. Treble	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 6
HARRY GRIFFITHS .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
ALFRED BAYLEY .. .. 4	HARRY EDGE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

## ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*PETER MORRIS .. .. Treble	HARRY POYNER .. .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. .. 6
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. 3	†JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 7
*J. BARRY JONES .. .. 4	†MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First on eight.

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt., approx

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. .. Treble	MICHAEL HOLT .. .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 2	MICHAEL FREEMAN .. .. 6
MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. .. 3	ROLAND ECCLES .. .. 7
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

\* 25th peal.

Rung as a welcome for the new Rector, and for Harvest Festival.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. .. Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN .. .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
IAN R. PANTON .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7
JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Association. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ann Cosette Lufkin for her 21st birthday on October 6th. Tenor 7½ cwt.

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. Treble	BARRY M. COX .. .. 5
JUDITH K. ROBINSON .. .. 2	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. .. 6
PETER A. LAWRENCE .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
*PAULINE JEPPESON .. .. 4	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Woodcock, of Galleywood, Essex, upon the birth of a son, Stephen John, on September 29th, 1961.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ELSIE K. HART .. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 2	A. DAVID LEACH .. .. 6
CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. DEASON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. R. W. Stopford as Bishop of London.

## KIRTlington, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
JEREMY A. SALTER .. .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 5
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. .. 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT .. .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 3	JOHN G. PUSEY .. .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. PUSEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. First as conductor.

Congratulations of the band to Frances and Brian Threlfall on the birth of a son, David.



**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 In ten methods, comprising 960 London, 736 Bristol, 640 Rutland, 480 each of Cambridge, Ealing and Wembley, and 320 each of Pudsey, Superlative, Watford and Yorkshire: with 133 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.	
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
 Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of Dr. Robert W. Stopford as Bishop of London.

**WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ALBERT C. WENBAN .. .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. 2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 6
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.	
HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 4
*ELIZABETH WILLS .. .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 3	†A. REX AGG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tembey upon the 40th anniversary of their wedding.

**CULHAM, OXFORD.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, consisting of 720 each of April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

ROY H. JONES .. .. Treble	JOHN S. WALKER .. .. 3
PETER J. HERITAGE .. .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 4

ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

Rung for the wedding of Christine Woodward to Geoffrey Lannegan; also for the anniversary of Battle of Britain Day.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.	
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 4
*JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 2	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* 25th peal for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.	
GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	J. DAVID ADAMS .. .. 4
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 2	ALEX RICHARDSON .. .. 5
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

**DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In four methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (3 and 6) St. Clement's, (4 and 7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.	
*PAUL CODDINGTON .. Treble	*TREVOR R. SMITH .. .. 4
†PETER BURTON .. .. 2	JOHN BURTON .. .. 5
*WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for Michaelmas.

**ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's: Two of London and Cambridge Surprise, one each of Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.	
J. HARRY COOK .. .. Treble	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. 4
RONALD J. HILL .. .. 2	JAMES W. HAW .. .. 5
CECIL WADE .. .. 3	FREDERICK H. HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung for the dedication festival.

**BELTON (ISLE OF AXHOLME), LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(West Lindsey Branch.)

*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN H. SELBY .. .. Treble	RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 4
†MELVYN A. ROSE .. .. 2	JAMES THORLEY .. .. 5
JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 2	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

**EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PEVERIL DELIGHT MINOR**

Being a 2.160 and four extents (C.C.C. Nos. 80, -81, -75, 78, 73, 74, 59).

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.	
DAVID EAMES .. .. Treble	BRYAN J. WYLDE .. .. 4
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.20), and believed to be the first of Delight Minor in Shropshire.

Rung half-muffled upon the passing of Miss Rosamund Nightingale Asterley, aged 91, oldest inhabitant of Edgmond; also in memory of Sarah Furr, and of Horace E. Werrett, Ringing Master of St. Nicholas', Norton, Herts, who died September 21st, 1961.

**MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LEASOWE DELIGHT MINOR**

Being seven extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke (C.C.C. Nos. 69, 67, 68, 64, 65, 59, 58).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.	
DAVID EAMES .. .. Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 4
BRYAN J. WYLDE .. .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.22).

Rung in honour of the engagement of Robert J. Warrilow and Cynthia Bibby.

**ROUSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.	
ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 4
*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in nine Minor methods.

Rung on the occasion of the institution of the Rev. J. Goddard to the united benefice of Heyford Warren with Lower Heyford and Rousham.



## BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*GERALD PARSONS .. .. Treble	*CHRISTOPHER J. REES .. 4
HILARY L. HORN .. .. 2	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 5
PETER W. HORN .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Single Court, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Court.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. GREEN .. .. Treble	*GERRARD H. HALLAM .. 4
LEONARD G. THOMPSON .. 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. C. Lucas to the living of Branston; also for the Harvest Festival.

## CHURCH LEIGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. GEOFFREY BURTON .. Treble	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR .. 4
NORMAN SHERRATT .. .. 2	WALTER SHERRATT .. .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. .. 3	ROY WORRALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. .. Treble	*RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN COATES .. .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal in five methods.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

## FARNINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2.160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

IAN H. ORAM .. .. Treble	*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
††MARIA E. KIRBY .. .. 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. †† First of Surprise Minor. Mr. H. E. Audsley has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

## GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris) and 40 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*TERENCE R. H. COYNE .. Treble	MORRIS G. TURNER .. .. 4
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. .. 2	KEITH WILLIAMS .. .. 5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 3	ROY COLEMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Faulkner, a ringer of Great Barr, at present studying at Leeds University.

## INGRAVE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

*DONALD A. BEDFORD .. Treble	*PHILIP BEDFORD .. .. 3
†NORMA JEFFERY .. .. 2	†ALLAN DUGGAN .. .. 4
FREDERICK J. WOOD .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP BEDFORD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Norma Jeffery, for some years secretary, who is temporarily leaving the district. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a Sunday service hand.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*STUART COUTTS .. .. Treble	BRYAN RUMNEY .. .. 4
FREDERICK HOWARD .. .. 2	GORDON RUMNEY .. .. 5
†GEORGE W. MITCHELL .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

## THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*CHRISTINE J. HART .. Treble	MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 2	JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 5
MICHAEL WHITE .. .. 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal.

A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to Gillian White, both of this tower.

## TORQUAY, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAUVOUR, TOR MOHUN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine 240's of Grandsire, six 240's of Plain Bob and six six-scores of each.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KEITH E. FURSDON .. Treble	†PETER A. LOCK .. .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. .. 2	†DONALD J. ROBERTS .. 5
WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. .. 3	*NEAL G. FORESTER .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the three 'old' bells and the founding of the three 'new' bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5880 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and 19 of Grandsire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
RUPERT A. CEARKE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALAN A. PRICE .. .. 1—2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3—4
ANTONY JACKSON .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Chichester to bless new sanctuary furnishings; also as a farewell to the conductor.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1—2	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4	†GEOFFREY DREW .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* 350th peal. † First 'in hand.' First of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 1—2	*DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First of Minor 'in hand' by the Society.



## HALF PEALS

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On July 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Mulvey 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, Miss D. E. Rider 3, E. Hough 4, A. C. Mason 5, J. P. Burton 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. G. B. Jones to Miss R. E. Ford.

**ALVECHURCH, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part): R. Perkins 1, A. J. Martin 2, W. H. Raxter 3, J. W. Perkins 4, C. B. Longmore 5, H. E. Raxter 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, G. Balls 8. A peal attempt called round.

**CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.**—On Sept. 28th, 2,592 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Johnson 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, A. Ballard 3, Christine Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsay 5, J. Vernon 6, M. E. Brown (cond.) 7, M. C. Faulkes 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Sheilagh Proctor (ringer and chorister at this church) to George Nichols.

**CLIVE, SALOP.**—On Sept. 23rd, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Kent T.B., 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Plain Bob): F. Cattell 1, R. G. Newton 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, F. Beddows 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, E. F. Wilcox 6.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Ellaway 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Anne Rowson 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, M. Patricia Dixon 6. Rung as a thankoffering for the life of Lorna Mary Cobban, of Abingdon School.

**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. O. Goulter 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, H. F. Cox 3, Enid Roberts (cond.) 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, P. H. Bagot (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**ALVELEY, SALOP.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Alveley Bob Doubles: C. Woodbridge 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, J. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. E. Pullon 6. First in the variation (Oldswinford with Antelope Singles instead of Grandsire Singles).

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Farrow (first quarter) 1, Christine Sanders 2, Patricia Morris 3, J. Poynor 4, D. Staples 5, T. Roper 6, J. Jelley 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Christine Sanders 1, Marie Davenport 2, Patricia Morris 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, D. Staples (first of Surprise) 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, J. Poynor (cond.) 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

**BALDERTON, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Williams 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, Mrs. C. W. Reed 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. Pritchett (first 'inside') 5, Miss G. Pritchett 6. For Evensong.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Robinson 1, Ann Warnes 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby 6. For Harvest Festival Matins. Also on the same day, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Ann Warnes 1, Amy Warnes 2, R. D. Flowers 3, W. Illston 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. Holling and R. Kirby 6. For Evensong.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. D. Minns (first quarter) 1, J. Prentice 2, W. S. Girling 3, E. Houtine 4, Alice Lester 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kendrick 1, M. Barsby 2, J. Lew 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, B. Lowe 5, M. Godwin 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BELTON (Isle of Axholme), Lincs.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Selby 1, J. Thorley 2, R. Stephenson 3, J. F. Underwood 4, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 5, E. Gollard 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter on the bells. For Harvest Festival.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, Miss L. Doon 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, W. R. Chandler 5. For Matins.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Diana Bowler (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda Harris 3, Diana Harris 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. McCleary 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Rev. B. Prior 1, Rev. R. Rutter 2, Rev. A. O. Mowan 3, A. L. Bennett 4, Rev. W. P. Dowling 5, E. M. Atkins 6, Rev. A. de Guinand 7, W. C. Lavers 8. First of Major for 2 and 3. Rung on the eve of the Lord Abbot's Feast Day. Also as a farewell to the 3rd ringer, who is returning abroad.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Padbury 1, L. W. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perry (14) 1, W. F. Woodward 2, D. P. Jones 3, P. W. Grice 4, D. Eames (first as cond.) 5. Rung fully muffled, after the memorial service for George Winfield, fatally injured at Gresley Colliery.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. Smyth (first of Plain Bob) 1, Miss M. Adamson 2, Mrs. J. Livingston 3, D. Kirkaldy 4, A. C. P. Pugh 5, T. Toocock 6, J. R. A. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CROPTHORNE, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Ann Broxton 2, M. Hawkes 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. M. Newby jnr. 1, Miss M. Turner 2, W. T. Turner 3, W. Forshaw 4, K. Newby 5, W. Wall 6, A. H. Wood 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drown (first quarter) 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. Potter 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, M. Drake 6. For Harvest Evensong.

**DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, H. A. Mitson 2, E. A. Cracknell 3, W. S. Girling 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. Houtine 6. For Harvest Festival.

**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—At St. Peter-de-Wilton, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell 1, C. L. Hawkins (first quarter) 2, Jean M. Baker (first quarter) 3, C. J. Hawkins (first quarter) 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg (first quarter) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins (first quarter) 1, G. A. Rawlings 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, J. E. Pullon 4, R. Skerratt 5, Sylvia Cater 6. Both rung for Harvest Thanksgiving services.

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Ann Broxton 2, E. Maund 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, A. Hawkes 6.

**EYNHAM, OXON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Miles 1, A. Hicks 2, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**FAVERSHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, F. C. Farnsworth 2, C. J. Eades 3, Miss K. M. Walsh 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. T. Eades 7, G. E. Nicholson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**GNOSALL, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Walker (first quarter) 1, Pamela Key 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, D. W. Friend (cond.) 4, B. G. Key 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Pamela Key 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, I. Friend 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, D. W. Friend 6. Both rung for Harvest.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chown 1, R. H. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. C. Hall 4, C. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, C. Rigby 2, F. P. Brangwyn (first quarter) 3, W. A. Denny 4, Betty M. Mansfield (first as cond.) 5, G. G. Mansfield 6. For Harvest Festival.

**GRETTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): Maureen K. Easton 1, Elaine W. Woolston 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, P. S. Heath 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. First in five methods for all except conductor. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, Mrs. M. Hibbert 2, H. K. White 3, J. Hibbert 4, C. Hibbert 5, C. Garlick 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Large 1, W. White 2, J. Gordon 3, M. Bishop 4, A. H. Webb 5, H. L. Bishop 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival.

**HARPENDEN, HERTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smallbone (first quarter) 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Cobburn 3, R. Newson 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, L. G. Cobburn 6. For Evensong on dedication festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nina Thomas (first quarter) 1, Amy Cobburn 2, A. Day (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, L. G. Cobburn 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. E. Rammer (first quarter) 1, L. F. Cox 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, R. G. T. Bennett 4, W. Corderoy 5, P. Corderoy 6. For the Feast of St. Matthew, after meeting short for practice.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thompson 1, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 2, K. Barnes 3, R. Fuller 4, M. Major 5, T. Hyde 6. Also after Evensong, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, M. Major 2, R. Fuller 3, J. Church 4, G. Mayes 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Miss I. E. Down 1, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, T. E. Marks 4, T. J. Setter 5, A. J. Sherrin 6.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joyce Drury 1, Gwen May 2, Pauline Drury 3, John Martin 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, D. Priestley 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. A welcome to the Rev. R. E. Shapland, assistant curate. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Pauline Drury 1, Gwen May 2, Joan A. Smith 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, J. Martin 8. Rung for the engagement of Colin N. Chinnery and Gwen May.

**HILTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland 1, A. O'Shaughnessy 2, K. Barnett (first 'inside') 3, F. Moland 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, B. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, H. W. Harrison and D. Bradley 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**HORSMONDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. R. T. Lambert (first on eight) 1, Miss M. J. Lambert (first of Major 'inside') 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, F. Bromley 5, E. Bromley 6, A. V. Bromley 7, A. W. Durham 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Chambers (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, A. Duggan 4, F. J. Wood 5. For Evensong, with best wishes to Miss M. Chambers for a good voyage on her return home to Australia.

**KILNDOWN, KENT.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. T. Lambert (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Lambert (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, K. Dengate (first 'inside') 4, F. Pattenden 5, G. Waghorn 6.

**KINGSCLEERE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wellman (age 13) 1, J. Pares 2, D. Papworth 3, G. Weston (aged 15) 4, W. Hibbert 5, P. Myers (age 15) 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. The first of Doubles for all the band except D. Papworth, who conducted.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Wright 1, A. Fasey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, C. Peakman 4, C. F. Jukes 5, R. A. Peakman 6.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, E. W. Colley 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, P. G. Golder 4, E. P. Ellis (first of Minor 'inside') 5, M. W. Fairry (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**LEICESTER.**—On Oct. 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): E. H. Bowley 1, C. Cattell 2, A. Cattell 3, E. Cattell 4, B. Brown 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Rawlings 1, M. Sprackling 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, C. H. Bagot 5, Miss M. E. Lewis 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. Perrett 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10. For Matins. The 'second Sunday' band specially welcomed the ringers of 5 and 7, from Adelaide, Australia, for their first in the method.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.**—On Oct. 8th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Livingston 1, Miss K. North 2, G. Gibbs 3, E. E. Gosling 4, Mrs. J. Livingston (cond.) 5, J. Blackwood 6, G. Lister 7, D. Young 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Smith 1, T. E. Sone 2, F. Leeson 3, L. Head 4, L. Mannering (cond.) 5, C. Cantrill 6, B. Baker 7, F. Thwaites 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**MANSTON, DORSET.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,140 Doubles (seven methods): Miss D. Down 1, H. P. Sparks 2, F. Hilliar 3, B. Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia A. Chandler 1, Elizabeth A. Miller 2, Margaret J. Cozier 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5, R. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Ward to Mr. Albert Baker. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (11 methods): A. J. Dunkley 1, R. H. Jones 2, Elizabeth A. Miller 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Harvest Festival.



## QUARTER PEALS

(Continued)

**MALVERN LINK, WORCS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. V. Hobden 1, Anne J. Bullard 2, Ruth M. Simons 3, G. Edwards 4, R. G. Morris (cond.) 5, W. Bullock 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Harvest Festival.

**NORTH BARROW, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Dear 1, W. Hitch 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, I. Werrett 4, L. B. Scoot 5, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 6, E. G. Buck 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. In memory of Eric G. Sanderson, associate member of the Hertford County Association and churchwarden of Norton.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Strucket 1, B. Ash (first quarter) 2, M. Barlett 3, Miss M. Gibson 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5.

**OKFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. M. C. Hill 1, Ben Ridout 2, Bert Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, Bob Ridout 5, E. T. P. Field (first of T.B. as cond.) 6. First in the method by all and of T.B. by all except the conductor.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, L. F. Palfrey 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A compliment to Bob Hills, a member of the local band, and Sylvia Kimmings on the occasion of their marriage.

**OSPRINGE, KENT.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Bing 1, Janet Millen 2, B. E. Jemmett 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, Ann Dadson 6, N. Tumber 7, W. Epps 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, C. J. Eades 2, Miss K. M. Walsh 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, W. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. E. Ivings 3, J. Venn 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, R. Benstead 6. By local band, for Harvest Festival Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, J. W. Perkins 3, W. G. Lavers 4, A. W. Myers 5, H. F. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Harvest Evensong.

**POTTER'S BAR, MIDD.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Derry 1, M. Soper 2, A. Price 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, C. Ward (cond.) 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Marsh 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, G. Cornick 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. H. Perry 6. For the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Conway Ward and Mr. John Ainsworth Kelsall.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Oct. 7th, 2,016 Plain Bob Major: P. Robinson 1, G. Tavener 2, M. Lewis 3, A. Mann 4, C. Ottley 5, L. Allen 6, B. Buil 7, C. Mew (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Ann Martin, of the local band, to Peter Tuppen.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Angela G. Wakefield 1, Janet M. Turner 2, Pamela Buckle 3, Christine M. Chapman 4, Daphne J. Pollard (first as cond.) 5, Marie R. Cross 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung for Evensong, and for the 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross, also for the 81st birthday of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, a former Vicar and member of the band. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Daphne J. Pollard 1, Angela G. Wakefield (13) 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Gillian M. Weston (14, first on a working bell) 4, Jocelyn M. Cooke (12, first 'inside') 5, Marie R. Cross 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 called two 120's each and the ringer of the 6th one. Rung for Evensong, and for the birthdays of all the band.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Surfleet and Beverley): J. Fray 1, R. Beck (cond.) 2, E. Wadman 3, J. Brain 4, E. Chivers 5, M. Horseman 6. An engagement compliment to Donald Cobb and Sally Oates, of Bristol.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Kitcher 1, Miss S. Edwards 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, Miss A. J. Knight 4, D. Greenlaw 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, M. L. Northway 8. For Harvest Evensong.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Bruce (first quarter) 1, D. Nichols (first of Royal) 2, N. Donavan 3, E. Chaddock 4, A. Holroyd 5, M. Burns 6, A. Armeson 7, P. Walker 8, G. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Miss R. V. Greaves 1, Miss J. E. Wright 2, E. R. Nice 3, E. A. Daniels 4, R. Rose 5, M. J. Rose (first as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 1st, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, K. J. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, F. J. Spicer 7, R. W. Darvill 8, B. C. Johnson 9, T. J. Southam 10. First of Surprise Royal 3 and 6.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day): R. Beard 1, F. Gorringe 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. G. Wheeler 4, P. G. Braund 5, A. Trigg 6. Alternate 120's conducted by 3 and 5. Rung on the departure of Rev. W. F. Willoughby, after 11 years as Vicar.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Hilary Muirhead 1, D. Pepper 2, D. F. Murfet 3, T. R. Dennis 4, S. Brown 5, D. E. Latchford 6, G. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. G. Gipson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,200 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Stratford 1, L. Watkins (first of Surprise) 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rolfe 1, Miss S. L. Murray (first quarter) 2, C. N. Tilley 3, A. W. Johnson (first 'inside') 4, R. H. Daw (first as cond.) 5. Rung after Evensong, to mark centenary of church, service attended by Bishop of Salisbury.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Marshall 1, Cynthia Webb 2, W. Simpson 3, D. Carlisle 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. A compliment to Mr. Brian Pearson, of this parish, who was ordained deacon at Derby Cathedral this day.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Isobel Pearce (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Corby 2, Janet Buss 3, A. Corby (first 'inside') 4, R. V. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. E. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby 7, D. Woodcock 8. For Harvest Festival.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ward 1, R. S. Long 2, J. Seager 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, D. Armstrong 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, R. Birch 8. Rung on the back eight prior to Evensong.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. Starkey (first quarter) 1, C. M. Smith 2, Ann Barr 3, Lucy Allen (cond.) 4, M. Elson 5. Rung prior to the Harvest Festival Evensong.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 1st, at St. Chad's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Gethin 1, N. Round-Turner 2, Beryl W. Abbott 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, F. Leech 5, R. Newton 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, F. G. Beddow 8, H. Poyner (cond.) 9, F. Cattell 10. For Harvest Evensong.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy R. Austin 1, G. Eastman 2, G. Kenward 3, J. Clark 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, Wendy Austin 2, Fredericka R. D. Underhill 3, G. Eastman 4, J. Davey 5, G. Kenward 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8. First of Bob Triples for 2, 3 and 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,408 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Linda J. Kew (first of Spliced) 2, W. Birmingham 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, D. P. Hilling 5, D. K. Walters 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. Rung by the local band. First quarter in these methods spliced by all.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. C. Marshall 1, J. Richards (first quarter) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, P. Jarvis 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. V. H. Relf 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, A. A. Upton 3, T. J. Warner (cond.) 4, M. S. Hart 5, P. Warren 6, E. C. Shepherd 7, T. R. Hayward 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. A. Upton, prior to his entry into Wells Theological College.

**STANWELL, MIDD.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 17 methods. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on same date, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 of Cambridge and Beverley, 540 of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose). Also on Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on same date, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, 540 Cambridge and Primrose). Also on same date, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, 540 Cambridge and Primrose). Also on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (cond. D. Boniface). Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in 19 methods. Also on same date, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge). Also on same date, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Unless otherwise stated all quarter peals conducted by C. B. Fynes. Ringers taking part were: D. Pickett, Miss M. Gibson, D. Boniface, K. Young, J. Boyd, P. Brand, C. Fynes, M. Lane and T. Tyres.

**STRENSHAM, WORCS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nadine Price 1, M. Hawkes 2, D. K. Penn (age 14, first as cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. F. Hawkes 6.

**WROXETER, SALOP.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pugh 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, W. Gethin 3, H. Poyner 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**WYCHBOLD, WORCS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Rhys-Morgan (first quarter) 1, A. D. Cook 2, P. Cattermole 3, R. Skerratt 4, J. E. Pullon (cond.) 5, B. M. Gittins 6. For Harvest Festival, and a farewell to A. D. Cook, tower captain, leaving for Bewdley.



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### DEATHS

BLATCH.—On Oct. 10th, 1961, Constance (nee Connie Chinnery), wife of Fred Blatch, of Fyfield, and daughter of the late Harry Chinnery, of Orsett, Essex. No letters, please. 9060

MELLIN.—On Oct. 12th, 1961, suddenly, at 66, Cressing Road, Witham, Essex, and sometime of Wrentham, Suffolk. William H. P., beloved husband of Winifred and father of Win and Fred. 9073

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. A. F. Bogan, president of the Irish Association, is now The Glebe House, Killanully, Ballygarvan, Co. Cork. He will be pleased to hear from any ringers visiting Cork and will do his utmost to arrange ringing for them at St. Finn Barre's tower. 9062

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### MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9039

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9054

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Hatfield Heath (6) on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9049

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 8978

HILLINGDON.—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on October 21st. Iver (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Bishop of Kensington. Tea and evening social to follow in St. John's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to secretaries or F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath Bucks.—Mrs. S. Bullock, Miss D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch Secs. 8997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD.—The annual District meeting of the Rochester District, combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch), will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 21st. Choral Evensong in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. (not ringers' service.) Chatham bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting at George Inn, 35, High Street, Rochester, 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells after meeting. Please make own tea arrangements.—T. Barton and S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Secs. 8980

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Leigh meeting (not Thorpe Bay), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. All welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9044

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of Southern and Western Divisions. Southover, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9020

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Phoenix Inn, for those who notify. Names to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottages, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 9037

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Churchill, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 9066

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9065

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting for October will be at Warwick (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Oct. 28th (please note change of venue and date). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea would be appreciated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9005

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Ilkeston. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Evening ringing 5.45 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 25th to Mr. J. F. George, 17 Dale Street, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 9097

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) 3 till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9089

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Harworth, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 2.30 p.m. Please will you make own tea arrangements.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9098

### DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH  
Saturday, Oct. 28th

Ringings 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.  
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.  
All Dorset ringers welcome. 9061

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9087

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 1961. Time 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. from Hon. Sec., F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E. please. Closing date: October 24th. 8970

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at Welford-on-Avon (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 3 to 4, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 24th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Branch A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Dec. 9th. 9092

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Saturday, Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 26th to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 9072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, 6 to 9 p.m. at Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. 9094

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30. p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 9071

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 25th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 9064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Westhoughton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea, 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 9100

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Otley, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 until 8 p.m. Tea available at local cafe. 9069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Saddington. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 9104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Goxhill (6), October 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 25th to Mr. S. Neave, Ainslie House, Goxhill, Barrow-on-Humber. 9036

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne on Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, October 23rd, to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9053

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Bleanavon, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Method practice: Double Norwich. Numbers for tea by October 23rd, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 9046

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Thetford on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, by Wednesday, October 25th.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 9027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Burford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 9034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—An evening meeting will be held at Horton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Miss Hague. 9087

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rushton (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Hon. Sec.—M. A. C. 9067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a Branch meeting at Wootton on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements. Committee meeting after tea. Full attendance, please. Names for tea to Mr. Smart, 87, Water Lane, Wootton.—T. M. Haines, Sec. 9084



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rushden, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden.—J. E. S. 9083

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 9096

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, St. John's, Broad Street, Alloa, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 2 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. 9088

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting, Cound (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th, commencing 6.30. 9010

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting, Tamworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 25th, to Mr. George Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. Annual dinner tickets available at meeting. 9058

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Meeting at Aldeburgh (8), Saturday, October 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before Thursday, October 26th, to J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh (T.N. Aldeburgh 3395). 9025

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9090

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Broderick Hall, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 9086

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Liss. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Oct. 25th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 9080

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Overton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Ringing at Laverstoke from 2.30, owing to wedding at Overton. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. G. Holmes, 4, Dellands, Overton, Hants.—John Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9085

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Hinton-on-the-Green. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 24th, to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham, Wores. 9076

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 9091

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, 1961, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Full details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8986

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec. 9070

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Meeting at Springfield, Saturday, November 4th. Finals of striking competition will take place at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 9040

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9079

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsea, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

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**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 6 for 6.30 p.m., at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Entertainment will include items by Great Glen Handbell Ringers. Principal guest, the Rural Dean of Christianity. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned by Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at latest. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3; St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4; St. Margaret's (12), 3.30 to 4.30; All Saints' (8), 4 to 5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9081

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Cley Hall Drive, Spalding. 9069

**READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th at the Caversham Bridge Hotel, Reading. Tickets (16s. 6d.) and details of ringing arrangements, from Miss J. Foster, St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road, Reading. 9032

#### WRINGTON, SOMERSET RINGING FESTIVAL

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Sunday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m.

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**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Lenton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to Mr. K. F. Lee, Midland Bank Flat, 37, Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 9099

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 24th annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th, at 5.45 p.m. Accommodation for 300. Cathedral bells (12) available 3.30-5 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, November 1st, from Dinner Committee. Branch officers, or from J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., 'Aubyns,' Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham (Tel.: Ashton-under-Hill 309). 9043

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

**SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Preliminary notice.—The annual reunion will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham. Ringing and dining details later.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec., 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, near Leicester. 9093

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### South-West Branch

The autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Plympton St. Maurice on September 30th, when some 50 ringers were present, and were representative of several other Branches in the county.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sholto-Douglas), and as there was no organist the Rector also proved himself quite an expert in this department. He extended a hearty welcome to all present and said he always admired the loyalty of the ringers in their service to the church. He had learnt to ring, but really never made the grade.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth). The gathering stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Preb. E. V. Cox (late president of the Guild), Mrs. Myers (mother of T. F. and W. Myers, St. Andrew's) and Mrs. Andrews (wife of the Rev. J. H. Andrews, who a few days before her death was elected president of the Guild). A cordial welcome was extended to all visitors, particularly one from Manchester.

The secretary was asked to write and congratulate the Rev. J. H. Andrews, of Chittlehampton, on his election as president of the Guild. Mr. W. G. Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice, was congratulated on being elected a vice-president of the Guild, the chairman stating there was no one more worthy of this honour in the Branch. Miss J. Patterson, of Plympton St. Maurice, was elected a member. A letter was read from Mr. Aubrey Bennett, as to a proposed visit to Loughborough in May, and any interested were asked to contact him.

A discussion took place as to proceeds of sale of handbells bequeathed to the Guild by the late president, for use in the instruction fund, and the feelings of the Branch were noted by the representatives on the General Committee.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and rounds were rung during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers).

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the energetic young captain, Mr. D. Farnham, and his ringers, for what they always did to make the gatherings at Plympton such a success, and to the ladies for such an excellent tea. H. H. T.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Charminster on September 16th, when ringing took place on the recently augmented eight bells. Many expressed their satisfaction at the job done by Messrs. Taylors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon P. Anderson) and in his address he referred to the work of the late Archdeacon of Sherborne, Ven. J. C. Chute, who was for some time vice-chairman of the Branch and vice-president of the Guild.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by the Charminster ringers. The meeting was conducted by the chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, and members stood in silence in memory of Archdeacon Chute and Mr. J. Squire, a former captain of St. Peter's, Dorchester, who had died since the last meeting. Miss K. Adams, of Cattistock, was elected a member.

Next meeting, annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 20th. Branch practices (subject to confirmation): Puddletown, October 7th; Cheney, October 21st; Leigh, November 4th; Upwey, November 18th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, December 2nd; Bere Regis, December 16th; Fordington, December 30th.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. K. Meiklejohn, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

**UPWEY, DORSET.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Adams (first quarter) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. Foot 3, J. G. Cull 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, W. Tizzard 6. Rung as a 94th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Greenwood Comben, of Portland, Dorset, grandfather of the ringer of 4th.



### QUARTER PEALS

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Maple 1, Jean Horton 2, R. G. Blackman 3, L. Stilwell 4, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. R. Horton, parents of the ringer of second.

**TOPSHAM, DEVON.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marcia Nott 1, Mary Browne 2, P. E. Jupp (cond.) 3, W. Bye 4, K. G. E. Wannell 5, R. Berry 6. For Evensong (Harvest Festival), and as a farewell to Mary Browne, who is shortly leaving for Manchester University.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Stripp 5, J. Cloughton 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. Harvest Festival morning service.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDY.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Rowlands 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, P. Phillips 3, H. W. Impey (cond.) 4, F. H. Corke 5, Miss J. Reeve 6, E. R. Gotham 7, F. Bedford 8. For Evensong.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (in 11 methods): K. West 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to M. King, who is leaving to attend St. John's College, York.

**WINFORD, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Horseman (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, J. Fray 3, C. York 4, H. Ball 5, C. Clark 6.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking 1, B. Crook 2, C. Barber (first quarter) 3, A. Syder 4, A. Pigott (first 'inside') 5, J. Warner 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For Harvest Festival.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 2, 6, 8 covering): J. Glanvill 1, P. Gatter 2, F. Mack (cond.) 3, T. Gooding 4, F. Bastin 5, J. Smith 6, J. Gooding 7, A. Knight 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

**WOODDITTON, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 26th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, A. R. Mann 5—6, R. J. Palmer (first as cond.) 7—8.

**WORKSOP, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Simons 1, R. G. Fanthorpe 2, H. G. Smart (cond.) 3, G. Chellans 4, D. A. Whetton 5, T. Flint 6, A. Hill 7, J. S. Eastland 8. First quarter of Triples on bells since rechanging. A welcome to the Rev. Barrie G. Hodges.

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### The Emperor Bell Of Cologne

**A** BELL with a chequered history, and perhaps the most famous bell in Germany, is the Emperor Bell of Cologne. It hangs in the south west tower of Cologne Cathedral and was originally cast from French guns captured during the Franco-German campaign, and presented by the German Emperor to the committee charged with the work of completing that Cathedral. It was cast by Herr Andreas Hamm at Frankenthal on October 3rd, 1874, after two failures on August 19th, 1873, and November 13th of that year.

It is 10ft. 8in. in height, 11ft. 2in. diameter and weighs 52,500 German pounds (over 25 tons). The clapper is 9ft. 10in. long and weighs 1,530 lb., and it is the heaviest bell hung for *swinging* ringing. The six arms forming the crown are decorated with angels' heads, and end where they join the bell in lions' feet. It bears a long inscription which—translated to English—reads:—

'William, the Most Illustrious Emperor of Germany, and King of Prussia, in pious remembrance of the heavenly aid granted him in the fortunate course and conclusion of the last French war, has ordered, after the restoration of the German Empire, a bell to be cast from captured cannon, of the weight of 50,000 lb., which is to be suspended in the house of God, now nearly completed. In accordance with this pious desire of the victorious prince, the society formed for the completion of this cathedral has caused it to be cast, under the Roman Pontiff, Pius IX, and the Archbishop of Cologne, Paul Melchers, in the year of our Lord 1874.'

Under the figure of St. Peter is the following:—

'Send I with brazen lips to the peoples heavenly message,  
Souls upward soar, leaving earth; join, full of ardour,  
in song.  
Thou, who through my deep voice of the fane the  
portals wide open'st  
Ope thou of heaven the gate, heavenly guardian, as  
well.'

On the reverse side is the German Imperial coat of arms, beautifully executed, with this verse:—

'Emperor Bell I am named,  
The Emperor's name make famed:  
On holy ward I stand,  
For German Fatherland.  
I pray: O God grant it hence  
Peace, welfare, and defence!'

In the first-named inscription is also the arch-episcopal coat of arms. During the Great War 1 (1914-18) this great

bell was consigned to the melting pot to make 'munitions of war.' In 1925, however, a new bell of about the same weight and design was cast to replace it.

In more recent times (1950) a great bell was cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, of the weight of slightly over 9½ English tons, and with a diameter of 8ft. 2in. It is of the note E, which is about the same pitch as Big Ben. This great bell, whose inscription round the sound bow reads 'That this World under God shall have a new birth of Freedom,' is now in the Rathaus tower at Schöneberg, West Berlin.

## THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD

**T**HIS week-end the focus of ringing generally has been on the Peterborough Guild, and at Northampton there was a large gathering of members to support the first dinner-dance held by the Guild. The gathering had a preponderance of youth—a healthy sign—and although it might be said that the speeches were delivered to a far larger audience than those present, touches of lightness held the attention.

The Peterborough is a large Guild of some 1,200 members operating through 11 Branches. Founded in 1924, it was built on a solid foundation of a number of old ringing Societies. The tradition of these early Societies was maintained last year, when more peals than usual were rung. Northamptonshire is a county that abounds with five- and six-bell towers—my Ringers' Guide gives 73 of each, but that figure is not now claimed as accurate. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that of the 109 peals rung 70 were in five- and six-bell towers. Generally speaking, the Doubles rung were multi-method, but it would be safe to say that in these the ringers were from the Guild's own people.

The peal list contains 22 peals of Surprise Major and five of Surprise Minor. Of the Surprise Major peals, six of them were the product of the week organised by Mr. G. E. Fearn, and in another six the composition of the band was predominantly from outside. Only one peal on ten bells was rung—Cambridge Royal at Kettering. Ten-bell ringing is very limited in the county, with only two towers offering such facilities.

Royal occasions accounted for quite a number of peals. The birth of Prince Andrew was honoured by peals at Naseby, Potterspury, Moulton, Spratton, Deene, Staverton, Whiston and Daventry, and the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones with peals at Daventry, St. Edmund's (Northampton), Wicken, Naseby, Stanford, Grafton Regis, Oxendon and West Haddon.

The story of the year will be more fully told next week with our report of the dinner.



## THE NEW FORMAT

I think 'The Ringing World' is better with the reading matter at the front. As it was before, it seemed as if the paper was printed principally for those who rang peals and the rest of the items just to fill up.—H. T. R.

Congratulations to the brave soul who actually moved the peal columns! I note comments are invited. Here's mine: It's much more encouraging to the non-peal ringing fraternity to take the 'R.W.' if it doesn't start with a welter of peals.—K. S. B. Croft.

I don't like the 'R.W.' in its 'new look.' It is too much like it was during the ban when there were no peals to report. Let us have it again as Jack Goldsmith gave it us.—E. B.

I do not like the new arrangement. In practically all newspapers one turns to the sports page first, and knows where to find it; and so it is with me. I look for the 'Gossip,' expecting to find it opposite the page for Personalities, and then follow on with the letters. If you want to do something different I suggest that you might commence your peal and quarter peal columns with 'Special' or 'Outstanding Performances' which are worth special praise.—A. J. B.

I do not like 'The Ringing World' set up at backstroke.

Might I take this opportunity of saying how much I like the new layout of the 'R.W.' I hope it makes more people realise that the 'R.W.' is not only for peal ringers (a familiar grumble) and that more ringers will in consequence support the paper. I intend to say as much at our next District meeting.—B. S. P.

I'm not yet sure whether I like the rearrangement of the 'R.W.' features, but with peals at the back one might regard all the advertisements as being together.—J. H. G.

I would like to say that I prefer the previous layout of 'The Ringing World.' I feel that the peal columns give a more definite opening to the paper and, generally speaking, are of more interest than the other items.—C. W. R.

## 'ROUND THE CIRCLE' IN 18 TOWERS

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, completed 'round the circle' in peals to his 18th tower on October 6th at Frittenden. Mr. Sone does not claim this as a record. When he completed his 17th tower he received a letter from a well known ringer claiming the same number of towers. Details:

Tower	Peal		Cond. Rung	
	Total	Cond.	Round	Circle
Marden .. ..	43	29	2	2
Leeds .. ..	37	26	—	1
Linton .. ..	32	18	1	2
Staplehurst ..	29	17	1	2
Brenchley ..	28	17	1	2
Headcorn ..	26	21	1	1
Rotherfield ..	24	6	—	1
Tunbridge Wells	20	9	—	1
West Malling ..	18	13	1	1
Hadlow .. ..	17	16	1	1
Aylesford ..	15	10	1	1
Withyham ..	13	3	—	1
Wrotham ..	12	6	—	1
Rolvenden ..	11	7	—	1
Frittenden ..	11	8	—	1
Penshurst ..	10	8	1	1
Speldhurst ..	9	7	—	1
Salehurst ..	8	5	—	1

All eight bell towers except Leeds, which has 10 bells.

## DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD

Meeting at Dudley on October 7th, the Guild decided by a majority vote to extend its life for another year and review the situation after that time.

The officers for the coming year were: Master, Mr. F. S. Handley; secretary, Mr. M. D. Fellows.

Being a teenager, the secretary is hoping for the support of younger ringers in the area, as well as those of long standing, so as to arrest the decline which has been noticeable at meetings.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—43



MISS MURIEL REAY,  
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

One of the most enthusiastic lady peal ringers in the country is Miss Muriel Reay, of Northfield, Birmingham. All her peals have been rung on tower bells, and she holds the record for the most number in this category rung by a lady ringer. Her total to date is 570, of which no fewer than 500 have been rung with the country's most energetic peal organiser, George E. Fearn.

Muriel Reay was born in Birmingham, and educated at the Moseley School of Art, and later at the Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts, where she took an A.T.D. By profession she is a school teacher—the ideal job for a keen ringer—and at present she is the head of the art and craft department at Charlemont Secondary School, West Bromwich, Staffs.

She learnt to handle a bell at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, Lancashire, in November, 1946, where she was working at the time, and her instructor was Albert Greenhalgh. Being eager to progress, she attended practices two or three times a week, within a radius of 20 miles, and was able also to ring in Birmingham during the school holidays.

Muriel's first peal was Grandsire and Stedman Doubles at St. Peter's, Hindley Lanes, on July 23rd, 1948, and it was called by Jack Ashcroft, who scored his first peal as conductor. She is grateful to Arthur Tomlinson, a famous Lancashire ringer, for calling many of her early peals.

On returning from Lancashire in March, 1951, to live in Birmingham, she soon took full advantage of the excellent opportunities available for peal ringing, and has averaged about 50 peals per year ever since. The majority of Muriel's peals have been rung in and around the Birmingham area, and she has not conducted any of them, preferring to leave that to others.

## THE ALPHABET IN SURPRISE

Her list of peals includes at least 85 different Surprise Major methods, including all the letters of the alphabet, eight Surprise Royal methods, and six Surprise Maximus methods, and she has rung over 80 peals on 12 bells. In Spliced Surprise Major, she has rung several up to 10 methods.

Looking back on her list of peals, Muriel has an amazing assortment of memories. One which stands out more than most is of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung on tour, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent. The lighting used was an oil lamp, and the shadows of the ringers and their ropes made weird patterns on the walls! The many peals in

which she took part at the now demolished church of Bishop Ryders, where she rang her second peal, have always provided some excitement and amusement. Conditions here were far from ideal, and on a wet night the rain used to come in and flood the belfry floor! Sometimes the ringers stood on little piles of newspapers to keep dry, and she well remembers, on one occasion, Rodney Meadows saying, 'George, I think I'll ring in the shallow end tonight!' The one electric light bulb used to sizzle, as the water dripped down the flex, and one wondered which would come to an end first—the peal or the bulb!

She would have liked to have paid her last respects to the late Albert Walker, so beloved by all, by standing in his memorial peal, but she was on holiday in Italy at the time. She is very proud to have rung in his 500th 12 bell peal.

Muriel's other hobbies are mostly connected with her work. She is very keen on photography, silversmithing, pottery, lettering and illuminating—something of a busman's holiday, but she enjoys doing craft work of any kind and spends a lot of time at it.

Muriel is a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Philip's Cathedral, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, and has set a fine example to her sex by the industriousness and continuity of her peal ringing. She is a very safe and reliable ringer, and it is quite possible that, if she continues in good health, she may well be the first lady to ring 1,000 peals. Her many friends will hope that she will eventually reach that honour. **APACE.**

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

About 50 visitors were present for the service, conducted by the Rev. F. Capener, and tea, kindly given by the local ringers, at Ashford on October 7th.

In his report and balance sheet the hon. secretary said membership and subscriptions showed an increase on last year's record: 190 practising members had subscribed so far, including 23 new members. Two new towers now showed subscribers. Peal ringing showed a decline, but service ringing appeared to be well maintained.

Two motions from the Rochester District—one to raise the subscription of practising members and the other to introduce a peal booking fee—were then raised, but found no support. It was felt that the unity and good fellowship of the Association were of more value than any moneys which might accrue. A motion from the Lewisham District to change the date of the annual general meeting found some support, but was lost on a show of hands.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ashford), Ringing Master; Mr. C. T. Hillis (Willesborough), hon. secretary; and Mr. J. J. Batchelor (Little Chart) and Mr. A. Berry (Folkestone), District representatives. Three new junior members joined the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Little Chart on December 2nd, instead of Woodchurch as appears on the programme.

Speaking on behalf of the visitors, the chairman, Mr. J. Willis, thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

As the bells of St. Mary's, Ashford, could not be rung before 3.45 p.m. owing to weddings, Great Chart and Willesborough bells were kindly made available earlier in the afternoon. In addition, Mr. Peter Bond managed to 'grab' Hothfield. **C. T. H.**

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Goldington on October 7th. The Vicar (Rev. D. W. Janes) took a service for the ringers, Ringing in the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London.

Next meeting, Bromham, on November 4th.



## KIMPTON CUP CONTEST

The third annual ringing competition for the Kimpton Cup was held on September 30th at Apsley. For a variety of reasons the entries this year were down to four. The test piece was 360 Minor, own choice of method.

Over 40 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Room. After tea the Vicar of Apsley, the Rev. J. H. Diminey, welcomed the company and wondered if he was right in regarding the event as something of a ringers' 'local derby'!

Mr. A. V. Good introduced the judges—Messrs. A. P. Cannon and W. Ayre—and expressed pleasure at having these two well known ringers as judges once again.

Mr. Cannon commented that he found it a very pleasant change to be able to sit and listen to ringing rather than taking part. The ringing generally had been of a very high standard and all the teams had a good beat. The trebles had been rung well. He felt that good striking of the light bells was just as important, if not more so, than of the tenors.

Mr. Ayre supported these remarks and said that he was delighted at the uplift in the standard of ringing. He was all for anything that would help to get good striking for Sunday service ringing.

The teams which entered, methods rung and marking were then given as follows: Apsley (winners last year, Cambridge) 35 faults. King's Langley (Plain Bob) 74. Kimpton (P.B.) 83½. Hemel Hempstead (P.B.) 175. The Kimpton Cup was then presented to Mr. R. E. Shepherd, of Apsley, by the Rev. J. H. Diminey.

Mr. T. J. Lock thanked the judges for their services and remarks which he said would benefit all of the teams in their future ringing. The judges were presented with a small gift by Miss Ann Price, 7-year-old daughter of the Kimpton Ringing Master, as a token of appreciation.

Mr. J. G. Cull, on behalf of the Competition Committee and the Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and also the Apsley band and their ladies for making the day's arrangements such a success.

A lively discussion on the future of the competition followed, the main points being whether the Hertford County Association should take a more active interest in the event and how more towers could be encouraged to enter a team. It was unanimously agreed that the competition should continue independently of the Association. On the question of the number of entrants, many thought that it had been wrong to hold the competition at Apsley, the home tower of last year's winning team. It was also felt that some were discouraged by the thought that the competition was 'prize ringing'. A further general feeling was that both judges should be 'out of county.'

The general tone of the discussion indicated that there is a lively interest in the competition and the various suggestions put forward were to be considered by the committee when organising the 1962 event, which is to be at Kimpton. The committee were nominated as follows: Messrs. W. Ayre, J. G. Cull, T. J. Lock, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam, with power to co-opt a further member, preferably from the eastern or northern part of the county.

The proceedings were very nicely rounded off by entertainment arranged by the Apsley ringers in the village club. Handbells, darts, tape recordings of the day's ringing and, of course, a bar, not forgetting the very tasty 'hot-dogs,' all helped to make September 30th a day to be remembered.

J. G. C.

## Lincolnshire Girl's Surrey Romance



**F**OLLOWING her acceptance of a teaching appointment at Frimley School, Surrey, four years ago, Miss Janet Mary Hanson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanson, of 47, Pennygate, Spalding, and grand-daughter of Mr. J. T. Brown, for many years a well-known Spalding ringer, met romance. She has now married into a well-known ringing family, the Sherwoods, of Ash, and was at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Spalding, the bride of Brian Edgar, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sherwood, of East Wyke Farm, Ash.

Alas, there are no bells at St. John-the-Baptist Church but, thanks to the good services of Mr. Ronald Noon, the bells of SS, Mary and Nicholas', Spalding, were available in the evening, and it was here that members of the bridegroom's family and friends from Farnham en-

joyed an hour's ringing in announcing the happiness of Brian and Janet.

To amplify our picture, the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured brocade dress with short train and a flowered headdress. Her flowers were white orchids, roses, stephanotis and lilies-of-the-valley. The two bridesmaids—the Misses Sheelagh Needs and Aileen Bell—wore deep apricot colour dresses. Mr. Peter G. Sherwood was best man to his brother, and another brother, John, was an usher with Mr. Francis Hanson, the bride's brother. The Vicar, the Rev. Brian Taylor, officiated at the choral service.

A reception at Bromley Memorial Hall preceded a honeymoon car tour. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Edgar's home is at East Wyke Farm Cottage, Ash.

[Picture by courtesy of 'The Farnham Herald']

## LADIES' GUILD

### Midland District

Meeting at Thurcaston, Leics, on September 16th, the Midland District received a résumé of the A.G.M. at Bedford from the president (Mrs. P. J. Staniforth). Discussion arose from a suggestion by Miss Thompson that due to lack of support at meetings lately. Branch meetings be held to overcome the difficulty of covering such a wide area as the District. The matter was referred to the A.G.M. Miss Thompson thanked the Rector for taking the service and use of the bells. Next meeting, Hinckley, November 18th; annual meeting, Nottingham, January 27th.

### Beds and Northants District

Three new members from Turvey were elected when the Beds and Northants District held their meeting there on September 30th. One hour's ringing took place before the service conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. A. Butler), and again in the evening. Methods rung included Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Next meeting, Higham Ferrers, November 25th.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Eastern District

The general opinion of the over 40 ringers who attended the autumn meeting of the Eastern District at Wakington on October 7th was that the new ring of six bells was of a very nice tone. The Vicar conducted the service, and expressed the hope that we would come again soon, and the ladies provided an excellent tea.

Six new members were elected, viz.: Misses J. Gray and S. Knight (Wakington), C. White and M. Dobson, and Messrs. J. Dobson and C. Warner (Hull). Next meeting, Beverley, in December.

H. S. H.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifteen towers were represented at the Barnsley District meeting at Royston on October 14th. The Rev. K. Law, who presided, gave a warm welcome to the company. Nevill Crossland, of Cawthorne, was elected a member. The next meeting, on November 11th, will be at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, by special invitation.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 65's AT BACKSTROKE DISAGREEABLE

Dear Sir,—I thought there would have been more replies to Mr. Grant's letter about 65's at backstroke, and am surprised at the one (from Mr. Chant) that you have had. It is quite untrue to say that 'a listener outside the tower is not to know whether a row is back or hand'—unless the ringing is 'cartwheel,' for surely the open lead makes the distinction evident, and the slight pause after the last blow at backstroke calls attention to the bells completing that stroke.

As a keen handbell ringer, I can assure anyone who has not had the experience of taking part in well-struck Bob Minor with clearly-marked open leads that 65's at backstroke stick out a mile—and personally I find them disagreeable, and always prefer to ring touches that avoid them, but I would not care to enter into a discussion as to whether I find them unpleasant because they are in any true sense unmusical or because 56's 'seem' right through greater familiarity (taking the plain course as the norm). I cannot understand how this simple point of the effect of the open lead can have been overlooked when the matter was 'explored a few years ago'; unfortunately I was out of touch with ringing matters at the time.

Of course, an open lead is nothing without good striking. All who have heard the famous Spliced Surprise Major record (recently re-issued) agree that the rhythm is masterly, and the touch used abounds in satisfying roll-ups, but without the emphasis provided by the open leads the effect of these would be largely lost.

The open lead does not, of course, have to be exaggerated; my point is that provided it is observed, in well-struck ringing, the backstroke blow is a *successor* to the handstroke and completes it musically, and whatever the technical reason may be (musically speaking), the effect of this is that certain combinations—of which 65's in Minor are but one example—that are tolerable at handstroke become objectionable to the sensitive ear at backstroke. It is rather like ending a sentence with a preposition; although the practice is no longer frowned upon by grammarians as it was, it often sounds awkward and is consequently instinctively avoided by a good writer.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. PARGETER.

New Milton, Hants.

### SHERBORNE ABBEY PEAL

Dear Sir.—John R. Mayne's recent performance of Six-Spliced at Sherborne Abbey must surely rank as one of the greatest heavy-bell feats of our time.

May I offer my congratulations to this fine ringer.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. W. PIPE.

Melbourne, Victoria.

### A PARSON'S SUGGESTION

Dear Sir.—Mr. E. Barnett wonders why ringers were not specifically mentioned at the enthronement at York Minster, whereas 'singers' were.

Could the fact that one never hears of 'singers' leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over have anything to do with it?—Yours sincerely,

D. G. BRUNNING (Rev.).

Usk, Mon.

### RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—We would like to point out that the feelings expressed in a recent letter are not those of this tower.

We hope that the jesting letter, sent by two of our more irresponsible members, has not caused ill feeling between Putney and Mr. Cattermole and the Pershore ringers.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. MEW, Ringing Master,  
B. J. BULL, Secretary.

Putney, S.W.

### BODELYDDAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Vicar's letter to me, dated July 27th, quoted in full in my letter, is in direct contradiction to Ranald Clouston's statement that the architect sanctioned restricted ringing, and it will be obvious that somebody is not telling the truth.

My application was made on July 18th, and it would be interesting to learn not only how but when the University of London Society obtained permission to ring three days before our proposed visit, when, according to the Vicar's statement, the architect had not yet given the 'all clear.'

It appears on the face of it a clear case of discrimination.

I hope I may never lose sight of the fact that permission to ring in any tower is a privilege and not a right, consequently I hope that the Central Council will not, as Alan Ward suggests, meddle in what is purely a domestic issue.

However disappointing the decision, if the Vicar says 'No' then 'no' it is, although I personally seldom take 'no' for an answer and I intend to try again whenever an opportunity arises.

I fear, however, that even Sunday ringing may now have been stopped and while I note that in his written report—sent after my visit—Mr. Clouston said nothing about restricted ringing, his verbal report three days before my visit had been interpreted—or misinterpreted—that ringing was dangerous.

Also the report on page 608 is rather ambiguous—as I read it, the architect was understood to have considered the spire unsafe to permit ringing, but that the Society considered it safe to ring for half an hour, which to me appeared nonsensical.

Further the report made no reference to the bell frame being wedged, but only that it was not anchored down.

The frame must have been like this since it was installed in 1872 and in criticising the alleged 'condemning' of the bells I cited the comparable instance of Bradbourne, Derbyshire, where I told the Vicar, bluntly, that the architect was a fool.

The late Vicar had previously written to me expounding his views on ringing and chiming and I may say I was astonished when he not only allowed us to ring but came to the church to watch.

Evidently he has since changed his mind and the resumption of ringing at Bradbourne is not due to my efforts.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

### HORNCHURCH BELLS AGAIN

Dear Sir.—After a lapse of three years and three months we are once again able to ring our own bells, and I would like very much to thank all those towers who have so willingly allowed us the use of their bells.

We have made many friends and have had only one refusal to our request for permission to ring for Matins. Through the kindness of Mr. E. A. Barnett, we have built up a monthly connection with St. Clement Danes—a connection which we hope to continue—and I think we can claim to have become a reasonably competent 10-bell band. We are especially grateful for this privilege.

I would also like to pay tribute to my own band: their loyalty and the fact that they did not object to regimentation has made organisation very easy.

We have remained a band in every sense. At one time it seemed that we would probably lose one young man to the Methodist choir, but he saw the error of his ways and since married a Sunday School teacher of the established faith, so all is well!

Our opportunities for peal ringing are rather limited and a rather sensitive neighbourhood has to be re-educated, but we shall be very pleased to welcome any visitors at any time. Our ringing times are every Sunday evening at 5.30 and on the even Sundays at 10 a.m. Practice night is at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK V. GANT.

Hornchurch.

### 'MENTIONED'

Dear Sir.—I agree with Mr. Harold Walker that ringers should certainly consider themselves included in the phrase 'all who bear office and serve diligently,' which formed part of the Bidding Prayer used in York Minster recently at the enthronement of the new Archbishop—if their consciences allow them to do so.

They may be interested to know that they are specifically mentioned in 'A Litany of Intercession for the Diocese,' published a short time ago by the S.P.C.K., in whose compilation the writer had a share. One of the suffrages reads: 'That it may please Thee to fill all Bellringers with reverence and godly fear, that, as they summon others to Thy house, they may themselves offer Thee the worship of their own skill and devotion.'—Yours sincerely,

C. O. ELLISON, President.

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

### OLD FRIENDS MEET

A recent holiday in Bournemouth provided an opportunity for 'Jafus' to visit two very old friends. The first was Joe Dyke, who, although now a prisoner confined to his bed, is as alert as ever. He is still able to enjoy a joke, and is completely up-to-date with current affairs. Joe, as is well known, was the inspiring force behind the excellent ringing broadcast from Evercreech every Sunday morning at 9.50 a.m. Several of his ringing friends, including Harry Sanger and Ron Beck, call to see him, and he looks forward to their visits. They take with them tape recordings of bells which Joe has not been able to hear, and provide him with some very happy moments.

The other old friend visited was Canon C. C. Cox, now retired after 25 years as Vicar of Lyme Regis. Although now an octogenarian, he is active, and able to enjoy a little shooting in his own grounds at the rear of his house. When it is remembered that when he went to Lyme only call changes were rung, and that now Lyme Regis possesses not only an attractive modern ring of bells, but also a band which can ring Surprise methods up to London and Bristol, we must accord to Canon Cox full credit for such a transformation. He was ably backed by that other stalwart George Morris, and at a practice, which 'Jafus' recently attended, Canon Cox took part in London, Bristol, Cambridge and Siedman—never making a mistake. Not bad for 80 plus!

### 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 23rd. 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams celebrate their golden wedding.

Bicentenary of the first peal of Stedman Triples coincides with Stedman's tercentenary.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 20th. 1911.

### RINGERS' STRIKE AT LEEDS

The bell ringers at St. Chad's Church, Leeds, says the Manchester 'Daily Despatch,' are out on strike as a result of a disagreement between one of their number and the Vicar. The trouble began one day last week when one of the ringers, Mr. Dean Swift, was asked by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, to sweep the belfry steps and tidy up the place generally. Swift refused, contending that his duties consisted solely of bell ringing and keeping the bells in order. The Vicar persisted, and as Swift would not give way he was discharged. A meeting of the ringers, some ten or a dozen in number, was at once called, and an ultimatum was sent to the Vicar, that if Swift was not immediately reinstated the whole body would come out on strike. Mr. Marshall replied that Swift would not be reinstated unless he would promise to obey instructions, and the men carried out their threat. Matters are now at a deadlock. The men say they are not really paid for their work, but only receive an acknowledgment, and they will not give in.



## POINTS FROM PEALS

By the REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

(Continued from page 640)

WE turn now to towers whose visits to the peal columns are rare and other points of interest. The claim for the longest silence since I last wrote on this subject is at Churcham, Gloucestershire. The footnote said first since 1887, but actually I have one in 1909 also. Even so, the tower is a very rare bird. Likewise, the footnote to the peal at Streatley, was not quite accurate. The recent peal was certainly the first since 1903 which has been published, but I have an unpublished one in 1906.

There are three more towers which had not had a peal since before the first war. I confirm that Roughtown had its first peal for 47 years—the only previous one I had was in 1914—and also that the peal at Ingham was the first for 48 years (again, the only previous one). The footnote to the peal at Bradfield, Berks, said 'First since 1912,' but actually, I find it was 1913 when the previous last peal was rung. The recent one was the seventh on the bells.

The peal at Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's, raises a point in my records. It was certainly the first peal on the eight, but I had a previous one down for 1911 on six bells. I see I queried it at the time, and on looking it up, find it was published on page 678 of the first volume of 'The Ringing World' amongst several peals at the end of that year headed 'Peals rung before the appearance of "The Ringing World" but not previously recorded.' No church name was given and I think I put it down to St. Mary's (it was a first peal on the bells), because the weight of the tenor was nearly that of St. Mary's and not St. Peter's. However, since a peal of Minor was rung at St. Peter's a couple of months later, it is probable that the above peal should really be credited to St. Peter's also. Perhaps a Barton ringer would kindly let me know sometime. I suppose I also should mention Bradley. The footnote was quite correct—first peal on the recast bells, but there had been two peals in the tower before—in 1906 and 1907. So it is over 50 years since a peal was rung there.

### APPEAL TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIM

From just after the first war, in 1919, Strensham had its last peal before the recent one (not 1923, as claimed, unless the latter was not published). The only previous time the names Blaby, Alveley and Kessingfield had appeared in the peal columns was in 1920. I see the first is going great guns this year. The peal at Stoke Doyle said first since 1923. I had not a previous one at this tower and so should be pleased to have particulars of it from the conductor or Mr. Amos. The latter has often told me, in his usual robust style, that there are several peals in his area which were not published, but I fear has never been able to substantiate his claim by details when asked for them. Perhaps he will be able to do so this time.

We then come to East Molesey, where I confirm the last peal was in 1924. For an eight bell tower, its total appearances have been very few—six times between 1891 and 1924 and then twice recently. I also confirm

that we recently had the first since 1925 on the 8 bells of St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent. Peals of Doubles were, however, rung there in 1946 and 1953. Before the first war this was quite a popular tower, having had 39 peals from 1881 to 1913. Another confirmation of their claim is at Wouldham, where the only previous peal was in 1925. In 1926, Misson appeared for its only other time in the peal columns, and in 1928 Long Clawson likewise (as claimed). Two towers last heard a peal in 1928—Harbury (its only other one) and Englefield. In the latter case, four had been rung between 1886 and 1901. The last tower which had not been in the peal lists since the 1920's is Jarrow-on-Tyne. Here, the first peal was in 1893, then silence until 1905, when two peals were rung. Another silence until a little burst of enthusiasm brought eight peals from 1926 to 1929, and now the silence is broken again.

### LAST APPEARANCES—1930

The list of last appearances in the 1930's is a long one. First we come across Long Wittenham, whose only peal previously was in 1930. Similarly, Ingrave, in 1931. St. Saviour's, Bath (Walcot), had its most flourishing period for peals last century, when six peals were rung from 1890 to 1893. The years 1906, 1910, 1919, 1924 and 1925 each saw one peal each until the 1932 peal ended the occasional visit to the peal lists for another 28 years. Five towers appeared last in 1933. Penrith had its only other peal then. Both Laverstoke and Cucklington had also their first peal in 1930 and then the 1933 one, making three each with the recent one. The other two are Street and Sedburgh. The former had seven peals from 1904 to 1913 and then single peals in 1919 and 1931, all of these being Grandsire Triples. The 1933 peal was Double Norwich. The latter had also seven peals, from 1899 to 1908 and also one in 1932 before the 1933 one. In 1934, Knappston last appeared with the tower's only other peals (two of them), whilst seven towers have had a peal silence since 1935. Stoke Trister and Donhead had their only previous peals then. Arnesby had had another peal before that year in 1928 and Chewstoke, two, in 1929 and 1931. Corse had two peals in 1935 and a previous one in 1907, whilst Lockington had three older ones in 1909, 1921 and 1926. Westbury-on-Severn is the 'severn' (!) tower. Here, a peal 'in the Grandsire Method' was rung in 1887 (I suppose Doubles, but it could have been Minor, for there is nothing in the entry to say which), and other peals in 1890, 1913 and 1928. All the towers which were last heard of in 1936, before their recent appearance, had earlier peals. Yalding had three before then—1913, 1930 and 1935; Crowle was very popular between the two wars, 30 peals being rung between 1920 and 1936, with one earlier still in 1905; Butcombe had six from 1923; North Collingham three in 1927, 1930 and 1932; and Selston five in 1909, 1911, 1930, 1933 and 1935. Two towers were last mentioned in 1937—Kirkthorpe had its only other peal then, and Long Sutton (Somerset) likewise.

When we come to 1938, we find several towers of which we have not heard in the peals columns since until lately. Tharston's

only other peal was that year. Tideswell had four from 1930 to 1938, and Swanbourne one previously in 1937. Stoke Climsland seemed to work on one peal per 10 years, approximately, having previously had one in 1914 and one in 1927, whilst Marlesford had had a long silence from 1903 to 1937. Four peals were rung here from 1901 to 1903, and then one in 1937. Bolsterstone's record is unusual. Last heard in 1938 (as already indicated), there had been 76 peals before that, 40 before the first war and 36 between 1919 and 1937, so it was quite a flourishing peal tower. Of these 77 pre-second war peals, 26 (including the 1938 one) were of College Single Major. I'm quite sure no other tower has as many peals of that method!! I haven't had time to check, but I surmise that the 1938 peal was the last ever rung in this irregular method.

Finally, in this section, the towers last pealed in 1939. Glasbury-on-Wye is the first of these. The 1939 peal was the 28th there—13 before 1914 (from 1907) and 15 between the wars. Although an eight bell tower, no peal of Major has yet been rung there! It sounds as if the tenor is a bit awkward. The claim for first of Minor on the bells was quite correct—all the other peals had been Doubles or Triples. It is good to see Happisburgh getting going again after over 20 years' peal silence (four peals since May, 1960). From 1925 (first peal) to 1939 there were 10. Madley had seven peals from 1907 to 1939, so the peal last December now makes its total eight. Tolleshunt D'Arcy now totals four peals—in 1910, 1913, 1939 and 1960, likewise Darrington, in the years 1901, 1935, 1939 and 1960.

I don't usually include silences later than 1939, but one since 1940 deserves mention—Whitney (Herefords), a five bell tower, whose total of 18 makes it fifth amongst such towers. I hope its first peal for 20 years means that it is about to get going again.

Lastly, we come to a few points of interest of various kinds. I made the peal total at Oxendon (5), 11 when the footnote claimed the 10th. The footnote to the peal at Cross Stone (Tadmorden) on September 29th, 1960, said 100th peal in Tadmorden. I should be very pleased to have particulars of what towers are included in this total, for my total is much less than that. The peal at Wragby was not the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. There was a peal 50 years before, but I had two before that, in 1902 and 1908. The peal at Chulmleigh was not the first since 1931. I have one in 1950. The peal at Lynstead was not the first in seven methods on the bells—one was rung in 1955. I think. Finally, is Nutfield Treble Bob Minor, College Exercise?

### Suffolk Ringers Visit Essex

Ringers of Barking, Cotton and Mendlesham had an outing into Essex on October 7th. The towers were of interest. To start with there was the shingled cedar wood tower of Great Totham, followed by the triangular tower at Maldon. After an excellent tea at the Hope Inn, Tollesbury, ringing was resumed at Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Goldhanger. Thanks are specially due to Mr. Robert C. Lester, for making the outing possible, and Mr. C. W. Levett, for local arrangements, and, of course, the incumbents.

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## OBITUARY

### MRS. CONSTANCE BLATCH

Ringers throughout the south of Essex will be grieved to hear of the death, on October 10th, of Mrs. Blatch, of Orsett.

Coming of a ringing family, Connie was the daughter of the late Harry Chinnery, of Orsett, and four years ago married Fred Blatch, of Fyfield, also a ringer. The following year they had the pleasure of hearing Orsett bells ring again after a silence of many years. The old, rough-going ring of six was turned into a handy little light ring by the attentions of the bellhanger, and Connie set to work to teach a young band, ranging in age from nine to 19 years.

In the last three-and-a-half years, she had had the pleasure of ringing with six of her learners in their first quarter peals, and four of them have rung their first peal. In all, during that time, about 15 quarter peals and two peals have been rung at Orsett, and Connie had taken part in most of them. In the main they have been Grandsire and Bob Doubles, but recently a quarter peal in ten Doubles methods has been scored.

It is idle to say that Connie's place will be hard to fill, for she is irreplaceable. She was patient and unruffled with her learners, and was never absent from practice night or service ringing without some very pressing cause.

She has been laid to rest in the shadow of the tower where she learnt to ring, and which she served so faithfully for many years. At her own request, there was no half-muffled ringing. The Essex Association was represented at her funeral by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Willmington and Mr. and Mrs. John Crampson, the local band by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hills, and the Ladies' Guild by Miss J. Hills. Also present were two very old ringing friends, Messrs. H. Smith and A. Reeve, of Fobbing.

In all, Connie had rung eight peals, two of them were on the rehung six at Orsett. She recalled with greatest pleasure the peal of Grandsire Triples by a predominantly local band at Fobbing, which was brought round in almost total darkness by the skill of the conductor, Sidney Bailey.

To her husband and to Mrs. Chinnery, her mother, we extend our deepest sympathy. The best way we can honour her memory is to continue the work which she began so well. May she rest in peace.

J. E. H.

### MRS. WINIFRED BIRKETT

#### AN APPRECIATION

Perhaps it is unusual to write of one who was a friend on just one single occasion, but the announcement that Winifred Birkett had been called to higher service saddened at least two of us many miles away from Liverpool. We met her after Ted had gone home and told of our plight, marooned in Liverpool, a whole day until midnight. We felt a bit forlorn that day, unshaven and nowhere much to rest. I was nursing a broken leg in plaster.

We rang at St. Nicholas' and Ted told us that he and Winifred would like us to come home for a meal; we naturally hesitated, but Winifred was outside the church and would brook no refusal. What a dear, kindly soul she proved to be; we might have been her sons. After caring for us, she insisted that we accept Ted's offer to go at midnight with us to the docks, where we caught our boat. By now she must have heard the wonderful invitation 'Come, ye Blessed of My Father'... 'for I was a stranger and you took me in.'

W. H. C.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, A. A. Rackham 3, D. C. Oates 4, E. W. Colley 5, G. H. Peers jun. 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers sen. 8, N. W. Attaway 9, L. Trevor 10. First quarter on ten 4, 6 and 9, and first of Royal 7 and 8. First quarter on the augmented bells. Rung for Harvest Festival.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Bishop (14, first quarter) 1, Mary Prior (first of Minor) 2, G. Upstell (first 'inside') 3, Christine Glastonbury (first of Minor 'inside') 4, N. W. H. Simon (first of Minor, cond.) 5, W. Dare 6.

## ANDOVER DISTRICT'S CUP CONTEST

For 1922 to 1933 there was a competition for the Air Cup, rung on the front six of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury, followed by a slap-up supper, provided by Mr. Malcolm Aird, the donor of the cup.

This cup contest has now been revived. It is open to all towers in the Andover District and was held at Burghclere on October 7th, the judges being Mr. R. Crook and Mrs. D. Pearce, of Bucklebury.

After tea the judges announced the result: 1 Burghclere 'A' 4 faults (120 Grandsire). 2 Burghclere 'B' 16, followed by Highclere 'A' 19, Andover 22½, Longparish 37½, Highclere 'B' 43, Woolton Hill 48, Whitchurch 50.

Presenting the cup the Rector of Burghclere (Mr. Ince) expressed his pleasure that his teams were first and second. Ringing to suit all tastes followed at Burghclere, Newton and Highclere and ranged from Stedman Minimus to Mixed Triples and Major.

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### SIMPLE SIMON'S ACCIDENT

Simple Simon learned to ring.

At home he practised on a string.

Then the string caught in the door

Fractured Simon's lower jaw.

'Now tell me,' said the doctor stern.

Determined that the facts he'd learn.

'How did you get this painful blow?'

Said Simon, 'Coming out of slow!'

R. C.

### SOUTH WALES NOMADS

This year's tour of the South Wales Nomads, drawn from Newport and District and Llandaff, started on August 8th and was in two cars and a motor-cycle, the week being organised by Geoff Marchant.

Ringling on the first day was in Herefordshire and the party was joined by the Rev. K. C. Davies. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the excellent light ring at Bridstow, while the best striking of the day was on the superb six at Weston-under-Penyard.

Breconshire was toured on Wednesday. The two towers in Brecon are both good rings—St. David's a really good six and St. Mary's a Rudhall eight. Llanfagan bells are an eight universally praised by all who have been there. Thursday was again devoted to Herefordshire bells and among them was Stoke Edith (a magnificent Taylor ring), seemingly little used as we had to fit a rope to the fourth.

In Friday's programme were the fine eight at Aberavon, the six at Neath, where the go cannot be bettered and in the best ringing of the tour we were joined by Mr. G. I. Lewis. The day finished on the good light eight at Gorseinon—Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major.

Saturday, the final day, was also spent in Herefordshire, towers visited being Clydock (6), Tyberton (5), Madley (6), Eaton Bishop (6), Much Dewchurch (6) and Kingstone (6). Thanks are accorded to all incumbents, drivers, the Rev. K. C. Davies, Alan Smith and Geoff Marchant for his excellent organisation.

N. W. H. S.

## OUTINGS

### ST. GEORGE'S, BECKINGHAM

Misty weather prevented the 19 ringers of Beckingham and other friends from enjoying to the full the beauties of the garden of England on September 23rd. It did not, however, spoil the excellent and varied trip Mr. P. W. Cave, tower master, had arranged.

The journey was by private cars and the whole party assembled for coffee half-way along the road to Canterbury. For one hour we enjoyed ringing in the Cathedral, which today is the focal point of the Church of England. Some of the less experienced had difficulty with 12 bell ringing, but were pleased to try. Methods rung were Treble Twelve, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques.

After a good meal at the Old Coffee House we went to Wye and were very impressed with the spacious ringing chamber and pleasant sounding bells. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative were rung. Then came St. Mary's, Chilham, and a novelty in this tower was two spiked drums, dating from the 17th century, which were used to work the carillon. As in all towers, a very warm welcome was accorded at Biddenden. Here an enthusiastic band of young ringers have redecorated the ringing chamber.

At the Dorset Arms at Withyham we sat down to an excellent dinner, which included chicken. Ringing for the day ended on the beautiful eight at Coleman's Hatch, where good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Cave, as without his leadership and inspiration the tour would not have been such a success. The burning question now is 'Where are we going next year?'

J. H.

### BROMHAM, BEDS

It was the Bromham ringers and friends who started the season of local ringing outings this year, and therefore it was their privilege to finish the season with a most enjoyable half-day spent in and around Northants.

Three very fine octaves and two sixes, respectively, were visited. Some enterprising and rewarding methods were rung at Rushden and Market Harborough, but due to a misunderstanding of arrangements, ringing was curtailed at Rothwell, where full justice wasn't done to this very fine octave.

A really excellent tea was provided at Market Harborough, putting us in fine fettle to ring on the sixes at Newbold-on-Avon and Staverton. It was on the latter bells that it could be said that we excelled and it was here that the ladies came to the fore and rang an admirable touch.

Thank you, Kathleen, and the people who met us, for an enjoyable day.

K. C. F.

### EAST MEON

On September 23rd, six carloads of ringers, comprising most of the East Meon band and a few friends from Petersfield, Haslemere and Liss towers, set off for a day's ringing.

First stop was on the light six at Swanmore, which was followed by ringing on the fine eight at Shedfield. Packed lunch was eaten in the fog on the seafrost at Stokes Bay, and then the very tuneless eight at Alverstoke were rung for three-quarters of an hour. Bishopstoke proved the most elusive tower of the day, several cars having driven round it twice before seeing it. After tea at Curdridge, ringing followed on the fine, heavy eight there. All agreed that these were the best bells of the day, in spite of the 7th and tenor being up false after raising in peal.

Officially the last tower was Bishop's Waltham, but after ringing there, the party was given permission to ring at Soberton, this final 'grab' bringing to an end a most enjoyable day.

Ringing ranged from Kent and Stedman to rounds, and thanks are extended to the incumbents, tower captains and the secretary of East Meon band for making arrangements, and to two of the youngest members of the band for raising the money for the tea at their own children's fete.

J. E. C.



**ROTHERHAM, YORKS**

Good ringing was had by the ringers of Rotherham Parish Church, accompanied by two friends from Chesterfield and Sheffield, on the occasion of their annual outing.

Towers visited were Heptonstall (8), Skipton (8), Ripon Cathedral (10), Wetherby (8) and Tadcaster (8). Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich C.B., Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. An excellent dinner was had at Skipton, and tea taken at Ripon.

The glorious weather and beautiful scenery enhanced the outing, which had been well arranged by Mr. Norman Chaddock. Thanks are due to incumbents, tower captains and people who met us. S. A.

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS**

Watford Grammar Schools' Society had, as their first tower on their outing on September 23rd, SS. Peter and Paul's, Watford, Northants. The Vicar and local secretary informed us that the six bells there had not been rung for a year, as we found out from the dust! Some of the party of 24 ringers had difficulty with the length of draught and thick tailends, but a course of Cambridge was miraculously brought round, as was Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

A good touch for us of Grandsire Triples was rung on the anti-clockwise eight at Daventry, after lunch. The 30 miles to Ambrosden were quickly covered, but unfortunately ringing here had to be curtailed due to a death. The best ringing of the day was at Bicester, where we rang for 1½ hours and also had tea. The last tower was Thame, where a course of St. Clement's stubbornly refused to come round.

Back at Watford the representatives of the 13 towers parted after a successful outing, some lacking shoes, scarves and cigarette cases! Thanks are due to Vicars and Ringing Masters and everybody else concerned with the outing. J. M. B.

**OUTINGS****ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW**

All the participants in the year's autumn car outing of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, were contained within a Dormobile and one car, the former driven by Lionel Woods, coping nobly, as usual, with the mad fools who always surround him on the roads.

Despite small numbers—and an age range of 14 to 75—a satisfactory performance was put up on the heavy eight and ten at Bury St. Edmunds during the morning.

After a picnic lunch by the much-favoured weir bridge, at the foot of Mill Lane in Cambridge, ringing, including an excellent course of Double Norwich C.B. Major, took place at St. Andrew's. On leaving the tower we were lucky enough to meet Terry and Wendy Earle and with his welcome help we were able to achieve, at the R.C. church, what we feared would be impossible with our reduced numbers—a course of Bristol on this magnificent ring. This music along justified a visit to the tower.

The well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Great St. Mary's were some of the best ringing of the day. With the help of two local ringers, a course of Grandsire Cinques was tapped round in true 12 bell compass—a rare event on an outing or meeting occasion. For 75-year-old Mr. Fred Maynard, for many years Master at Walthamstow, it was his first course of Cinques since 1915!

The homeward journey was pleasantly broken by a substantial buffet supper and song at the Good Intent, Sawbridgeworth, a place popularised by the annual trip to Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day.'

In addition to the usual thanks our gratitude is due to Mr. J. W. Quinney, for his great help in making ringing arrangements at Cambridge. A. B.

**GIGGLESWICK, YORKS**

On October 1st Giggleswick ringers enjoyed a half-day outing into Lancashire and Westmorland.

First stop was at Low Bentham, with a heavy ring of six (19½ cwt.). On from there to Melling (6, 10 cwt.), where the bells are rung from a gallery and we were met by Mr. Gibson, the tower captain.

From Melling on to Hornby, the only eight of the day (12½ cwt.). A visitor from West Lancashire joined in the ringing.

Tea followed in the motor caravan we had hired for the outing. After tea we crossed the border into Westmorland. At Kirkby Lonsdale (6, 12 cwt.), the last tower of the day, we were met by Mr. Procter (local captain), Mr. Shaw (verger and tower-keeper) and Mr. G. Braithwaite, who joined us in ringing for Evensong.

Many thanks to all incumbents and tower captains, and also to Mr. Wright, for arranging transport. D. S. P.

**REDE, SUFFOLK**

Rede, Suffolk, where the bells have been silent since 1951, has had extensive repairs to its tower costing £3,000. On September 17th a service of thanksgiving and hallowing was held, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Dunwich.

But the three bells, one of them Elizabethan, can only be clocked. Mr. A. W. Rolfe informs us that on raising the bells a crack was noticed inside the tower so the bells are still not in ringing order and had to be clocked at the thanksgiving service.

At the tea afterwards in the Village Hall, the Rector (the Rev. H. V. Koop) thanked Mr. W. Goodship, secretary of the Cathedral ringers, and Mr. Rawlings, captain of the Barrow Church ringers, for their help in restoring and ringing the bells after their long silence.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Bowls and ringing have at times been allied by individual members, but the quarter peal rung at Dorking on October 15th by Surrey bowlers for the service to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Surrey County Bowling Association is probably unprecedented in ringing records. Our 'bob' paid homage to their 'jack'.

Ringing at Stoke Poges church is suspended for about a month whilst stonework is being replaced at the top of the tower.

The tenor at Piddletrenthide, Dorset (19 cwt. 4 qr.), was the heaviest tenor that A. P. Cannon has turned in to a peal. This took place on October 14th.

The Editor thanks the many readers who offered to lend copies of the 1907 edition of *Minor Methods*. The applicant has now been fully satisfied, having taken a copy of the information he required.

After ringing only 11 months, Robert Bolt (14), a scholar at Burley Grammar School, has rung a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. He rang the fourth at Radcliffe on October 14th, in excellent style.

The peal at King's Lynn on October 14th was a farewell to Canon Aitken, who has been a good friend of St. Margaret's ringers. Neville Greenacre, who rang his first peal—and rang very well—is of the latest generation of the well known Greenacre family of ringers.

The Sherborne St. John's bells have gone to the foundry for retuning and there will be no ringing until further notice. Mr. J. Chesterman, of Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Hants, appeals to those who have rung on the bells to send a donation to him towards the £300 still to be raised.

The quarter peal at Hillingdon on October 15th was the first 'in living memory' (theirs!) of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, who after an absence of nearly thirty years are renewing their interest in ringing. Aptly enough the composition of the quarter peal was taken from the 5,019 composed by Mr. Fardon's father, George R. Fardon, a well known member of the College Youths.

After being silent since before the Second World War, the bells of St. John's, Tuebrook, Liverpool, were rung to a quarter peal by ringers of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association. The restoration was carried out by local labour, with help from local ringers. A local band is being trained and we hope that these fine bells will now be heard for many years to come.

From 'Alfred the Great' (dialect feature in 'Mid-Devon Advertiser'): 'Glad knows by the cows when 'tis time to go. Farmer's cows be as punctual at the gate as the bell-ringers outside the pub on Sunday mornin'.

The peal attempt for Cambridge Surprise Minor at Shenley, Bucks, in honour of the appointment of the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg as an honorary canon in Christ Church, Oxford, was called round at the end of the fifth 720 owing to the fraying of the third rope.

Reminding our readers who might regard 'The Ringing World' as an atlas that Cosgrove is in Northamptonshire and not Bucks (see page 678). Mr. R. G. Black writes that the late Mr. Edwin Lambert was a tower of strength at Cosgrove for many years and he is pleased to see that they still have a band.

Walton, Somerset, bells, although last rung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1935, have defied many peal attempts. Twerton ringers, however, scored the first peal on the bells on October 14th. When the last attempt failed, the clock was set going by Messrs. Parfrey and Milsom, after a long silence. To their satisfaction it was still ticking when they visited the tower for the peal.

At Beckington, Somerset, harvest supper presentations in the form of books and book-tokens were made to Mr. Graham C. Grant, who is leaving for Harwell. For 17 years he had been organist and choirmaster. He started ringing with a new band of learners six years ago and has assisted to train many more youngsters since. The band wish him good ringing in Berkshire.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr.

ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. 7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 2	*ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 8
*DOREEN COX .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 9
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 10
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 5	FRANK D. MACK .. .. 11
FRANK HANSFORD .. .. 6	THOMAS J. SETTER .. .. Tenor
	FREDERICK WREFOED

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

ST. PETER, ST. PAUL AND ST. SWITHIN,

**A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

*ANTHONY R. CARTER .. Treble	*DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 7
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 9
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 4	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 10
†ANN M. COX .. .. 5	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 11
*DENNIS BROWN .. .. 6	†TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

\* First 12-bell peal. † First of Grandsire Cinques. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

Rung as a mark of respect and farewell to the Rt. Rev. A. T. P. Williams on the day of his retirement as Bishop of Winchester and as president of the Guild.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB ROYAL**

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

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	*A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 9
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 175th peal.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

CHARLES R. C. BOGGIS .. Treble	MICHAEL STOKES .. .. 6
*RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 2	DOROTHY CONSTANCE .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE .. .. 3	*MICHAEL J. PARKER .. .. 8
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 4	RALPH W. BICKERS .. .. 9
†A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 5	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bickers.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 2	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SALISBURY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 200th peal on the bells. First in the method (Corrigan, No. 276).

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	WALTER AYRE .. .. 6
†MARTIN JORDAN .. .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
ARTHUR DAY .. .. 4	*EDWIN J. UPTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ANNE P. SMITH .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
ALAN A. POTTS .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Fernley.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SHIRLEY S. MUDD .. .. Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .. 5
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. Treble	COLIN W. REED .. .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 6
BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 7
S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 4	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

First peal in the method by all except 4 and 6. First in the method on the bells, and for the Guild.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 6
MURIEL R. PAGE .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE .. .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*NEVILLE GREENACRE .. Treble	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 2	GRAHAM MANN .. 6
† WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 3	JOHN WILSON .. 7
FREDA P. GREAVES .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † 200th for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to Canon W. A. Aitken, for eight years Vicar of St. Margaret's, on his appointment as Archdeacon.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. Treble	*CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES .. 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

\* First peal in the method on a working bell.

A compliment to the ringer of the third on his recent marriage to Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*PAMELA BLAKELEY .. Treble	NORMAN SMITH .. 5
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3	ROGER LEIGH .. 7
*ROBERT BOLT .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung after the wedding at this church of Miss Monica Joyce Davis and Mr. Rodney Fowler by the Bishop of Hulme. The bride is the daughter of the Rector of Radcliffe and Mr. Fowler is a ringer at this church.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 6
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. MAYNE.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

RONALD J. HILL .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. 2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 7
EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4	MICHAEL ELSON .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Radlett, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of 12-Spliced.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 1).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL WADE .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	RONALD C. NOON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 17 240's and ten 120's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARIAN FORRESTER .. Treble	DAVID KIRKHAM .. 4
ROBERT BARRATT .. 2	F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 5
ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 3	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal.

Rung for Harvest Festival; also as birthday compliments to Marian Forrester and Robert Barratt.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being eight extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), four Reverse St. Bartholomew (four callings), 12 Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*KEVIN BARNES .. Treble	*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 4
*PHILIP G. ROGERS .. 2	ALEX SIMPSON .. 5
MARTIN MAJOR .. 3	†TERRY HYDE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEX SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor, and of Doubles 'inside.' First in four methods by all except the ringer of the third.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL .. Treble	JOHN R. PERRETT .. 4
PETER J. JOYCE .. 2	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. 5
COLIN J. CHAMPION .. 3	*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN J. CHAMPION.

\* 25th peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Mr. Brian Sherwood (a local ringer) and Miss Janet Hanson, at St. John Baptist's, Spalding, Lincs.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Treble	KEITH R. DAVEY .. 4
ALAN G. PAYNE .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. 5
ROGER D. BAILEY .. 3	*FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

\* 100th peal of Minor.



## BUXTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores Grandsire and 21 six-scores Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT MILLER .. .. Treble	D. RUST ANDREWS .. .. 4
MISS P. WILLIAMSON .. .. 2	W. C. MEDLER .. .. 5
H. G. SMITHSON .. .. 3	GERALD BIRCHAM .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Rung for the engagement of Ivan G. Smithson, of Buxton, and Miss Valerie Jean Grimwood, of Merton, near Watton.

## NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, consisting of five extents each of Stedman and April Day, and eight each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Treble	*MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 4

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in six Doubles methods.

## FINDON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of London, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

EDWARD FOSBERRY .. .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 4
*J. RICHARD WILSON .. .. 2	ERNEST TREAGUS .. .. 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Victor Dale and Miss Dorothy Saunders.

## GREAT CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb.

*EDWARD KINGSTON-MILES Treble	†JOHN RICHARDS .. .. 4
†RITA GOULD .. .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
JOSEPHINE HARDY .. .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. D. Stowell) and Mrs. Stowell, who are leaving for Mauritius.

## HEVER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE FRY .. .. Treble	EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 4
*ANN GEORGE .. .. 2	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal in four methods 'inside.' First on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. .. 5
HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

## MARSTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 14 extents Plain Bob and 28 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

MARGARET J. COZIER .. Treble	†JULIA A. CHANDLER .. .. 3
*NOEL D. DEAM .. .. 2	†ROY H. JONES .. .. 4

ALEC GAMMON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* 25th peal. † First of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke, as a welcome to Miss Olive Lodge (lady church worker), as a wedding compliment to Miss Christine Woodward (a former tower captain) and Mr. G. Lanigan, and to congratulate Canon Elliot Wigg (Master of the Guild) on becoming a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

## MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2.160 and four extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. BAILY .. .. 4
ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 5
KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

First peal of Kent Minor by all except the conductor.

## NUTFIELD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	*WILFRED DUNN .. .. 4
ETHEL CLEAR .. .. 2	*KEITH GAME .. .. 5
JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 3	ALAN STREETER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN STREETER.

\* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Cowperthwaite and Barbara Gill, who were married this day.

## PIDDLTRENTHIDE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and 20 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 3
REV. C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER 2	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 4

A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal on the bells, which were rehung by John Taylor and Co. in 1958.

## POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Beverley, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. FRANK EYDEN .. .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. .. 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 3	GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

\* First peal in seven methods. First of Minor as conductor. First in seven methods on the bells.

Rung to mark the christening of Paul Truman, son of the ringer of the fifth.

## SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ELISABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 4
*HAROLD ROBERTS .. .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM WATKINS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

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TERLING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Alnwick and Newcastle, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Chester and Munden, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.  
ANNE EDWARDS... .. Treble | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4  
\*GEORGE E. THODAY... .. 2 | PETER J. EVES .. .. 5  
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* First peal in 18 Surprise methods. First of Minor on the bells.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and three Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

BOB DAY .. .. Treble | †MICHAEL ARROWSMITH .. 4  
DEBORAH HOPKINS .. .. 2 | ROY TIFFIN .. .. 5  
\*ALAN RUDGE .. .. 3 | KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH W. PRICE.

\* First peal. † First in three methods.

WALTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In seven methods, being two extents of St. Nicholas', four each of Winchendon Place and Stedman, six each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.  
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

\*DAVID J. BARNETT .. .. Treble | ALAN F. LEE .. .. 3  
\*TERENCE J. MILSON... .. 2 | HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .. 4  
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* Most methods in a peal. Most methods as conductor. First on the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Annable's London, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. Treble | TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4  
\*MONTY W. GILBERT... .. 2 | BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5  
\*MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT 24, MANOR STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1—2 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6  
JOHN M. JELLEY... .. 3—4 | \*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

\* First handbell peal.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being five extents of Kent and two of Oxford.

A. TERENCE COLLINS... .. 1—2 | BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3—4  
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Anne O'Flaherty.

**HALF PEAL**

**SHENLEY, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 14th, 3,600 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. C. Edwards 1, F. Vickers 2, J. Marks 3, R. Cadamy 4, J. Linnell 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg as an honorary canon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

**ABERDARE, GLAM.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,316 Plain Bob Triples: H. Clatworthy (first quarter) 1, D. L. Kerley 2, D. W. Kerley 3, P. Jones 4, G. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (cond. and comp.) 7, J. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jones, uncle of the ringer of the fourth.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. E. Gould 1, Miss J. D. Hardy 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, Miss M. M. Jones 4, H. S. Wickens 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, N. J. Davies 7, T. Cullingworth 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Jones 1, B. Payne 2, G. C. Grant 3, E. E. Bray 4, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6, D. G. Brown 7, H. Vennell 8. For Harvest Festival, also as a farewell compliment to Graham C. Grant, who is leaving Beckington for Harwell, Berks.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Claude Corderoy 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, P. Corderoy 5, Cecil Corderoy 6. Conducted by H. W. Dunsden (Plain Bob) and Claude Corderoy and P. Corderoy (Grandsire). Both rung for Harvest services.

**BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Kirkup (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Brangwyn 2, C. W. Rigby 3, Miss B. Mansfield (cond.) 4, G. G. Mansfield 5. For Harvest Festival.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gunstone 1, G. Gunstone 2, P. S. Guisford 3, G. Parsons 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, G. Carter (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Faulkner 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, O. Gannon 6. For the wedding of Mr. Alec Davey and Miss Ann Strang.

**BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Rodmell 1, T. W. Thirkell 2, H. Rodmell 3, Mrs. R. Ducker 4, H. F. Gibson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On Oct. 9th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Boustead (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Holtby (first 'inside') 2, B. Forsyth 3, J. Boustead 4, J. Ling 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6. A 13th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. F. G. Forrester 1, R. Barratt 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, F. G. Forrester 4, H. Callwood 5, D. Harradine 6. A birthday compliment to Judith Pimlott.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, H. L. Cooke 2, R. Wakefield 3, F. J. Lewis jun. 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, B. Wakefield (cond.) 7, P. Wakefield 8. Rung to mark the 55th anniversary of the Bingham Public Library. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Abraham (first quarter) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. Cribble 3, P. Rothera 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 7, P. Law (first on eight) 8. For dedication evening services.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on May 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Ipswich Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): N. Avis 1, Doreen A. Fairhead 2, J. Avis 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Doreen A. Fairhead 1, N. Avis (first in three methods) 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Hooper 1, H. Spencer 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. For Harvest Festival.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, Miss M. Pearson (first 'inside') 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6, W. Tyson 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. I. Tatt 1, C. Riddy 2, R. G. Egging 3, Mrs. R. O. Mossop 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. As a farewell to Christopher Riddy, Keith I. Tatt and Francis Tatt, three very loyal ringers, and to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Mossop, Vicar's wife and one of the ringers.

**DERBY.**—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Mould 1 and 2, S. Walklate 3, Mrs. J. E. Larkin 4, F. M. Larkin 5, J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. E. Larkin 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, A. E. Mould 4, S. Walklate 5, F. M. Larkin 6, W. Steen 7. First of Surprise Minor 2, 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss R. M. Bull.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Newberry 1, R. J. C. Hagley 2, A. S. Besant 3, A. J. Bull 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8. Rung by Surrey bowlers for the service to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Surrey County Bowling Association.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Leigh 1, Ann George 2, J. E. Warner 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**FINDON, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, J. E. Elliott 2, H. Wakelam 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss D. Saunders (local ringer) and Mr. V. Dale (local ringer of Brentwood, Essex), who were married on Sept. 23rd.



# QUARTER PEALS

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. Holmes 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, C. Macartney 3, P. Slight 4, C. Nokes 5, B. Buttery 6, J. Holmes 7, J. M. Simpson 8. For the Patronal Festival.

**GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chambers 1, R. A. Webster 2, R. Russell 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, F. A. Ginn 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Brian Ward (local ringer) to Eileen Weeks.

**GUILDFORD, Surrey.**—On Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Lee (first on treble) 1, Carolyn White (first 'inside') 2, S. G. Poning 3, C. Hopper 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, H. A. May (cond.) 6.

**HALESOWEN, Worcs.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilcock 1, B. E. Woodall 2, J. Wightman 3, A. Harris 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. W. Clissett 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, 1. Shilcock 8. A farewell to James Wightman, upon his leaving the district.

**HALEWOOD, Lancs.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Currie 1, Miss H. Simmons 2, V. D. Jenner 3, J. H. Wilton 4, J. Dunbavin 5, J. Robinson 6, K. J. Hesketh 7, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. E. C. Birkett.

**HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Judy Frost 2, G. Paul 3, D. Trueman 4, G. Dickens (cond.) 5, C. Lamberton 6.

**HELBMDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, Sandra Freeman 2, Mrs. F. P. Brangwyn 3, Margaret Wilson (first 'inside') 4, Betty Mansfield (cond.) 5, Mrs. G. Shellard 6. First quarter peal rung by ladies for the Towcester Branch.

**HILLINGDON, MIDD.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,241 Stedman Caters: R. A. Fardon 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, J. Sexton (first of Stedman Caters) 5, M. W. Seymour 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, M. J. Palmer (first 'inside' of Stedman Caters) 8, J. Hill 9, W. H. Coles 10. For Evensong.

**HOLT, Wilts.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): R. Gunstone 1, P. S. Guisford 2, D. Stillman 3, R. Lovelock 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Nibbs 6. First in four methods for 1, 4 and 6.

**HORNCHURCH, Essex.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, F. G. Richardson 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Grainger 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Harvest Festival.

**HUMBERSTONE, Leics.**—On Sept. 25th, at 1, Elmcroft Avenue, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Man-ship 1—2, A. Rudge (cond.) 3—4, Miss P. Kent 5—6. First quarter in hand by all the band. First as cond. A farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

**KEA, Cornwall.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. F. Dunstan 1, H. Hobbins 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. D. Carter 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, M. Trenoweth 6, A. Locke 7, D. R. Dunstan 8. Rung after Evensong for the Confirmation service that morning, taken by the Lord Bishop, at his first visit to St. Kea church.

**KINGSBURY, Warwicks.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Perry 1, A. Richards 2, S. Perry 3, K. Richards 4, W. G. Lane 5, G. H. Lane (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

**KINGSDON, Somerset.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Pring 1, R. D. Short 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, F. Andrews 5, P. Cox 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. R. D. Short 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, R. D. Short 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. Andrews 6. First in 11 methods by all except 3 and 5. Rung before and after Harvest Festival Evensong.

**LAVERNHAM, Suffolk.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, Miss J. Reeve 3, A. R. Knight 4, M. T. Symonds 5, F. Mortlock 6, R. Clouston 7, W. Jarvis 8. For Matins.

**LIVERPOOL.**—At Our Lady and St. Nicholas', on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. L. Gray 1, T. Fitzgerald 2, G. H. Pullin 3, V. D. Jenner 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, J. F. Grove 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, P. S. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. E. C. Birkett. Also at St. John's, Tuebrook, 1,280 Stedman Triples: J. N. Brown 1, P. S. Bennett 2, T. Fitzgerald 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, T. Horridge 5, E. C. Birkett 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, E. L. Humphris 8. Rung to commemorate the restoration of the bells, after many years' silence.

**LOCKING, Somerset.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Creber 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombes (first 'inside') 3, June Legg (cond.) 4, R. Venn (first quarter) 5, A. G. Skinner 6. For Harvest: Thanksgiving.

**LYDLINCH, Dorset.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss I. Down 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hilliar 3, Bert Ridout 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on the bells since 1935.

**MILTON REGIS, Kent.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,319 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Evelyn M. Cumberworth 1, Miss D. Southan 2, D. F. Breakspear 3, R. Cottis 4, N. A. Crane (cond.) 5, T. D. Wickins 6. For Evensong.

**MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hamer 1, G. Newton (first quarter) 2, J. P. Partington 3, H. Armstead 4, E. Jenkins 5, M. D. Fishwick 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, J. Brookes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Barlow, ringer in Oldham for 60 years.

**MUDFORD, Somerset.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cox 1, P. Sparks 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, J. R. Haycock 3, A. G. Grant 4, W. C. Budd 5, A. J. Bellamy (first quarter) 6. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

**PACKWOOD, Warwicks.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary S. Thorling 1, V. R. Tallis 2, I. C. Maycock 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, P. J. Rothera 5, R. G. Morris 6, R. E. Tallis 7, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), Dorset.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Watson 1, Miss B. Marsh 2, Gerald Cornick (cond.) 3, Sylvia Watson 4, A. J. Slade 5, G. H. Perry 6. For Harvest Festival.

**PUCKLECHURCH, Bristol.**—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. Angell 1, D. P. Pennal 2, G. Sprules (cond.) 3, J. Sprules 4, P. W. S. Angell (cond.) 5, N. J. Smart 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Mitchell, ringer for 70 years and captain of tower.

**QUEENBOROUGH, Kent.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss P. Wallace 1, W. A. Wood (cond.) 2, S. Rayfield 3, B. May 4, H. Gardner 5, Mrs. Croall 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Wood, his 90th.

**RAYLEIGH, Essex.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: R. D. Tomlin 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, M. Sindon 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. J. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, A. J. House 8. First in method 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob) (tenor covering): E. J. Blower 1, Miss E. Hatch 3, M. Sindon 4, F. May 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**RUGBY, Warwicks.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Underwood 1, Miss O. Gray (first Stedman) 2, E. Hunt 3, Mrs. C. Urry 4, A. Barlow 5, R. Gibbons 6, W. Vann (cond.) 7, A. Eveleigh (first of Triples) 8. For Harvest Festival.

**ST. ALBANS, Herts.**—On Oct. 8th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Foster (first quarter) 1, D. Walsh 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, R. Bedford 5, G. T. Ridgeway 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**SANDRIDGE, Herts.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. C. King 1, Miss C. J. Bland 2, C. M. Foster 3, A. T. Hawkins 4, R. E. Hardy 5, B. B. Hullah (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and as a farewell to 3 and 6.

**SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Allison 1, W. Bains 2, Mrs. J. E. Finn 3, R. Lord 4, M. Lings 5, M. Whiting 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd (first in method as cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**SHALFORD, Surrey.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill R. Tippet (first quarter) 1, Pamela A. Hunter (first 'inside') 2, Mary Davy 3, A. C. A. Hunter 4, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 5, E. E. Hunter 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SHALSTONE, Bucks.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Stopps 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. E. Pinney 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, R. Welch 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. C. Beale 6, J. T. Locke 7, I. Best 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Locke on their 28th wedding anniversary.

**SPALDING, Lincs.**—At St. Paul's, Fulney, on Oct. 9th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. B. Tyrrell 1, J. E. Allen 2, S. E. Bennett 3, J. M. Thorley 4, G. W. Massey 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, C. R. Burrell 8.

**STANMORE, Middx.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Loasby (first quarter) 1, S. White (first 'inside') 2, A. Kett (first quarter) 3, L. North 4, T. Carless 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. T. Loasby), on his appointment to St. Luke's, Chelsea.

**STISTED, Essex.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Dorking 1, Marian Mills 2, J. A. Warner 3, P. L. Wood 4, A. R. Syder (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

**STRETTON, Staffs.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Jefferies (cond.) 1, D. Butcher 2, Noreen Toon 3, G. Lanfear 4, C. E. Whieldon 5, R. G. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. C. Bullock, churchwarden for over 30 years. Also first quarter peal by new band of ringers.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss A. O'Flaherty 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, H. Ausdin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, S. J. Withey 6. For Harvest Festival children's service.

**SWITHLAND, Leics.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Brown 1, M. J. Copson 2, R. Clark 3, R. Lloyd 4, M. W. Brown (cond.) 5, N. R. Ellway 6. Also same day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Clark 1, M. W. Brown (cond.) 2, R. Clark 3, J. Clark (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Copson 5, A. Copson 6. For Harvest Festival.

**TALGARH, Breconshire.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Leonard Jones (first quarter) 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Price, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

**THAMES DITTON, Surrey.**—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Lufkin (cond.) 1, R. Caporn 2, D. Leach 3, M. Gathercole 4, T. Clayton 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, R. Caporn 2, A. D. Leach 3, Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morgan 1, Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, A. D. Leach 5, C. Rogers 6.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Davey 1, Miss S. Brown (first quarter) 2, H. Vaughan 3, B. V. Collison 4, R. D. Divall 5, J. Warner 6, F. Shorter 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

**WARNFORD, Hants.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary White 2, K. Tipper 3, B. S. Gambrell 4, K. Waller 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. A farewell to Reg Jones, District Ringing Master, and his wife, who are leaving Warnford for the Salisbury area.

**WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, A. T. Shorey 2, M. G. Selby 3, F. J. Powell 4, M. C. Homans 5, R. E. Airlie 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

**WHITCHURCH, Glam.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Catterson (first quarter) 1, Christine Glastonbury 2, J. Evans 3, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 4, W. H. Dare 5, Meriel Nabett (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**WHITTLEBURY, Northants.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linford (first quarter) 1, C. E. Truman (cond.) 2, R. Hinton 3, J. Linnell 4, D. Burdige 5.

**WINDSOR, Berks.**—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, G. Jenkins 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, A. J. Glass 5, F. T. Blagrove 6, A. C. Wenban 7, J. Painter 8. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Jenkins (first quarter) 1, F. T. Blagrove 2, J. Brooks 3, A. Bird 4, K. Buckingham 5, A. J. Glass 6, G. Jenkins (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. For Harvest Festival.

**WITNEY, Oxon.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marilyn Bird 1, E. J. Hill 2, P. Beedie 3, L. T. Olliffe 4, B. J. Townsend 5, D. J. Smith 6, D. Kay Atkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**WOLLASTON, Worcs.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Brown 1, F. W. Gibbs 2, S. G. Thompson 3, S. Thompson 4, H. V. Cooper 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Cooper.



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ASSTEAD.—A service to welcome the bells back to the church will be held at 8.15 p.m. on All Saints' Day. All ringers are cordially invited. Ringing before the service will commence at 6.45 p.m. 9112

BALDOCK, HERTS.—While tower is closed practice will take place at Norton. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. All visitors welcomed.—E. Buck. 9114

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—There will be no ringing practice at the above church on Monday, October 30th.—W. E. Wilkinson. 9129

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—All ringing suspended for six to eight weeks, while repairs to bells are carried out.—E. H. Smith. 9135

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### MEETINGS

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL  
BRANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH  
Saturday, Oct. 28th

Ring 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.  
Tea in Town Hall, 5.15 p.m.  
All Dorset ringers welcome.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 28th. Greinton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names please.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott. 9113

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Tideswell, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells (8) 3 till 8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9089

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, 6 to 9 p.m. at Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 28th. 9094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Burford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements.—J. Keyte, Freeland, Oxford. 9034

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—An evening meeting will be held at Horton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.—Miss Haguc. 9103

SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, Tamworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. George Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. Annual dinner tickets available at meeting.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beoney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 9090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Broderick Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 9086

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Overton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Ringing at Laverstoke from 2.30, owing to wedding at Overton. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. G. Holmes, 4, Dellands, Overton, Hants.—John Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 9085

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Hinton-on-the-Green. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65a, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 9076

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner: St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand (10), 12.30-1.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1.45-3; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2.30-3.45; St. Lawrence, Jewry (8), 3.40-4.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 4.5-5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 9133

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 4th, Snitterfield, near Stratford-on-Avon. Arrangements as usual. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warwick. 9121

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Northern District). LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District).—Joint meeting at St. James', Benwell, on Saturday, November 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I. Thomson, 56, Colston Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 4. 9132

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9118

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Springfield, Saturday, November 4th. Finals of striking competition will take place at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Chelmsford. 9040

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stinchcombe, on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 9126

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A practice meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, November 4th, 6-8 o'clock.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9125

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 4th, Coalbrookdale (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, by previous Wednesday.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 9103

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9079

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), November 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9128

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsea, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bentham on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Coates, 8, Cheapside, Bentham.—P. Handley. 9131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Coppull, on Saturday, November 4th. Tea provided free to those sending their names to Miss B. Yapp, 316, Spennmore Lane, Coppull, near Chorley.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 9110

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Old Wolverton on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Branch Sec. 9119

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 6 for 6.30 p.m., at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. Entertainment will include items by Great Glen Handbell Ringers. Principal guest, the Rural Dean of Christianity. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned by Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at latest. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3; St. John-the-Divine's (10), 3 to 4; St. Margaret's (12), 3.30 to 4.30; All Saints' (8), 4 to 5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9081

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, to Mr. B. B. Tyrrell, 10, Link Way, Clev Hall Drive, Spalding. 9069

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 4th, at Clipston. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9120



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting. Seend. Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9123

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, November 4th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring food. —J. Seager. Sec. 9130

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Lenton (8). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to Mr. K. F. Lee, Midland Bank Flat, 37, Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham. —S. Adams. 9099

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Henley (8) on November 4th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Names for tea please by Thursday, November 2nd, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh. 9122

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8). Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify by Wednesday, November 1st. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (Sussex). T.N. 438 9106

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Avon Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants. 9117

#### WRINGTON, SOMERSET

##### RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

*Fiftieth anniversary of opening of the augmented ring of ten bells.*

Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Please notify by Wednesday, Nov. 1st, H. W. Knight, Masonic Hall, Yatton, Somerset.

##### RINGERS' SERVICE

Sunday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m.

Bells available at 5 p.m.

Address to be given by the Master of Bath and Wells Association. 9082

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 24th annual dinner will be held in the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, on Saturday, November 4th, at 5.45 p.m. Accommodation for 300. Cathedral bells (12) available 3.30-5 p.m. Tickets (13s. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, November 1st, from Dinner Committee, Branch officers, or from J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., 'Aubyns', Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham (Tel.: Ashton-under-Hill 309). 9043

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. Latest date November 8th. 9102

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 9th to Mr. G. Clark, 1 Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9127

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Hallow, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Grimley (6) also available 7 p.m. Practice methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major (Hallow) and St. Clement's Bob Minor (Grimley). Names for tea by Tuesday, November 7th, to F. Hyde 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9116

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#### A WEEK IN CORNWALL BY ESSEX RINGERS

**T**HE Rev. Jack Jose, Vicar of Perran-ar-Worthal, placed practically the whole of the top floor of his vicarage at the disposal of eight young ringers from Essex who spent the first week of September touring Cornwall, with their dormobile. Pressure on our space prevents us from recording all the Cornish towers and places of refreshment visited.

On the Monday, after a picnic lunch at Lizard Point, where handbells were rung, a peal in seven methods was scored at Mawgan in Menage, which is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Lunch of Cornish pasties on Tuesday was eaten in pouring rain on the cliff tops at Tintagel, and afterwards a peal in 14 methods was rung at Tintagel Church. A headlong dash to Truro followed, in order to join in the Cathedral practice. About 50 people were already in the belfry, so good use was made of the bells. Later, at the City Hotel, with our old friend, Alan Carveth and Bob Southwood, the same 50 people who were in the belfry were milling around a very small saloon bar.

On Wednesday, St. Mewan was the tower for the day's peal attempt, but 28 methods went adrift after an hour and a half's good ringing. Within a quarter of an hour of losing the peal we were enjoying an educational visit to St. Austell brewery.

#### TOO EARLY

The alarm was set at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday so that the more lunatic fringe of the party could find time to ring a handbell peal before breakfast. The bells were set in motion at 5.47 and by 6.18 a.m. the whole band had returned to bed.

A fair peal was rung that afternoon at Lansallos, the home of the leading call change band in Cornwall. Afterwards we were confronted by four of the local band outside, who told us we had spoilt the whole of the ringing by dropping the bells singly. An enjoyable social evening was spent with Friends of the Exercise at Truro.

Friday was taken very easily seeing the scenery around Land's End and the peal attempt at Zennor came to an abrupt halt after 26 minutes' ringing. The evening's ringing at Carbis Bay was for the harvest festival service, and we were made very welcome by Evangeline and the Rev. Arthur Roberts. The Rev. Jack Jose was our guest for the evening at Perran-ar-Worthal.

To round off the week's ringing a peal in 28 methods was brought round at Stithians, definitely the best six of the many sampled. The East Cornwall ringing festival at Eglosayle was visited during the afternoon. We responded to their request to ring handbells and the business meeting was opened with a very well received course of 'Scientific.' Qua friends from Lansallos took the first certificate, but we reluctantly had to refuse invitations to help them celebrate. On the journey home on Sunday we rang for Matins at Honiton, and for Evensong at Waltham Abbey, home being reached at 7.30 p.m.

Thanks are expressed to all who helped, including our friends in the Truro Diocesan Guild, the East Cornwall Bellringing Association and our splendid host, the Rev. Jack Jose.

A. S. H. & H. W. E.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at Ash on October 7th would like to place on record their appreciation of the marvellous tea they had after the peal, provided by Mr. E. Sherwood and arranged by Mrs. S. Russell.

#### HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The October contest and meeting of the Halifax Association was held at Longwood, near Huddersfield, on October 7th. Four teams entered and the placings by the judge. Mr. T. W. Hilton, were Friezland, 20 faults, penalties 10, total 30; Meltham, 39 faults, penalties nil, total 39; Barnsley, 39 faults, penalties 10, total 49; Shelley, 54 faults, rang out.

Votes of thanks were passed to Vicar, judge, local company and W.V.S., who provided cups of tea. A collection on behalf of the W.V.S. realised 12s. 6d.

For the spring meeting, at which there will not be a contest, the secretary was instructed to write for Cawthorne bells.

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

##### Striking Competition

The third annual striking competition was held at Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, on October 7th, when about 50 members attended. Six teams took part from towers within the Association. Mr. P. Staniforth, president of Leicester Diocesan Guild, was the judge. In his comments after tea Mr. Staniforth stated that ringing had greatly improved since last year. The winning team was Alvaston 'A.' Only ten points divided the first three teams.

##### ANNUAL OUTING

About 40 members of the Association enjoyed the annual outing, which took place on September 23rd, in and around Worcester.

Towers visited were St. John's, Worcester, Powick, where a band was asked to ring for a wedding as local ringers were on their outing, and Madresfield, where Mr. A. Whiting made himself very popular with a box of apples, kindly given by the Vicar. The last tower visited was Leigh. Some very good ringing was accomplished. Tea was taken in Worcester, and members finished the day off by calling at Ashby Wakes.

R. S. B.

#### 'RESERVED FOR MISS LEWIS'

Notoriety came to Miss Lewis, of Kingston, who organised an outing to the Isle of Wight on October 14th. The words 'Reserved for Miss Lewis' labelled the Portsmouth express at Waterloo and this attracted a happy band of ringers, including those from Wimbledon and Putney.

After an uneventful crossing two cars were waiting at Ryde and in these the island was toured. The sequence was Ryde (8), Brading (8), Whitwell (6), Niton (5), Chale (6), Showell (5), Brighstone (6), Freshwater (6) and Carisbrooke (8). A big disappointment was met at Newport, where the key to the tower could not be found. With heavy hearts the picture village of Godshill was reached and the six here produced the best ringing of the day.

The last tower was at Arreton (a discordant six, though the 'go' is good).

For some the climax came when we crossed to the mainland again—this time in the dark. Within half an hour we were all safely landed and once more were greeted with 'Reserved for Miss Lewis'—this time in the rear of the train.

To those who made the outing possible we extend our grateful thanks. A. C.

#### Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, Ringers' Outing

A half-day's trip into Norfolk by Stonham Aspal and district ringers started with an hour's ringing on the light eight at Saxlingham, followed by the odd-struck ring at St. Giles', Norwich, where some good ringing also took place.

All did justice to a bountiful tea at Yarmouth, before going to St. Nicholas' Church. Rounds on 12 for beginners and Treble Bob were rung, and on the back eight Cambridge. Superlative and Stedman—all very enjoyable.

A social hour was spent at 'The Wrestler' (of Nelson fame). Songs and harvest hymns were sung by the Stonham choir, all joining in. Many thanks to Bill Button, for a well-scheduled programme, and to incumbents and all who met us. L. G. B.



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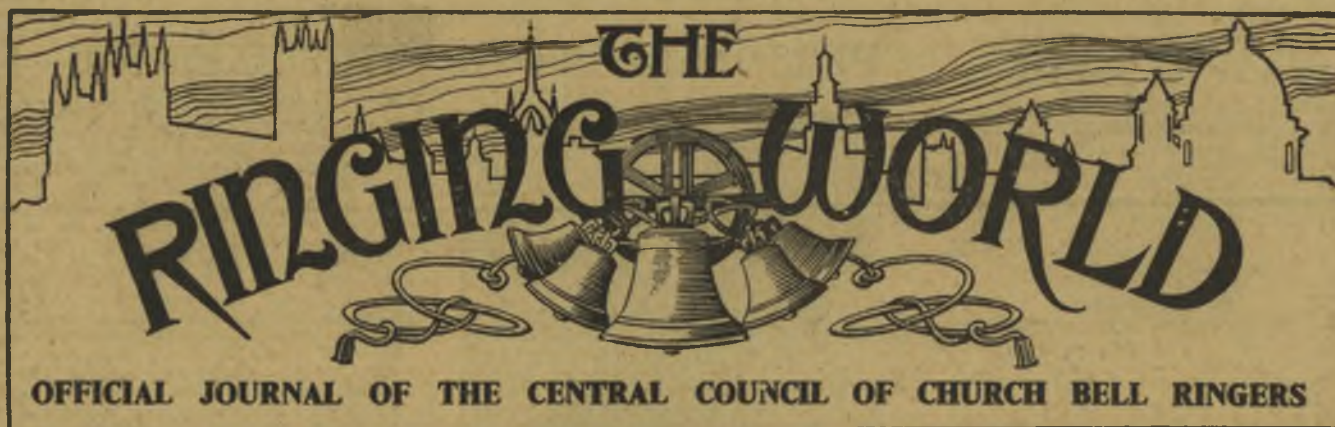
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## RINGING FOR GUY

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

THE church bells of England were in the past, even more than today, used to mark all sorts of national, ecclesiastical and local events. They were used as 'time-tellers' to rural England, as well as the conveyors of all the news both grave and gay, at times when trains, newspapers, telephones and wireless were unknown. Perhaps no more picturesque usage was that of the regular annual commemorating of 'Guy Fawkes' Days.'

The plot to blow up Parliament was designed to be carried out on the assembling day in February, 1605. The meeting was adjourned until October and finally until November 5th. The conspirators procured an adjoining house which gave access to the chambers under the Parliament House, where gunpowder was stored, while the actual execution of the plot was entrusted to Fawkes. As we know, the news of the plot unexpectedly leaked out, and Fawkes was found and seized after a desperate resistance. The rest of the conspirators fled, but were hunted down and either captured or slain.

The discovery of Gunpowder Plot, as it was called, was ordered to be commemorated by Parliament the following year. This was done by general rejoicings and huge bonfires lit all over England. Dummies representing 'Guy' were burnt, and the church bells were rung. Many quaint accounts for payment to the ringers can be found in various churchwardens' registers. The earliest notice is at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, dated 1605, and is, of course, a reference to the rejoicing which followed immediately on the realisation of Parliament's escape.

It states:—

'1605. Paid to the ringers for ringing at the time when the Parliament should have been blown up . . . 10s.'

An early reference is at St. John-the-Baptist's, Stamford, thus:—

'1608/9. Itm. Paid for Rynging the Vth of November . . . Vjd.'

and at the neighbouring village of Leverton, Lincs:—

'1610. Itm. pd. for bread and drinke for the ringers the fife of November . . . ijs. ijd.'

At Harlington, Middlesex, there is half-an-acre of land now called 'Pork Acre,' which was originally given to the Church to secure perpetual ringing on November 5th by providing a leg of pork for the ringers on that day. At Bridgnorth, Shropshire, the Chamberlain's accounts show:

'For candles spent by ringers upon the 5th of November 1643, ringing all night in commemoracion of

the great deliverance from Gunpowder treason . . . 5d.'

To Hugh Farr for ringinge at the Castle church that day and night . . . 5s.

To William Pulley for ringers at the high church in this town the same time . . . 20s.'

At Chelton, in the same county, in 1648 is recorded:—

'For ringing the 5 of November by the consent of divers parishioners of good credit . . . 9s.'

The following song was used in some parts of England, particularly in the north:—

'Hollo boys, hollo boys,  
Let the bells ring;  
Hollo boys, hollo boys,  
God save the King. . . , etc.

At Lincoln they rang not only the bells, but had their favourite sport of bull-baiting, which commenced on the Castle Hill, where the bull was rung at 11 o'clock. Peals are still rung on this anniversary at many places, though the custom is dying out. Sometimes the bells are 'fired' or clashed together simultaneously, and this is described as 'shooting old Guy.' There is a bell at Owmbly, Lincs, inscribed:—

LET US REMEMBER THE 5 OF NOVEMBER.

With grotesque masks and the like the children love to dress up dummies, parading through the streets begging for coppers, and crying: 'Please remember the Guy.' In the evening they have bonfires and the Guy is burnt amid the cracks and bangs of multitudes of fireworks.

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## AN ATTEMPT FOR THE EXTENT OF BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir.—I give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, an attempt will be made to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Saturday, November 18th, beginning at 5.30 a.m. The composition is appended.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

### THE COMPOSITION

By J. A. Trollope.

#### 40.320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	5	M	H	23456
—	3	—	—	64235
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—	3	—	—	56234
—	3	—	—	23564
—	3	—	—	52364
—	3	—	—	35264
S	3	—	—	26534
—	3	—	—	52634
—	3	—	—	46235
—	3	—	—	34265

Eleven times repeated. Single halfway and end.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Chertsey District meeting on October 21st at East Molesey, it was only possible to use seven bells as the treble was out of order. The ringing was mostly Minor and Doubles, although some Triples, without a tenor behind, was successfully accomplished. The service was taken by the Vicar of Chertsey, the Rev. G. S. Archibald.

The tea, at 'The Bell,' attended by 35 people, was kindly paid for by East Molesey church. At the business meeting Mr. J. King reported that it would be possible to hold a social, with supper, on December 9th, although he had not yet found an entertainment. In connection with this the nomination meeting at Walton would now be on December 2nd.

The proposed amalgamation with the Surrey Association was discussed, many points being raised. It was stressed that everyone should attend the special general meeting(s) called to vote on this, or otherwise be prepared to accept the decision taken. Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of Chertsey (himself a ringer), particularly for his inspiring address, and to the organist.

Ringing in the evening included Killamarsh Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court Minor. C. M. P.

## UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The Michaelmas term meeting was held on October 21st at Talgarth and Llanfeigan and was attended by representatives from Aberystwyth, Swansea and Lampeter, as well as a number of other friends.

The service, held at Talgarth, was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. T. James, and the lessons were read by the Rev. I. J. Richards and Mr. David Beard (Aberystwyth).

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the ladies of Talgarth, to whom we are most grateful, and was followed by a business meeting. It was decided that in future notices of meetings should be inserted in 'The Ringing World' and one notice sent to each college. The following college secretaries were appointed: B. Couzens (Swansea). M. Holt (Lampeter). C. A. Lewis (Aberystwyth). The following new members were admitted: Miss J. Williamson (Aberystwyth) and Messrs. J. Armitage, B. Huggett, A. W. Brooksbank and T. Lewis (St. David's College, Lampeter).

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury to Cambridge and London, a total of ten or more being scored.

The Society's thanks are accorded to the Rev. T. James, for taking the service, and the Rev. I. J. Richards, for presiding at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Cardiff, during Rag Week, when it is hoped that Mr. Trevor Lewis will organise the two days. C. A. L.

# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—44



MR. C. EDWARD JEFFRIES,

The Bedfordshire Association.

A leading ringer and conductor in the Bedfordshire Association since the war, Mr. C. Edward Jeffries, of Bromham, near Bedford, is a very lively and likeable personality, with a delightful sense of humour. Half-an-hour in his company is a real tonic, three hours is an education, and he is very popular with all his friends.

Eddy, as he is affectionately known, was born in Edmonton, Middlesex, on April 16th, 1914. His parents moved to Bedfordshire, and he was educated at Blunham and Sandy village schools, leaving at 13, as he says, 'having learnt nothing!' However, he has since proved himself to be an astute business man in the grocery trade. He has recently built up a successful business of his own, which turned out very profitably, and he is now manager of a local Co-operative Stores.

Eddy was taught to ring at Tempsford by Charles Ball in 1933. His first peal was Bob Minor at Maulden on April 22nd, 1936, after many attempts, and was conducted by one who was a life-long friend, C. Henry Harding, until his untimely death in 1957. He soon started conducting, and called his first peal at Westoning on December 8th, 1936, with three Minor methods. It is in this branch of the art in which he has shown extraordinary skill, and he has developed an amazing ability for correctly steering a peal—in a variety of methods—to a successful conclusion. For business reasons Saturday meetings and peal attempts have been generally impossible, yet in spite of this, he has rung 340 peals, of which he has conducted 170.

### PEALS AT WILLESDEN

Very wisely, probably because his Association has always fostered good six bell ringing, Eddy had a thorough grounding in Minor methods, and did not ring a peal of Surprise Major until November 9th, 1947, when he rang Yorkshire Major at Dorchester, Oxon, conducted by Walter F. Judge. This set the ball rolling, and it was not long before he was invited to ring with the talented company who ring regular peals at Willesden. He is very proud of having known, and rung peals with, such well known ringers as Charles W. Roberts, Harold G. Cashmore and Alick Cutler. He has rung peals in 44 different Surprise Major methods, including such 'brain-teasers' as Glasgow, Kensington, Benington and Banstead.

Many of the peals he has conducted for the Bedfordshire Association have been the 'first in the method,' and he is one of the select few resident members who have called both London and Bristol for the Association. He is proud of his first peal of London as conductor at Husborne Crawley on April 21st, 1949. This was the first to be rung in the county by a resident band for over 20 years, when the first resident peals were scored by the Luton and Woburn bands. In fact he has called several peals of London in the county, which were mainly due to his energy and ability in coaching a band.

### TOURING WITH TOM LOCK

Eddy has had a long and fruitful association with Maulden, Beds, a popular tower for peal ringing. He conducted the 100th peal on the bells, and has called no fewer than 50 peals on this handy ring, this number being achieved on July 20th, 1960. He is very pleased to remember the happy days spent from time to time with Tom Lock's touring party, with whom he rang and conducted many peals, especially the seven peals of Aldenham which he called. He wonders, ruefully, if this is a record! Another memorable event 'on tour,' which he recalls with pleasure, is a peal on the magnificent bells at Chewton Mendip, Somerset. Eddy has achieved success in odd-bell ringing, as well as Surprise Minor and Major. He has called Holt's Original and Parker's One-Part Grandsire Triples, notable performances which are becoming increasingly rarer. He has taught quite a number of ringers, but thinks he has offended just as many! At present he is teaching a young band at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Wednesday evenings, and if there is any real talent there, Eddy will most surely develop it.

Eddy's other hobbies and interests are a study of astronomy, a liking for serious music and indulging his creative ability by occasional bouts with a Meccano set! By his brilliant conducting, not too serious attitude, yet mingled with complete confidence, he has earned himself a high place amongst the country's leading ringers of the post-war revival. APACE.

### MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The 14th annual gathering to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington on October 21st.

A peal attempt at Yatton on the Friday evening was lost after an hour and half's ringing, but on Saturday Stedman Caters was rung successfully at Wrington.

Mrs. Hesse afterwards entertained the party to tea, and thanked those taking part. Mr. H. Sanger, in his vote of thanks on behalf of the company, recalled the services rendered to ringing by Major Hesse, which it was so fitting to commemorate in this way each year.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Messrs. R. G. Beck, J. Brain, J. Chilcott, E. J. Chivers, L. Derrick, C. E. Lewington, G. Prescott, G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger, S. G. Smith and W. H. Kingcott. J. B.

### DEDICATION

#### ST. MARY'S, CARDIGAN

The county of Cardiganshire has now its second ring of bells with the dedication on September 9th of three recast bells and the opening of the restored ring at St. Mary's Church, Cardigan. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of St. David's.

In his sermon the Bishop said the bells were a challenge to the church, to see that they were put to proper use. There were church towers with bells but no ringers and there could be no chimes unless there were people prepared to give their time and service as bellringers.

The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe, president of the Central Council, and the dedication was followed by the ringing of a course of Stedman Doubles by Messrs. Gwyn Thomas (Tenby, Master) 1. E. H. Thomas (Llanelli, secretary) 2. R. Warburton (Goodchurch, Ringing Master) 3. W. A. Hughes (bell founder) 4. F. Sharpe (Launton) 5. Major R. Pateman (Cardigan) 6.

The recasting of the three bells and the provision of a new frame of Burmese hardwood, with new bell gear, had been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This was only part of a £3,000 scheme, which included the provision of a new heating system.

Members of St. David's Guild rang the bells at the conclusion of the service.

On the Sunday a thanksgiving service was held and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Ernest Jones), in his sermon, had a special word of thanks for Mr. F. Sharpe, for his great help in the bell restoration scheme.



## PETERBOROUGH GUILD HOLD THEIR FIRST DINNER

THE Peterborough Guild rallied in a splendid fashion to support the dinner-dance of the Guild, held at Northampton Town Hall on October 21st. More than 135 ringers and friends were present and an excellent meal was followed by speeches, in which interest never flagged. Afterwards, dancing was greatly enjoyed by the young people present.

Canon G. F. Turner, the president, was in the chair, and with him were Mrs. Turner, the Ven. R. C. O. Goodchild and Mrs. Goodchild, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, Mr. P. J. Chapman (Master) and Mr. Burley P. Morris (former Master) and Mrs. Morris.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he was thinking in particular of their part of it—the Church of England, to which they all belonged and whose bells they were privileged to ring.

The art of bellringing had its beginnings at a time when relationships between Church and people were in a very poor shape, and in the main their art developed apart from the Church, until the last quarter of the last century. The Church then began to take an interest in its ringers and the ringers to draw closer to the Church.

### UNION COMPLETE

'We like to think,' said Mr. Chapman, 'that since those early days the union has been completed and that the Church looks upon its bells and ringers as an essential part of its life. But does it? How many of the new church buildings have made provision for bells? Very few, indeed! Is it too late to persuade the diocese that something should be done at Corby, for instance? Or shall we have there something akin to the sham bell mechanism which was installed in the new Parish Church at Stevenage recently? I am confident we shall not, and that those in authority in this diocese will reject any such deceptive substitutes as unworthy of a place in God's house.'

'It must be fairly obvious to everyone that things are changing in the Church, and that the pattern of worship so long established and familiar is giving way to new concepts. The emphasis now is on the family of the Church, and it is essential that we as ringers play our full part in the family life as real members of the family. Then, I feel sure, we will have gone far towards solving the problems of recruiting which have existed for so long. There is a slogan "The family which prays together stays together" and this applies very much to the team of ringers.'

The Archdeacon of Northampton, who replied to the toast, said he supposed bellringing was one of the things that the Church took very much for granted. Despite what people did England still possessed her bells. Henry VIII was said to have sold 100,000 lbs. of bell metal to a certain John Claw and Oliver Cromwell took possession of all the bells he could find to make cannons.

### SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

'We must never forget,' continued the Archdeacon, 'the tremendous service you do for the Church in a quiet way, for you let the bells speak for themselves. The bells speak, apart from the services of the church, at the great moments in people's lives.'

In the Middle Ages the bells spoke for the activities of man. There was the plough bell, the reaping bell, and when people used to cook their bread in the lord of the manor's oven, a bell was rung to say that the oven was hot. This contact with the daily life of the people was still reflected and he hoped they would hang on to the areas where they had a stronghold and continue to do this work for the Church, and treat this work as a real vocation. It was really a sacramental act and

not a pastime. He also hoped they would all be missionaries, particularly among young people, for bellringing.

The Archdeacon said he had been in the United States for 2½ months and bells were one of the things he missed. They had these 'ersatz' bells, which was not ringing. He hoped they would be helped in the stewardship campaigns in the diocese, because it was one of the ways people could give service to God.

### BELLS IN THE MODERN CHURCH

Mr. Frederick Sharpe proposed the toast of 'The Peterborough Diocesan Guild.' He said on the question of bells in new churches, one member of their Guild, who was an architect, was preparing an article which was to be published in the architectural press relating to the subject. It was possible to put a small ring of bells in these modern towers. The draft of the article was complete and they were going to have a committee meeting on it. The architect was Mr. Brian Austin.

He would like to congratulate the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on many things—on their progress and on their enterprise in holding that dinner-dance, which he hoped would be repeated annually and go on for many years. Another example was the excellent course they rang at Knuston Hall, which was very enjoyable.

Reading their report he noted that it had been an exceptional year for peals and he noticed that Sunday ringing had been maintained, although there were still one or two bad spots. The good record of Sunday ringing was due to the good work of the Diocesan Guilds. If one searched the county bell histories, written about 1880, they would find it was exceptional to ring bells for Sunday services. They were rung at festivals and on special occasions, but rarely rung for Sundays. He found that the average then was 3 or 3½ per cent. The survey told them that it had risen to 70 per cent and that was entirely due to Guilds such as theirs.

The long looked for revised book on Minor methods was in the Press. They had reached a stage when the proofs were being read for a second time. The Council was also engaged on 'The Preservation of bells, bell frames, etc., Handbook.' They would have a committee meeting on that book in a fortnight's time and they hoped to put it in the hands of the printers very shortly.

### BOOM PERIOD FOR FOUNDRIES

In regard to bell restorations the quinquennial surveys were bearing much fruit. He forecast a boom period for bell restorations. The essential things had been done to the fabric of buildings, and it meant that the P.C.C.s could now turn their attention to bells.

Another important matter was sound control. If by chance their bells were too loud they must control them and their revised booklet would deal more fully with this subject than the old.

Northamptonshire was one of the first counties where peals were rung, and they had a good change ringing tradition. They did not have it in Oxfordshire, although it existed in the city of Oxford. There were peals rung in Kettering in 1729 and in Northampton in 1739. The Peterborough Guild had sprung out of the older societies and it was better to grow by evolution and not revolution. Their healthy state was due to their Master. He was well known to them as a heavy bell ringer: he was also a churchwarden and a good churchman, and also a great teacher and in that respect he remembered David Marshall, who at the age of 15 conducted a peal of Surprise. Their secretary and treasurer was seriously ill and

he hoped they would convey to him their greeting, wishing him a speedy recovery. Their president had also done very much for the Guild and it gave him pleasure to couple his name with the toast.

### MESSAGE FROM Mr. G. W. JEFFS

Canon G. F. Turner said he went to see their secretary and treasurer (Mr. Jeffs) in the Rockingham Road Hospital, Kettering, that morning and he asked him to convey to them his love and deep regret at not being with them.

'Our Guild must be very proud to hear Mr. Sharpe speak as he did,' said the president, 'because it does show that in this diocese our Guild is really doing something. One of the first remarks passed to me from Mr. Sharpe was how very impressed he was at the number of young ringers in the diocese and it gave him very great pleasure to see so many there.'

'We in this diocese have inherited some of the most beautiful churches in this country. We shall carry on that tradition and do our part in the evangelistic work of the Church so that the Gospel news can be conveyed to the people by church bellringers.'

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Miss Shelagh R. Collins, who welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Paul L. Taylor, the Archdeacon of Northampton and Mrs. Goodchild and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Taylor, in his reply, said he was very much in agreement in having bells in new churches. The mention of the early bell founders reminded him that it was the bell founders who first made the guns.

Mr. Burley P. Morris, a past Master of the Guild and now secretary of the Derbyshire Association, proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and said that it was through their journal that ringers throughout the Commonwealth had been united in one family. He impressed upon the company the importance of getting more readers, especially postal subscribers.

The Editor, in his reply, mentioned that it had been a very good quarter for new postal subscribers. He hoped the generosity of the Editorial Committee in meeting the increased postal rates and not passing it on to subscribers would be appreciated by a great influx of more readers.

At the conclusion of the speeches the chairman thanked Mr. Eric Billings, for making arrangements for the gathering. The evening concluded with dancing to music by Leon Marcel and his Rhythm, with Mr. B. E. Frost, Ringing Master of the Northampton Branch, as M.C.

### LITTLE MISSENDEN RINGERS

Little Missenden owes much to its lady ringers and they were warmly praised by the tower foreman, Mr. S. J. Orchard, at the ringers' dinner held at Little Abbey Hotel recently. 'We could easily raise a ladies' team,' said Mr. Orchard. 'The girls will form the background of future ringers.'

Mr. Alan Peek, proposing 'The Church and Clergy,' said they were all privileged to work in one of the loveliest churches in the country, with a refreshing and vigorous leader, so that they could look forward to the future with confidence.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. F. C. Roberts), who replied, stated that at the future arts festivals the ringers would be asked to play a prominent part.

Speaking on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. G. Swift, foreman of Chalfont St. Peter tower, described the art of campanology as holding the bond and band of friendship to an international degree.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'METROPOLITAN SURREY'

Dear Sir,—Your editorial on the Surrey amalgamation falls into the common error which has pervaded the atmosphere of territorial Associations for far too long. It may not be commonly realised by others who do not pay county rates that there exists a County of London and that Surrey, Kent and Middlesex no longer meet at Westminster Bridge.

Your editorial states that Putney, Southwark and Sireatham would remain in Metropolitan Surrey. As an ex-officer of the London County Association, I feel that this remark must not go unchallenged. The towers mentioned are without any shadow of doubt within the boundaries of the County of London and, I would therefore submit, within the territory of the London County Association. With regard to Diocesan affiliations the London County has the subsidiary title of the North Southwark Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

### Mr. WILFRED WILLIAMS' 'BOOZING' TOUR

Dear Sir,—Every week I look forward to reading my copy of 'The Ringing World,' but when I read the rubbishy write up of Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal tour of the West Country, I began to wonder whether it was a peal tour or a pub crawl.

I'm quite sure most ringers aren't a bit interested whether 'Peter Border knows what cider is for, some liking the "beer" in Cullompton, visiting the oldest pub in Ilfracombe, Tawstock doesn't have a pub and the "handie bar" of a nearby pub,' etc., just to mention a few references made to pubs in his write up.

So next year, Mr. Williams, let's have a write up that's about ringing and not a lot of trash about your pub crawling companions.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

### SPANNERS AND OIL CANS NEEDED

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the heading to the article 'Pershore ringers needed spanners and oil cans' should have read 'Spanners and oilcans needed in the Pershore Deanery.' The outing was, in fact, by the Droitwich and Stourbridge young ringers. It will be evident that the letter submitted by Messrs. Brookes and Millidge is therefore irrelevant, and hardly 'decent.' They may be further interested to know that the express purpose of the outing was to carry out repairs at the towers visited, with much labour and grease expended.

Pershore Abbey bells are usually rung only by visiting bands, the local hand ringing at St. Andrew's for Abbey services. It hardly seems reasonable to ask the church to buy ropes for bells which are mainly used by visitors for their own enjoyment, and it is for this reason that a fund has been opened.

May I make it clear that this letter contains my own views, and is not an official reply by the Abbey ringers.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

St. Peter's, Droitwich Spa.

### AMALGAMATION TALK IN SURREY

Dear Sir,—Members of the Surrey Association may have been surprised to learn the details of a proposal for amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild from the leading article in last week's 'Ringing World.' I regret that the writer was under a misapprehension in stating that the information had been circulated to towers in both areas.

There is no harm, of course, in making these details public providing that the membership of both Societies and the Exercise at large realise that the scheme for amalgamation is still in the exploratory stage. At the moment the most significant question is whether a practical scheme is possible which meets with approval from both memberships and safeguards both Societies' traditions and interests. The details of any one scheme, therefore, are not as important at this stage as the search for a common basis of agreement. If and when this is found, the representations of both Societies will meet to prepare a joint policy statement for simultaneous issue to both Societies.

It is proposed to arrange for the members of Surrey and Guildford to consider this statement at separate meetings and indicate their approval or disapproval of amalgamation. The details, such as District boundaries, organisation, funds and rules would be considered by a joint sub-committee and presented for approval at a later date.

The suggestion to consider a merger came originally from the Guildford Diocesan Guild and sub-committees were empowered by both Societies to examine the whole question. The discussions have been held in a most friendly atmosphere and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that the writer of the article should choose to comment on the severing of happy relationships when it has been the concern of all involved to establish and maintain them.

Neither Society finds any compelling need to amalgamate in order to survive as a unit and the pros and cons for amalgamation need quiet consideration by each member. Whilst the present confusion of diocesan and county boundaries exists, negotiations such as we are engaged in at present will require considerable tact and understanding by both parties and by the Exercise in general.—Yours sincerely,

RAYMOND PARSONS,

General Secretary,  
Surrey Association.

Lingfield, Surrey.

### PREMATURE

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 20th re the suggested amalgamation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association was unfortunately wrongly timed. The information used in this editorial was a report by the Guildford Guild Sub-Committee which met the Surrey Association Sub-Committee last February and which the members attending the A.G.M. agreed should be circulated to Guildford Guild towers and officers. The document sent to you, sir, was for your own information as a member of the Guildford Guild Executive.

It was intended to hold a further meeting of the two sub-committees after both Association Executive Committees had met, and then to issue a joint statement to the members of

both bodies simultaneously. This, your leader, has forestalled.

The relationship between the officers of both Guilds is most cordial and it is hoped that, whatever the outcome of the present discussions, this cordiality will continue. It is not yet time for individuals to ventilate their opinions in the Press. What is eventually decided must be for the betterment of the Exercise.

Both the Guildford Guild and the Surrey Association officers are alive to the many ties and loyalties that bind them to the past.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. DENYER,  
Master.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.  
S. T. A. RUSSELL,  
General Secretary.

Note.—The report sent to the Editor was not marked confidential, but contained a request 'to discuss the matter in your towers.'—Ed.

### THE LADIES AT ROCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a meeting at Rochester Cathedral, I should be most pleased if, on all future occasions, a person be placed at the foot of the tower (as at Canterbury) for the express purpose of admitting ringers. If this had been the case on a recent evening I should not have had a fruitless journey.

Also, I should like to mention that this is the first Ladies' Guild meeting, joint with the Kent County Association, I have been to, at which there was no official welcome; in fact the ladies were more or less considered a nuisance, it even being suggested that they may have been the reason why no tea was provided!! and were they not capable of holding a meeting on their own!!—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN (Mrs.).  
Canterbury, Kent.

### Mr. W. C. SHUTE

Dear Sir,—As an old pupil of the above, it gave me great pleasure to see Bill mentioned in dispatches, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' and I heartily endorse the praise accorded to him.

When learning to ring I know that I was a very dull pupil and it was only Bill's patience and enthusiasm that prevented me from giving up the struggle. Bill's attitude towards learners was well illustrated when I called (I cannot say conducted) my first quarter peal.

Having taught a new band of ringers at Buckland Newton, Bill decided that five of us, with his assistance, should ring our first quarter for Harvest Festival Evensong, 1932, and we naturally thought that he would do the conducting. With Bill on the fifth and myself on the fourth, the bells nicely tapping the opening rounds. Bill turned to me informing me that I was calling the quarter. On protesting that I could not do so, Bill said, 'Call each bell observation twice, two 120's yourself observation and call yourself to make the bob three times.' With Bill calling the few bobs when I missed and cancelling a few more which should not have been there, we got our quarter safely.

May I conclude by publicly saying a very big 'Thank you' to a grand gentleman.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.  
Knole, Langport, Somerset.

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# ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

By T. A. BEVIS

NEWPORT (we cannot bottle) and nearby, watching over the Solent, Cowes (we cannot milk)! Quite true! The market town of Newport is 'capital' of the Isle of Wight and is situated but a few miles from East and West Cowes, home of the most famous yacht club in the world.

Newport has a solid buttress in its southern flank in that impressively situated Norman castle at Carisbrooke (donkey and all) vying for prominence with the village church and, a short distance away, set amidst a profusion of red-bricked shops and dwellings, rises a finely proportioned tower, attached to a church dedicated to St. Thomas.

The writer had the good fortune to meet Mr. Upton, who, although no youngster, continues to work in a leather shop opposite the church. This upright gentleman—a highly respected member of the old school of bellringers—volunteered information that approximately 100 years ago the mediæval fane was demolished by an over-enthusiastic Vicar, who deemed that the mellowed beauty of the original building was not at all in keeping with the regal dignity of Queen Victoria—who was a frequent visitor to Newport. Thus grew the new church.

The little body of King Charles II's daughter rests before the altar, the site marked by a brass. A magnificent model of the church can be seen in the aisle and by inserting sixpence in the meter, bells can be heard ringing to a system of changes.

Until 1809 St. Thomas' Church possessed a ring of six bells. A year or two before that date a desire was expressed to augment that number to eight, and on April 19th, 1808, a meeting of inhabitants of the borough of Newport at the Vestry proposed and met with unanimous consent to erect two treble bells in the tower, and recast the third and fifth.

The church possesses an interesting list of subscribers—people of all ages, crafts and professions—and donations altogether totalled £145 16s. 7d. One ringer, William Rayner, himself had saved ¼d. a day for 22 years, and at long last had the satisfaction of seeing his name numbered with his enthusiastic and benevolent townsfolk, having patiently amassed throughout those long and hopeful years the sum of £16 14s. 7d.

Would that a little of his enthusiasm be evidenced in these grasping, carefree and tumultuous times. Eight Newport ringers donated 8 guineas towards the funds.

February 14th, 1809, was a great day for Newport. The new octave rang out for the first time, change upon change, interwoven in the melody of Grandsire Triples. Capably handled by the Union of Newport Youths, the bells successfully completed a ten-course peal, composed by J. Holt, in two hours and fifty-seven minutes.

The bells have required very little attention in recent years (Warners rehanging them in 1916); nevertheless they 'go' quite well. Distraction is caused, however, by noisy ropes, these forming a very good circle in a comfortable and spacious chamber mid-way in the tower.

Four of the bells are inscribed with unusual and somewhat lengthy verses:

Treble.—

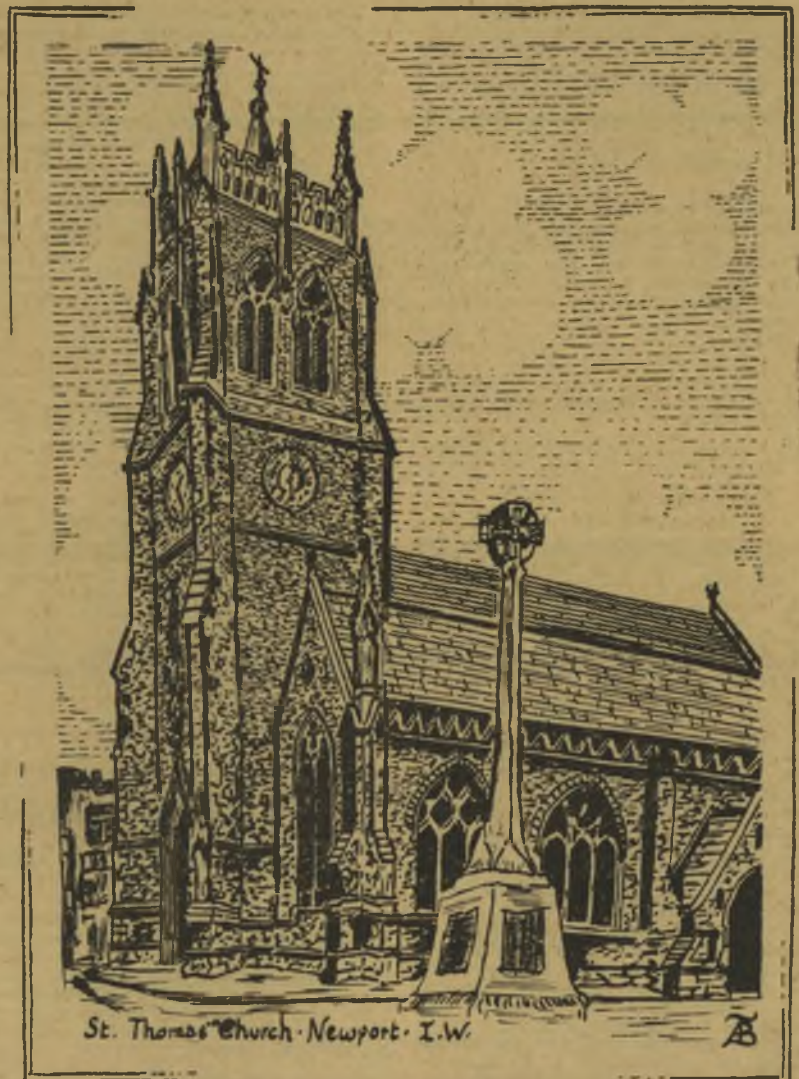
'In sweetest sound let each its note reveal;  
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal;  
When female virtue weds with manly worth,  
We catch the rapture, and we spread it forth.'

Second.—

'The public rais'd us with a liberal hand;  
We come with harmony to cheer the land;  
May each subscriber in these numbers live,  
And Unions ever feel those joys they give!'

Third.—

'May George long reign who now the sceptre  
And British valour ever rule the seas;  
Does battle wage? Do sanguine foes contend?  
We hail the victor—if he's Britain's friend.'



Fifth.—

'May England's cost the pride of Commerce see,  
And Britain's pride be always to be free!  
May Peace return to bless Britannia's shores,  
And Faction fall, to raise her head no more!'

The remaining bells do not possess inscriptions of particular interest, but are worth noting for their date of casting: Fourth and sixth, 1674; seventh and tenor (13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.). 1675.

## RECORDS IN COPPERPLATE

The ringers are in possession of two or three beautifully produced record books, and entries are delicately written in copperplate. They date from January 30th, 1771, and therein are contained all activities which took place in the tower, from 'The Peal of Plain Bobb' to peals by married men and peals by bachelors.

Various peals have been rung at St. Thomas' Church, and among these the most creditable effort would appear to be an extent of Stedman Triples, on May 10th, 1928—the first and, as yet, only peal in that principle by a resident company of ringers on the Isle of Wight. The same team also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on June 3rd, 1930, in honour of King George V's 65th birthday.

On February 13th, 1936, an extent of Grandsire Triples materialised under the auspices of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild to commemorate 50 years' service by Walter Scott, a Newport ringer. At that time he had rung the bells for 52 Mayors.

Also recorded in the ringing chamber are two peals, on May 22nd and May 23rd, 1923, at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke. They were of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, respectively, both being rung in the evening of each day and 'were brought round in a masterly manner to commemorate the centenary of the death of William Rayner, a prominent ringer of Newport.'

Many good Newport men have trodden the steps in St. Thomas' tower; most have left a beneficial influence, but none, I feel, were more zealous and devoted to their church than that gentleman of yesteryear who accumulated halfpennies for augmentation funds, and who had earlier presented a handsome Record Book to his campanological companions, with whom he had obviously enjoyed so much of his time.

William Rayner had engraved upon his gift these very appropriate words:

'THE ART IS GREAT—THE MUSIC SWEET.'

FOOTNOTE.—The writer desires to thank the ringers of All Saints' Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and regrets his brief stay did not enable him to take notes of the impressive church and equally impressive bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Oct. 18th, 1,206 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Jones 1, S. V. Edwards 2, C. F. M. Wedgewood (first quarter) 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. J. Smith 6.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT GOOLE

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place at Goole on September 23rd, being attended by over 80 members and friends representing all the four Districts. Following the statutory meeting of the committee an enjoyable service took place, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. P. Adkin, at which the address was given by the Assistant Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. G. V. Gerard).

Following an excellent tea in the Parish Rooms the business meeting was held, when the chair was taken by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris) and the honorary treasurer (Mr. V. Bottomley).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss D. M. Killingley, and Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, B. Sutton, F. A. Slaveley, W. E. Critchley, H. Chant, F. Hodgson, A. E. Marsh and A. Bashforth.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and a similar vote of thanks to the local company and all who had contributed so much to the success of the meeting was proposed by Miss M. E. Wilkinson, and seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock.

In reply, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome so large a gathering, and to see so many young people present. Rather than be thanked, he thought it more appropriate to say thank you for coming to Goole, in the hope that the next visit would not be so long delayed.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor responded for the local company, and in a charming speech said what great pleasure it had been to entertain members of the Association in their tower after so many years.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. H. Foster, it was unanimously agreed to endeavour to arrange the next meeting, due to be held on January 20th, at Leeds.

The president reported that the committee had considered an application for a grant from the Bell Repair Fund from Sprotborough, where it was proposed to restore the six bells, and to add two more to complete the octave. It had been decided to make a grant of £5. The committee had also considered the existing rule, which fixed £5 as a maximum, and on behalf of the committee the president gave notice of motion to amend the maximum figure to £10. This will come before the next general meeting for discussion and settlement.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Blessington was selected for the summer meeting of the Eastern District on September 23rd. It was over two years since the bells had been rung and the ropes were in a poor condition.

There was evidence of hard work by the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Despard, who personally repaired the wheels of the bells by replacing broken rims with new timber. He also had three broken crown staples replaced with forged staples, which were bolted through the crowns of the bells concerned.

The local people showed great interest. In fact some of the them were given instruction in ringing and before the day's proceedings concluded were actually ringing rounds with the visitors. It was also a pleasure to see the Rector ringing.

The bells could not be rung for long spells, owing to the difficulty with the tenor—even with two men on the rope, particularly Paddy Mills and Michael Dwyer, who seemed to enjoy it. Nevertheless, some good call changes and plain hunting were rung.

After tea, the Drogheda 'Dukes' box, as it was called, rang 120's of Grandsire Doubles on Fred Dukes' additional handbells—tenor size 18 in G, which brought the schoolhouse down.

Good wishes were extended to Mrs. Dukes for her forthcoming operation, and to Mr. McManus on his retirement.

The secretary reported that arrangements were well advanced concerning the Snowdon dinner, but following a visit to Ilkley he was sorry to find that the plaque underneath the Jasper Snowdon memorial window had deteriorated considerably. The opinion of a professional sign writer had been obtained through the good offices of Mr. W. Barton, when it was found that restoration was a much more involved problem than anticipated.

Mr. G. Benfield complimented the secretary on his write-up of Jasper Snowdon and the Yorkshire Association, and added that he thought the Association should do something about restoring the plaques commemorating both Jasper Snowdon and his brother, William Snowdon. This was supported by Mr. W. Barton and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. F. Jackson, Mr. Brian Entwistle (Queensbury) was elected a member, and the following as out-county members: Christine Townsend (Stalybridge), F. John Nelson (Manchester), Derek Marshall and Frederick Shallcross (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Ivor Jenkins (Poynton, Cheshire).

The president reported that an appeal to the Charities Branch of the Inland Revenue authorities in respect of the liability to tax on the interest of investments had not been upheld. Mr. N. Chaddock announced that a further course in bellringing had been arranged at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, on April 27th-29th.

Mr. H. Walker reported the death, at the age of 87 years, of Mr. T. W. Robbins, of Escrick, a member of the Association since 1894.

This concluded the business, and further ringing was enjoyed.

## 30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 30th, 1931.—

Exactly a hundred years ago next Sunday a peal of 6.160 Double Norwich Major (the longest in the method up to that time) was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

One hundred and twenty years ago today the first double-handed handbell peal was rung. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield.

Next Thursday is the 110th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 27th, 1911.—

A remarkable performance, unique in the annals of ringing, was accomplished at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 21st, when eight brothers Bailey rang a peal of Bob Major. There are eleven boys in this wonderful family, but it is no less extraordinary that so many of them should have taken up the art. They are excellent ringers and strikers, and we may expect to see further Bailey peals before long. In the peal of Bob Major the treble was rung by Allan, the youngest of the brothers, and the rest stood in the order of their ages. Edgar, the eldest, ringing the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt. The peal was attempted the previous week, but was lost after more than an hour's ringing.

Further interest attaches to the performance last Saturday, as it was the 27th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and the peal brought the total number rung in the tower to exactly 100. Ringers generally will join in the congratulations already extended to the eight brothers by the residents of Leiston, who are very proud of their bellringers.

(The band was Allan, Frederick, Leonard, James, Norman, Ernest, Charles and Edgar.)

## Chester Diocesan Guild at Dinner

### Recording Of Bells For Guild Library

THE annual dinner was overshadowed by the sudden illness of the general secretary (Mr. H. O. Baker), who it was reported was now happily much improved and hoped to be home very soon. The arrangements were taken over by the Master and the event proved as attractive as ever, some 100 members and friends being present.

The guest of honour was the Rev. H. W. Lewis, Rector of Daresbury, and the suggestion was made that, as his church had a close association with Lewis Carroll, he was appointed because of his name. For the uninformed in Daresbury Church there is a very beautiful stained glass window, which contains representations of the characters in 'Alice in Wonderland.'

In his speech the Rector asked his hearers to remember that the clergy were human beings. He besprinkled his remarks very liberally with stories and anecdotes which tended to prove this statement and that very often they were able to laugh really heartily at themselves. Another of his remarks, which might be pondered, was that without the church there would be no bells for us to ring. He mentioned the change in status of the parson and asked was it right for the clergy to be blamed for the empty churches? He gave some idea of the difficulties of parish life and said how necessary it was for a parson to have a sense of humour. It just was not true that they were gloomy people.

The Master in his remarks made reference to the illness of Mr. Baker, general secretary, and said how glad everyone was that he was improving and asked Mrs. Baker, who was present, to convey the gathering's good wishes to him. He dwelt on the affairs of the Guild during the past year and the annual festival at Macclesfield.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY

He suggested that recordings might be made of the bells of the diocese and kept in the Guild library. Next year we should reach the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guild

and arrangements had been made to hold a service in the Cathedral on November 17th, 1962, at which the Lord Bishop would preach. He hoped that there would be a good number present and referred to the founder, Archdeacon Barber, who ruled his clergy with a rod of iron; many clergymen attended the inaugural meeting because they received an instruction from the Archdeacon to do so.

The Master mentioned that the late general secretary, Rev. John Kingdon, was in hospital and he was asked to write to him conveying the Guild's regards and good wishes for his recovery.

Mr. R. C. H. Sibley ably proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and remarked that it always seems to come at the end of the list and he considered it should be very much higher. He was a little puzzled by the toast as ladies are an integral part of the Guild and take their full part in its activities. He divided the ladies into three categories: clergymen's wives, who allow their husbands to take Guild services on Saturday afternoon, when they might be more usefully occupied in taking their wives shopping; Guild officials' wives, who had to put up with their absence from home on Guild business; and the ladies who take part in the work of the towers and were the mainstay of many towers. There were also the ladies outside the Guild who were, however, usually members of other church organisations and who were so often called upon to provide tea for the ringers.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock replied to the toast, and in her remarks said that it seemed to her that ringing was the only activity in which there was no separate standard for ladies so that women were not completely emancipated. As a ringer herself she must not forget the long suffering ringers' wives and such an evening was an opportunity for them to share in their husbands' activities.

During the course of the evening there was a programme of songs, humorous items and handbell ringing under the direction of Mr. A. J. Martin. E. H. L.

Congratulations to the ladies of the Towsester Branch on ringing their first quarter. A peal cannot be very far distant!



## Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

### Alliston Cup Striking Competition

Following earlier elimination contests, one Sunday service band from each of six of the Guild's eight Districts met at New Alresford on October 14th, to compete for the handsome trophy which Mr. A. W. Alliston, of All Hallows', Whitchurch, has kindly presented to the Guild for annual competition.

The adjudicator, Mr. Frank Darby, of Croydon, and his marker, Norman Hayes, of North Stoneham, were already sequestered in their listening post when the captains drew for order. As three of the competitors were to ring Doubles and the other three Triples, there was much speculation as to what complicated equipment would be used to balance the score. Someone suggested that Harold Chant and the Professor might be somewhere around with their formula for a 'Compass Factor.'

The first victims were sent up to the ringing chamber, to be confronted by none less than Charlie Kippin, who assured them his job was only to see that they played fair. (His restraint from commenting on the ringing, whilst in progress, was appreciated by all.)

In due course a few rounds issued forth, then a stop to make adjustments to ropes, and then the 'Test':

Six whole pulls, the touch of Grandsire, six whole pulls and stand, followed by a gradual return of pulse rates to normal. The other five bands followed in turn: the Doubles bands rang 240's and the Triples 238's, their opponents sitting or walking in the sunshine, listening, criticising, hopeful or just resigned.

By about 4 p.m. the agony was ended and everyone suddenly became interested in tea. This had been prepared in a nearby hall, by some of the Competition Committee and some local ringers.

After tea came the presentation. Mr. Alliston formally handed the cup to Roger

Savory, the Guild general secretary, expressing the hope that keen contests and a high standard of striking throughout the Guild would follow.

Opening his review of the afternoon's performance, Mr. Darby recalled Harold Chant's formula for the ideal adjudicator—'such a paragon of virtues that he probably does not exist'—apologised for his own shortcomings and then proceeded to pronounce judgment, and to give some constructive criticism of each band's ringing.

The winning District, after allowing for the 'Compass Factor,' was Southampton, represented by the Bishopstoke band, who had rung Triples in such fine style that nobody doubted the result. (Note.—It was reported in the 'R.W.' page 662, that St. Michael's, Southampton, won the eliminating round: they did, but subsequently withdrew, leaving Bishopstoke to represent the District.) Following closely were Basingstoke District (Overton band) and Andover District (Andover band), both of whom entered Doubles. The other Doubles band, Petersfield, made fourth place, and the Triples bands from Winchester and Fareham were in 5/6.

The applause which followed Mr. Darby's observations was a tribute as much to his good judgment as to his wit.

Mrs. Kippin was then called upon to present the cup, which she was specially proud to do, seeing that it was coming to her District. Most of the company then returned to the tower, where, later on, we had the pleasure of watching Mr. Darby call a touch of four Spliced Surprise Major with such calm assurance that any pin-pricks he may have inflicted were forgiven.

Somebody managed to make a recording of some of the ringing, including part of the winning touch, which we hope will survive to compare with future efforts.

W. O. H.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN

The attendance (only 19 for tea) was disappointing at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District held at Lyng on October 14th. Had the juke box, the music of which accompanied the tea, been advertised, it would certainly have drawn the crowd. Nevertheless, the ringing on the five bells was enjoyed.

Mr. F. N. Golden, the president, who was in the chair for the business meeting, thanked the Rector of Elsing, the Rev. H. G. Keet, for conducting the service and his interesting address.

Belfry elections of the following were ratified: Messrs. R. R. Savory, R. C. Kippin, D. Kippin, S. Parkman Shaw III (U.S.A.), T. Chapman, J. Hill, J. E. Chilcott, B. F. L. Groves, Basil Jones, B. Harris, F. E. Wilshaw, F. Shallcross, A. P. Whitehead, R. B. Smith, D. Mottershead, Miss A. Cox, Mrs. J. Lock and Mrs. T. Chapman. Elected ringing members were Mr. and Mrs. Quincery (Reepham) and Mr. K. Duesbury (Sprowston), and as honorary members the Revs. W. B. H. Chandler and H. G. Keet.

Members were sorry to learn that Mrs. Curson was in hospital.

Annual Branch meeting: Hethersett, January 6th (subject to permission).

### THE LADIES' GUILD

The last two meetings of the Sussex District were held at Cuckfield in July and Westham in September. We were sorry that there was not a good attendance at Cuckfield, especially as our president, Mrs. J. Staniforth, had travelled from Leicester to be with us. However, we were very pleased to meet her, and we hope she enjoyed her visit. The informal meeting was taken in the pleasant gardens of Ockenden Manor, after a 'Sussex tea.'

At Westham, the rather heavy going bells were rung until tea time by the few ladies present, helped by the gentleman! Several young members were elected. In the evening we rang at Christ Church, Eastbourne.

S. B.

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The College Youths' peal at Northowram, Yorks, was rung by a band of Masonic brethren. A splendid tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Sutcliffe assisted by Mrs. Hartley, the wife of a Halifax ringer. The band was assembled from a wide radius and the evening was spent pleasantly reminiscing.

Miss Margaret Ladd, from Tunbridge Wells, was welcomed at Kilbroney tower, Rostrevor, during her summer holiday.

Mr. Leonard Collins, foreman of the Stoke Mandeville tower, is the Ringing Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's latest branch—the Chilterns.

Headed 'Double Dodge,' the following appears in 'The Irish Bell News': 'Heartiest congratulations to Tommy McMorran, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on his marriage.'

Before Miss J. Midgley returned to Calgary, Alberta, she rang in a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples at Ottery St. Mary. Her visit home was much appreciated in the West Country.

Another 50th anniversary peal was rung at Leiston, Suffolk, on October 14th to commemorate the performance of the eight brothers Bailey. Of that band Sid and Jim are still going strong.

The band who rang the peal of Minor in seven methods at Norbury on October 17th appreciate the act of Miss Carol Fernley, who stood down when they met one short for Major.

The handbell ringers of St. Mary's Church, Launton, gave a very successful recital of sacred music at All Saints' Church, Huntingdon, on behalf of the fabric fund. Seventy-six handbells were used and the programme included chime tunes, mediæval carols, foreign carols, traditional English carols and well known hymn tunes. Mr. Frederick Sharpe conducted. A similar recital was given at St. David's Cathedral. On both occasions there was a full congregation.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Frodsham, Cheshire, bells were rehung and augmented to eight 50 years ago (October 9th, 1911). To honour the half-century, during which time 208 peals have been rung, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on October 11th. This was the same method as the first peal, which was rung on November 11th, 1911. Mr. E. H. Lewis conducted this peal and he is the only survivor of the band which contained such famous names as H. W. Wilde, W. Bibby, H. Chapman, R. Sperring and J. Morgan.

Miss Stanley, the secretary of St. Thomas' Belfast, is studying at the Royal College of Music, reports 'The Irish Bell News.' Miss Patricia Robinson, of 50, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, 9, is the new secretary.

The vehicle registration letters for Bourne-mouth are BEL. A reader writes: 'If anyone can afford £5 for a special registration number we shall be able to put the BEL(LES) on the road.'

Mr. Desmond Painter, writing from Hussey College, Warri, Nigeria, writes that he has been finding life most interesting and enjoyable. Alas! there are no bells nearer than Southern Rhodesia.

The prominent Stanwell, Middlesex, ringer, Mr. C. B. Fynes, conducted a quarter peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for his 20th birthday. This was done while ringing the second and third bells at Stanwell Parish Church.

It is rather significant to note that after the visit of three touring bands in two consecutive weeks the lounge bar of a certain hotel in a far-west cathedral city is being redecorated. From now on, all touring bands will be halted on the Devon/Cornish border, and searched for water-pistols and other lethal weapons.

A popular member of Steeple Claydon, Bucks. tower is Mr. John Hodges, whose wedding to Miss J. Grace on October 17th was marked by a quarter peal. John has been secretary of the P.C.C. for the last six years and also sings in the choir. The St. Michael's ringers wish him many happy years of ringing in his new parish.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Five-course block.		Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.	
JOHN WORTH .. .. .	Treble	BASIL JONES .. .. .	7
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH ..	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD ..	8
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. .	3	PETER LAFIN .. .. .	9
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	5	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .	11
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. ..	6	ROBERT B. SMITH .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First attempt on 12 bells.

**BIRMINGHAM.**

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.		*FREDERICK ROSS .. ..		7
MURIEL REAY .. .. .	Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH ..	8	
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. ..	2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	9	
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. ..	3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. ..	10	
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	4	JOHN McDONALD .. ..	11	
RODERICK W. PIPE .. ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. ..	Tenor	
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. ..	6	Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.		

Arranged by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Maximus. † 100th peal on the bells.

**GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. 4 lb. in D.		THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..		7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. ..	Treble	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	8	
ALAN J. FROST .. .. .	2	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. .	9	
JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	10	
*REV. GILES C. GALLEY ..	4	PETER BORDER .. .. .	11	
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. ..	Tenor	
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. .	6	Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.		

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Maximus in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.

**TEN BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.**

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.		BARRIE HENDRY .. .. .		6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. ..	Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7	
ANN BARR .. .. .	2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. ..	8	
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. ..	3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. ..	9	
RODERICK W. PIPE .. ..	4	PETER BORDER .. .. .	Tenor	
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. ..	5	Conducted by PETER BORDER.		

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**YEovil, SOMERSET.**

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.		HARRY J. GAYLARD .. ..		6
VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. ..	Treble	*JOHN BRAIN .. .. .	7	
DONALD E. COBB .. .. .	2	HENRY J. SANGER .. ..	8	
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. .	3	PETER C. WRIGHT .. ..	9	
GWILYM G. SALMON .. ..	4	THOMAS J. SETTER .. ..	Tenor	
*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL ..	5	Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.		

Composed by ALBERT G. TYLER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.		THOMAS YEOMAN .. ..		6
*DAVID PIKE .. .. .	Treble	†ROBERT E. COLES .. ..	7	
JACQUELINE S. KING .. ..	2	TREVOR T. LEWIS .. ..	8	
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ..	3	†DAVID J. KING .. .. .	9	
BARBARA STEPHENS .. ..	4	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN ..	Tenor	
ROGER HAYARD .. .. .	5	Conducted by DAVID J. KING.		

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

\* First peal on ten. † 50th peal together.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Monmouth.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.		LEONARD DERRICK .. ..		6
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ..	Treble	GWILYM SALMON .. ..	7	
JOHN CHILCOTT .. .. .	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ..	8	
RONALD G. BECK .. .. .	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..	9	
HENRY J. SANGER .. ..	4	SIDNEY G. SMITH .. ..	Tenor	
JOHN BRAIN .. .. .	5	Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.		

In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.**

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.		GEORGE E. FEARN .. ..		5
VERONA NAYLOR .. .. .	Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	6	
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. .	2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. .	7	
MURIEL REAY .. .. .	3	PETER BORDER .. .. .	Tenor	
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. ..	4	Conducted by PETER BORDER.		

Composed by FRED DENCH.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47½ Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

On the Holmes eight.		Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.	
*PETER J. MALLOCH .. ..	Treble	RONALD M. S. A. EDWARDS	5
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. .	2	LEONARD HILL .. .. .	6
CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON ..	3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS ..	7
DEREK J. MARSHALL .. ..	4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

\* First peal.

Rung by the local band during the patronal festival, and to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bennett.

**GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.**

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.		FREDERICK ROSS .. ..		5
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. .	Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. ..	6	
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. ..	2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. .	7	
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ..	3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. ..	Tenor	
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. .	4	Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.		

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

First peal in the method as conductor.

**RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.	
HOWARD F. MEEK .. ..	Treble	ERNEST W. PENN .. ..	5
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE ..	2	PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	6
JOHN J. WEBB .. .. .	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. ..	7
*A. CLIVE BERRY .. .. .	4	HAROLD G. MEEK .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Fastest peal on the bells.  
Rung to the glory of God, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the foundation of the church at Ruarden.

**FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.**

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Grappenhall Branch.)

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.		FRED JACKSON .. .. .		5
OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. ..	Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE .. ..	6	
JOHN OULTRAM .. .. .	2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. .	7	
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. .	3	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. .	Tenor	
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. .	4	Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.		

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of these bells and the addition of two trebles which were dedicated on October 9th, 1911. Also to commemorate the first peal on the eight bells on November 11th, 1911, which was conducted by E. H. Lewis.



### LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. 5
*JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER .. .. 6
HUBERT A. MITSON .. .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 4	*ALAN R. BRIDGES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.  
\* 25th peal together.

Rung to commemorate the peal of Bob Major rung at Leiston 50 years ago by eight brothers Bailey.

### MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
JAMES TAYLOR .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. .. 3	IVAN KAY .. .. 7
HAROLD HAMER .. .. 4	PHILLIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.  
\* 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Herbert Barlow, G.O.M. of the Rochdale Branch.

### MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Treble	PETER DALE .. .. 5
IVOR JENKINS .. .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 6
DEREK J. MARSHALL .. .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Heap, of Mottram; also an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, sen.

### PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

#### THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS, MATRON AND MARTYR.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 5
*ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 6
†V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. 7
ARTHUR F. BURLEY .. .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by TOM CHAPMAN. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal.

### BIRMINGHAM.

#### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

#### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 4	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

### CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 6
JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
DAVID PARKIN .. .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

### BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SURREY ROAD.

#### A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	JOHN C. SLATER .. .. 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. .. 3	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 4	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

### BROMLEY, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY J. SPICE .. .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung on Trafalgar Day as a welcome to Mark Christopher, son of Pat, and Malcolm Powell, both members of the local band (born September 24th, 1961).

### BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THÉ-APOSTLE.

#### A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastbury, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. Treble	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 3	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 14 methods by all the band.

### DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

#### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR B. COOPER .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES .. .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON .. .. 3	KENNETH RUTLAND .. .. 7
CAROLYN COLLIER .. .. 4	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by MALCOLM P. PHIPPS.

First peal as conductor on eight bells at first attempt.  
Rung by Chesterfield and Peak District members as a farewell peal for the Rector of Ashover, the Rev. P. F. Fleming, in gratitude for his help and co-operation, and wishing him all the best in his new parish in Lincolnshire.

### EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

#### A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey; with 125 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 5
SHEILA M. MOULDS .. .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 6
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. .. 3	ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

### GODSTONE, SURREY.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF 5024 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

WILLIAM S. DEASON .. Treble	KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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## GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative; with 132 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. Treble	JOHN WARNER .. .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 2	JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 6
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 4	HARRY J. MILLAIT .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.  
First peal in 3-Spiced Surprise Major for the Association.  
Rung to celebrate the Cathedral Festival.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 5
*LYNNE THOMPSON .. .. 2	EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 6
JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 3	*JOHN S. CHETTLEBURGH .. 7
JOHN SEAGER .. .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.  
\* First peal in the method.

## HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sa., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 Bristol; with 105 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	STANLEY JENNER .. .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3	*JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 12). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* 100th peal together. First of Spiced on the bells.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

## A PEAL OF 5152 EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER .. .. 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.  
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## NORTHOWRAM, W. YORKSHIRE.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YCUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 5
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. 2	JAMES WM. HORNER .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 7
DAVID VINCENT .. .. 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.  
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to the sixth ringer and his wife.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

EDGAR T. SKIPSEY .. Treble	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DAVID HEIGHTON .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 5
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

Rung on Michaelmas eve.

## GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4
WILLIAM LOVE .. .. 2	STANLEY W. GALL .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

## STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK G. TAYLOR .. Treble	JAMES JENNINGS .. .. 4
J. YORK PARKER .. .. 2	CHARLES F. SARGEANT .. 5
A. GEORGE ORBELL .. .. 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob, and 30 extents Grandire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. Treble	JOHN HIGGS .. .. 4
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
*GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 3	†CHARLES J. COPP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

\* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of St. Wilfrid.

## NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER T. DALE .. Treble	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 4
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	ROY WORRALL .. .. 5
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 97 lb. in A flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 5
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the completion of restoration work on the church, over £3,000 having been spent.

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HALSE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.  
DAVID T. NORTH .. .. Treble | THOMAS HANCOCK .. .. 4  
IVOR G. HUGHES .. .. 2 | GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. .. 5  
\*KENNETH W. THORNE .. 3 | CHARLES E. BAKER .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

\* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Oct. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 4  
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2 | PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 5  
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 3 | FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung in honour of the installation of October 14th of the Rev. R. W. Martin, Rector of Langleybury, as an honorary Canon of St. Albans Cathedral; also as a compliment to Raymond G. Smith on his engagement.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.  
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. Treble | SUSAN E. WATERFORD .. 4  
W. DAVID WARD .. .. 2 | \*MELVYN STEVENS .. .. 5  
CHRISTINE MORRIS .. .. 3 | ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Plain Bob Minor by all the band except the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
*On Fri., Oct. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In 39 methods, viz.: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2 and 3) 1,440 in 11 Surprise; Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester, Munden and Carlisle; (4) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble | PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 4  
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2 | ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5  
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor  
Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (15 Bob Doubles and 27 Grandsire). Tenor 23 cwt.  
\*ANITA HENSON .. .. Treble | MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 4  
†RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. 2 | SYDNEY ADAMS .. .. 5  
GRAHAM FISHER .. .. 3 | HENRY HARRISON .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

\* First peal, first attempt. First of Doubles 'inside'.  
Rung with best wishes of the band to June and John Meredith, married this day at the Church of St. Mary, Hitchin, Herts.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 1,440 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B. and 2,160 Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

E. MARION KEY .. .. Treble | ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. 4  
ALAN ELSMORE .. .. 2 | HARRY EDGE .. .. 5  
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. .. 3 | BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

\*JOHN O. FREEMAN .. .. Treble | †T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 4  
\*MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. 2 | GILES B. THOMPSON .. 5  
ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 3 | H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by H. DAVID HALLAND.

\* First peal of Minor, and in four methods. † First in four methods. First of Minor as conductor.

GORSINGTON, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
A. J. ADAMS .. .. Treble | C. BENNETT .. .. 4  
\*R. GOODWIN .. .. 2 | W. FENN .. .. 5  
MRS. C. CLARKE .. .. 3 | T. BOWLES .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by A. J. ADAMS.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Godfrey (tower captain at Gorington) and Mrs. Godfrey; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth.

HEVENINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents of Stedman and ten each of Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.  
C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble | JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3  
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2 | PETER S. BEDFORD .. 4  
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Margita Vanneck, of Heveningham Hall, to Mr. David Wheeler, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.  
\*GRAHAM T. RIDGWAY .. Treble | GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4  
\*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN 2 | KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5  
\*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 3 | STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal.

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Central Branch.)

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Court, (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES V. CADE .. .. Treble | JOHN M. BLAIKIE .. .. 4  
W. STANLEY SMITH .. .. 2 | RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5  
G. ANGUS DIXON .. .. 3 | LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by G. ANGUS DIXON.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Norfolk, (2) Primrose, (3) Ipswich, (4) Norwich, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS .. .. Treble | FREDERICK HARVEY .. 4  
MARIAN H. MILLS .. .. 2 | PETER L. WOOD .. .. 5  
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3 | WALTER AYRE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4  
RAYMOND PECK .. .. 2 | \*PETER S. BEDFORD .. 5  
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3 | JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

\* 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam William H. P. Mellin, of Witham, Essex, and formerly of Wrentham, Suffolk, who was called to higher service on October 12th, 1961.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Oct. 13, 1961, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,*  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.  
\*TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. T-2 | †B. CLARE WEBSTER .. 3-4

ANTHONY R. MANN .. .. 5-6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First handbell peal.



## DATE TOUCH

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,961 Grandsire Caters: J. F. Bowler (first on 10) 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, H. J. Eldred 3, W. Birmingham 4, A. D. Barker 5, B. T. Lister 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, D. P. Hilling 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, A. D. Rivers 10. Rung for the commencement of the borough's United Nations Week activities.

**ASH, SURREY.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss D. A. Maskell (first attempt, first quarter) 1, S. T. A. Russell 2, F. Cherryman 3, C. J. Champion 4, E. J. Sherwood 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

**AUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Dowler 1, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 2, Linda Hughes 3, I. Foot 4, T. W. Eason 5, J. Ellison (first 'inside') 6. On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jean Rathbone and Mr. Eric Ball.

**BECKFORD, WORCS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew): F. Trotman 1, A. G. Pulley 2, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 3, F. Wood 4, J. Attwood 5, D. Devereux 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Hine, whose funeral took place this day.

**BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. G. Usher 1, S. Lewis 2, B. J. Rich 3, P. W. Horsey 4, D. H. White (cond.) 5, E. Hunt 6. First quarter 3 and 6.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading alternately): T. Froley 1, J. Edmunds 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, J. Hale 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, H. D. Bryant (first 'inside') 6, W. D. Davies 7, D. L. Hughes 8. A birthday compliment to Gareth, son of the ringer of 7.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 22nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: B. J. P. Stone 1, Jean Warner 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, G. Horritt 5, Angela Grainger 6, B. North 7, S. E. Armstrong (first as cond.) 8, W. A. Riddington 9, D. Snowsell 10. First on 10 bells for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10. For Evensong.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Rodaway (first quarter) 1, R. S. Algate 2, B. Mason (first quarter) 3, M. T. Owen 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, S. D. Nicoll 6. By members of the Cathedral School Guild on the occasion of the annual prizegiving. Also at St. Michael's, on Oct. 7th, 1,980 Plain Bob Minor: T. Samuelson 1, Judith Atkinson 2, S. M. J. Young 3, D. Sawyer 4, I. Maycock (cond.) 5, A. Kench 6. Peal attempt by U.B.S.C.R. brought round. Also at Christ Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Stafford 1, Judith Atkinson 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, J. Stallard 4, D. Sawyer 5, A. Kench 6, I. Maycock (cond.) 7, C. Tyndale-Biscoe 8. For Evensong, by U.B.S.C.R.

**CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Fawcett (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Hodson (14, first 'inside') 2, C. Bishop (first in method) 3, J. Foot 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Albigns (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service, at which three of the local band were confirmed.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Beckwith 1, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, F. Claydon 3, J. Warner 4, P. Wood 5, C. Burton 6, E. Bright 7, A. Syder 8, W. Arnold (cond.) 9, H. Dorking 10. Rung by the Northern Division, Essex Association, for the Cathedral Festival Week.

**CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,344 Hereward Bob Major: Kathleen M. Exell 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, P. Bridle 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. E. Exell 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method by all. Rung for St. Luke's Day.

**CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Beryl W. Abbott 1, B. H. Gadd 2, D. Ferguson 3, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 4, H. Poyner 5, R. A. Purslow 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Derek H. Cordell to the priesthood at Canterbury Cathedral, on September 24th.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Yeates 1, M. Maughan (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Phillips 3, Miss I. Thomson 4, W. G. Hedley (first 'inside') 5, A. R. Patterson (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor by all except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung for the wedding this day of Mr. Brian Shanks and Miss Joan Dawson.

## QUARTER PEALS

**EALING, MIDDx.**—At Christ Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. T. Sprackling (first of Major) 1, J. Rank 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, S. Croft 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. Ransom 6, M. T. Sprackling (first of Major as cond.) 7, A. Fulwell 8. For Evensong.

**EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. Beckwith 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Piper, of Great Tey, on the birth of a son.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Y. Parker 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. A farewell to the conductor who is leaving the district.

**HADDENHAM, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Lant 1, G. Markwell 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, L. Norfolk 4, D. Murett 5, G. Walker 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coles 1, G. Skinner 2, F. Wills 3, B. H. Thompson 4, E. Glass 5, J. Carter 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, F. Wreford 8. For Evensong.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. May (first of Triples) 1, Miss E. Hiley 2, F. Lewis 3, Miss G. May 4, J. Martin 5, C. H. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. Rung for the engagement of Miss Eunice Hiley and Mr. Frank Lewis.

**HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Hunt 1, F. Andrews (first 'inside') 2, Jacqueline Purnell 3, F. Fray 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Meredith 1, R. Blackshaw 2, M. W. Harrison 3, B. Buswell (cond.) 4, A. Larkin 5, T. W. Dutton (first quarter) 6. Rung for June and John Meredith's wedding.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Grainger 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band and to welcome the newly born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Salisbury (Leichworth).

**KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. To mark the completion of 40 years of ringing by the ringer of the fourth, captain of the local band.

**LEIGH, GLOS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Palfrey 1, K. W. Poulton 2, H. E. Poulton 3, W. H. Poulton 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, F. A. F. Palfrey 6.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Oxford T. B. Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, R. Crowe 2, W. H. Hunter 3, A. J. Humble 4, J. E. Sumner 5, J. H. Owens 6. Rung to commemorate visit of Church Army Mission to St. James' Parish.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Dances', on Oct. 22nd, 1,296 Erin Caters: R. Chapman 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, Miss J. Cook 3, A. H. Worboys 4, A. Grainger 5, M. Austin 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, L. S. Woods 9, J. Mcphail 10. First in method by all the band. For Evensong. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Langton 1, Marilyn Barton 2, Gay Williams 3, M. P. Barton 4, D. Martin 5, Rita Gasson 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. Rung for Corporate Communion by U.L.S.C.R.

**MANCETTER, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, R. Stubbs (first 'inside') 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, E. Wadman 2, F. Savage 3, V. Savage 4, A. P. Beck 5, R. Beck 6, E. J. Chivers (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Targett 8. For Evensong.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): G. Skelly 1, V. James 2, Mary Powell 3, Jennifer Brake 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, Owen Quint 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Janet Horseman and Mr. John Woods, on their marriage. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Jennifer Brake.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): Wendy Bowak 1, S. King 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B.): H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. A welcome to Jeffrey Daniel Bingham, Colin and Janet's baby.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, J. Arbury 2, L. Hine 3, Miss J. Midgley 4, C. C. Deem (cond.) 5, B. Coles 6, C. C. Turner 7, J. Quick 8. Rung for Evensong. Also a farewell to Miss Midgley, who is returning to Canada.

**PUTNEY, SURREY.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, M. J. Uphill 2, D. C. Brookes 3, L. Allen 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. Clayton 6.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Jane Foster (first of Stedman) 2, Felicity Webber 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, Jennifer M. Davies 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, E. J. W. Manley 7, A. B. Shingler 8. For Confirmation. Also at St. Laurence's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. W. Manley (cond.) 1, Jane Foster 2, Janet K. Secker 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, A. B. Shingler 6, R. Burton 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For Hospital Sunday.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Hiley 1, F. Lewis 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley 5, J. King (cond.) 6.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bellingham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Isabel Pearce (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Corby 4, D. E. Colgate 5, R. V. Fuller 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, D. Woodcock 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Chad's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Terry (first quarter) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, F. Cattell 3, F. G. Beddow 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, H. Poyner 6. Rung for the 214th and last Royal Salop Infirmary service.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Race (first quarter) 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, V. Dale 3, G. Procter 4, H. G. Goddard 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Race 1, Miss E. Brown 2, Miss B. McClelland 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, H. G. Goddard 6.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, Cambridge): Miss M. Gibson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, K. Young 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on same date, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, Cambridge, Berwick, Hexham, and Primrose): K. Young 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. As a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,368 Spliced Surprise in 8 methods (Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Norfolk, Primrose and Cambridge): D. Boniface 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, K. Young 5, D. Pickett 6. Also on same date, 1,304 Spliced Doubles in 19 methods: D. Pickett 1—6, C. B. Fynes 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5.

**STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, J. Haynes 4, F. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jacqueline Grace and Mr. John Hodges.

**STISTED, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cam- 2, J. A. Warner 3, P. L. Wood 4, A. R. Syder (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For Harvest Festival.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Oct. 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, Rita Gasson 2, Marilyn Barton 3, M. P. Barton 4, G. Pratt 5, B. R. Cox 6, J. C. Eisel 7, P. Cattermole (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**USK, MON.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Mee (first quarter) 1, D. Taylor 2, G. Knight 3, R. Clench 4, D. Hughes 5, L. Jones 6, S. Kear (first as cond.) 7, F. Hobbs 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Nancy Hobbs, a Sunday service ringer.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, D. J. D. Barnes (first quarter) 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Evensong.



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### BIRTHS

**BRIDGES.**—On Friday, October 27th, 1961, at St. Leonard's Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk, to Edna (née Walker) and Alan, a daughter, a sister for Josephine and Pauline. Home address Jane Walker Hospital, Nayland, Colchester, Essex. 9157

**HUDSON.**—On Friday, October 27th, 1961, to Eileen (née Westcott) and Philip James Hugh, a sister for Ann. Deo gratias.—67, Belvedere Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. 9162

### DEATHS

**BAYBUT.**—On October 28th, 1961, Leonard H. Baybut. Funeral at Christ Church, Bexley Heath, Kent, Friday, November 3rd, at 2 p.m. 9148

**JEFFS.**—On Monday, Oct. 30th, 1961, in hospital, George Jeffs, of 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, aged 58 years. 9183

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Cook, late of Spinningdale, St. Richards Close, Wychbold, Droitwich, now No. 43, Summerhill Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. 9074

The address of Mr. T. E. Sone, late of Paddock Wood, is now 3, Willow Cottages, Castle Hill, Breckley, Kent. 9136

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### PERSONAL

'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.' (Isaiah xl. 31.)

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**ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.**—Next practice, Saturday, November 25th, 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. (Note) No practice in December. 9144

**SURPRISE MINOR** practice at Ash on Monday, November 13th. Methods: Carlisle, Canterbury, Cunecastre, Durham, Norwich, Netherseale. 9150

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### MEETINGS

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner: St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12.30-1.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 1.45-3; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2.30-3.45; St. Lawrence, Jewry (8), 3.30-4.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 4-5.15 p.m.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 9133

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hatherleigh, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—R. Pearce, Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at: Willingham, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9118

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Langleybury (6), November 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9128

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Cathedral House, 5.15 p.m. Portsmouth Cathedral, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 9095

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 9136

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Old Wolverton on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Branch Sec. 9119

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, November 4th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 9130

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting of the S.E. District will be held at Henley (8) on November 4th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Names for tea please to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grun-disbury. 9122

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge (Sussex). T.N. 438. 9106

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station), Monday, November 7th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9179

### ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Next meeting at Queensbury on November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Please bring along your own food. Cups of tea will be provided. All welcome.—D. Smith, Sec. 8926

**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, Saturday, November 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify, not later than November 7th, Rev. A. Dangerfield, Vicarage, Holmfirth, Huddersfield. 9168

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Selworthy, November 11th, 6.30 p.m. 9161

**BEVERLEY and SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor (6), Saturday, November 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's, Killamarsh, Norwich. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Old School 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday **without fail** please to Mr. E. Dove, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, York. 9177

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, November 9th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 9182

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, Stranton (St. Aidan's after tea), Saturday, November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than November 8th to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 9169

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Saturday, November 11th, meeting at Bletchingley. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 9175

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9158

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Highworth (8), November 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9146

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 9166

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Godalming on Saturday, November 11th. Nominations for officers (duly proposed and seconded) and names for tea to Secretary by Wednesday, November 8th.—S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 9149

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. 9173

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. Latest date November 8th. 9102

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, November 11th, at Shore (Littleborough). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 9105

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Bowness, November 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 9174

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—November 11th, Quorn. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. E. Tebbutt, 48, Unitt Road, Quorn, by November 8th.—C. W. Hall. 9137



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Hose, on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 8th, to Mr. Alf Moulds, Hose, near Melton Mowbray. 9167

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting, Saturday, November 11th, All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business. Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 9164

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with S.W. District of the **ESSEX ASSOCIATION**. Saturday, November 11th, at All Saints', Edmonton. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, and evening ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All Hallows', Tottenham, bells also available 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. 9165

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**—Ringing meeting, Saturday, November 11th, Bucknall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. O. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, by Wednesday, November 8th. Annual committee meeting in Bucknall Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.—J. G. Burton, Sec. 9139

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversham (8) on November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 8th to Mr. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading.—F. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9143

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, November 11th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9159

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting at St. Martins on November 11th. Names for tea to Rev. J. Evans, The Vicarage, St. Martins, Oswestry, by the previous Wednesday. 9180

**SOCIETY FOR ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**.—Tenth annual dinner to be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1961, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 12s., from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, Walsall. Cannock bells available during afternoon. 9059

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Farnham St. Martin (6). Saturday, November 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9160

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 9th to Mr. G. Clark, 1 Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9127

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on November 11th at 3 p.m. West Tarring (6) available in the evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9178

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Hallow, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Grimley (6) also available 7 p.m. Practice methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major (Hallow) and St. Clement's Bob Minor (Grimley). Names for tea by Tuesday, November 7th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 9116

**FLINT, N. WALES**.—Dedication of ring of eight on Friday, November 17th, at 6.30 p.m. 9155

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex. 9141

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Dedication of the memorial to Frank Skidmore. St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, November 18th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) will be available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5, before Wednesday, November 15th.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 9143

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Leatherhead District.—Dorking not being available, the nomination meeting will be at Ashted on Saturday, November 18th. Details next week.—A. H. Smith. 9170

**LADIES' GUILD**—South Wales District.—Meeting at Caldicot, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by November 14th please.—J. S. King. 9176

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by precious Tuesday.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9163

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Newark District) and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Newark on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 9135

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, November 18th (not 11th). Names for tea by 14th to Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop.—H. Denman. 9152

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall, November 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, by 16th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

**NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.**—The augmented and rehung ring will be dedicated at Matins on Sunday, November 19th, followed by an open afternoon for ringers, from 3.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 9142

## SHELLEY CUP CONTEST

Warsop won this year's Shelley cup contest held at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on October 21st. The judges were Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt, with Mr. Albert Goldthorpe as marker, and four towers competed.

The order of ringing and marking was: Barnsley 96 faults, Friezland 144, Meltham 64, Warsop 54. The presentation of the cup was made by Councillor Addy, who handed it to Mr. H. T. Rooke. Each member of the team received a cruet set. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Crow) presided, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

## A WELSH AUGMENTATION

The bells of St. John Baptist, Newton Nottage (Porthcawl), were hung in a fine iron frame in 1905. Messrs. John Taylor and Son have lifted them out and removed the headstocks and rope wheel blocks to the foundry, where they have been fitted with ball bearings. Two new trebles have been cast to complete the octave. Meanwhile the local ringers have scraped and painted the ironwork and everything is now in new condition.

The dedication is to take place during the morning service on Sunday, November 19th. The ancient Parish Church has just sufficient seating accommodation for the normal parish congregation, so it has not been found possible to extend an open invitation to ringers. Instead, the bells will be open for ringing in the afternoon after 3.30 p.m., when it is hoped that many ringers will attend.

T. M. R.

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## LETTERS

### RINGING AT PERSHORE

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Messrs. Brookes and Millidge should rush into print without being sure of their facts, and as Mr. Clayton rightly points out, the outing in question was nothing to do with the Abbey ringers, but simply one organised in the Pershore area, which happens to be a large one.

One other point requires clarifying; the small charge per rope made to visiting bands is a ruling made by the Abbey authorities, and as such is one over which the local band have no control. Even we, who might be considered almost 'local,' willingly pay this.

On behalf of the Diocese, I thank Mr. Clayton for his letter, and appreciate it, but hasten to assure him that memories of past Putney visits to Worcestershire, to say nothing of my own personal reception on various occasions in his tower, are too happy for us to be very concerned about the original letter.—Yours sincerely,

J. D. JOHNSON,  
General Secretary,  
Worcestershire Association.

Dear Sir,—Being Ringing Master at Pershore Abbey, I wish to disclaim any connection between the Abbey ringers and the band from the Pershore 'Diocese,' who went on a tower grabbing and smashing trip.

If your two correspondents who feel so strongly about it would like to find this phantom band I will give them a clue. Whybold is in the Pershore 'Diocese.'—Yours sincerely,

ALBERT GRINNELL.

Pershore, Worcs.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Yardley on October 14th was well attended by ringers representing many towers of the Diocese; a pleasing feature was the presence of a large number of young ringers. For some, it was their first ringing meeting, and ten new members were elected.

Before the formal business the Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) referred to the death of Albert Walker. By his passing, he said, the ringers had lost an intimate and much loved friend, and the Guild an able ringer. The members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

An apology from Mr. John Pinfold (Ringing Master) was received with regret and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health.

Four ringers of Solihull Parish Church—Jill and Graham Palmer, Gillian Shilcock and Christine McLaren—were elected members. Roger Tingley, of Harborne, was also elected, and Erdington Abbey provided six new members. Teresa and Richard Wilkins, James and John Insley, Paul McEvilly and Philip Walters.

The tower elections as life members, prior to a peal at Shirley, of Michael J. Fellows, Raymond H. Daw, K. Peter Jones, J. David Atkinson and Robert J. Warrilow were duly ratified.

Life membership elections of the following were also ratified: Alan E. Bagworth, Wimbeldon, Mrs. Kathleen E. Chilcott, Wallington, Brynley A. Shackleton and Reginald G. Hooper, of Bristol, Trevor N. Bailey, Tottenham, and William T. Cook, of West Ealing.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on January 6th at St. Martin's, the secretary to endeavour to obtain the use of St. Martin's Hall for he business meeting. The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Connaught Room, at the Imperial Hotel, on February 24th.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yardley, Canon Charles Crowson, for the privilege of using the lovely ring of bells, and to Mr. A. H. Fitter and his lady helpers, for their hospitality in providing the very welcome tea.



## QUARTER PEALS

**WATERLOO, LONDON.**—At St. John's, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, Miss K. M. Baker 4, R. F. Overington 5, C. M. Meyer 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. H. Lott 8. Rung for the Southwark Diocesan Moral Welfare service, attended by the Bishop of Kingston.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—On Oct. 22nd, at 121, Lillington Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates (first on handbells and 'inside') 1—2, M. P. Moreton 3—4, C. D. Emery 5—6. Conducting shared by ringers of 3—4 and 5—6.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Rawlings 1, Anne Garnet 2, J. R. Perrett 3, A. Bagworth 4, N. R. Waite 5, R. C. W. Mayes (first 'inside' and of Major) 6, S. C. Walters (first of Major) 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Dorking 1, J. A. Warner 2, C. W. Burton 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, A. Pigott 5, A. R. Syder (cond.) 6, E. W. Bright 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung in memory of William H. P. Mellin, many years a local ringer, who was interred this day.

**WOLLATON, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Philip Hawcock (first of T.B.) 1, R. Daft (first of T.B.) 2, R. Preston 3, Peter Hawcock 4, R. Benfield (first 'inside' of two methods of Minor and of T.B.) 5, M. Poppleston (first of T.B. and as cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Benfield.

## LATE NEWS

### Honour For The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Vicar of Chittlehampton-with-Umberleigh and president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, has been appointed by the Bishop of Exeter to the prebendal stall at Exeter Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of Preb. E. V. Cox, the late president of the Guild. Mr. Andrews is also secretary of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, whose members, together with the Devonshire Guild, will join us in our congratulations.

Mr. Len Stilwell is now in convalescence after his recent minor operation. In the same ward is the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who is under treatment. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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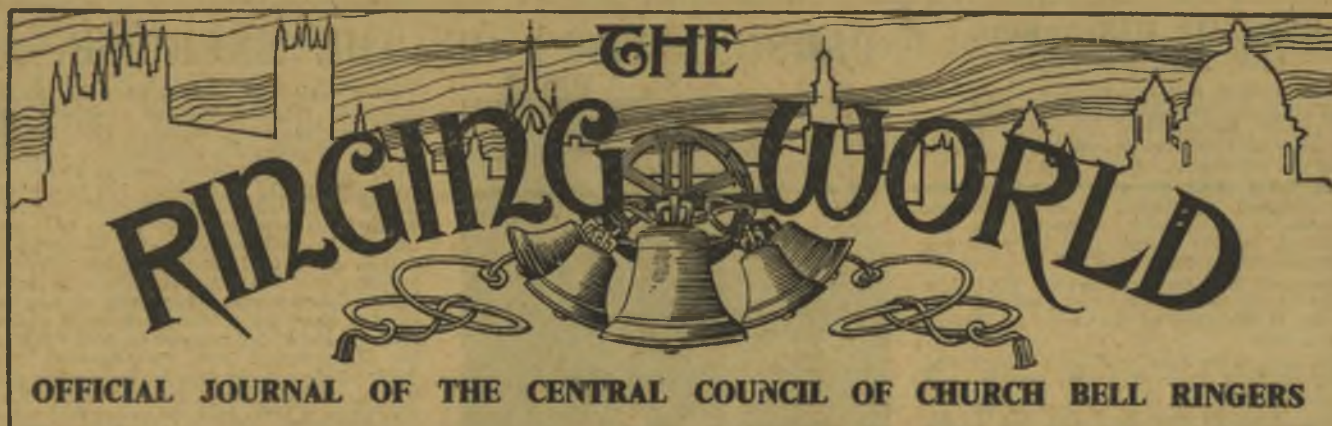
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## MILTON MALSOR BELLS

**T**HREE miles south of Northampton, just off the A43, lies the village of Milton Malsor. It is a pleasant and unusual place. Pleasant, because of its wealth of old stone cottages, and unusual in that its shape is that of a circle within a semi-circle and because it is quite easy to walk round the village without realising it.

From every part of the village the lovely crocketed church steeple dominates the scene, and the church itself is a building of outstanding beauty and interest. Its splendid east windows, including two 'wheel' windows, have made the church famous and are frequently referred to in books on church architecture.

Milton Malsor is justly proud of its five old bells—a 'maiden' ring cast in 1686 in Northamptonshire by Northamptonshire men. The bells have a clear, musical tone, and the treble bears this inscription in Latin: 'O Sing unto the Lord a new song.' The implication of this is that the present ring is a recast of a still older one.

For many years the 'go' of the bells had been atrocious and, on careful examination two years ago, the ring was found to be in an extremely dangerous condition. The frame rocked like a ship at sea when the bells were rung, in spite of being wedged to the tower walls (!), and was completely riddled with 'beetle.' Early this year the bells were removed to Loughborough, and will be returned to the tower this month.

Fortunately the bells themselves proved to be in good condition, and it has not been necessary to recast any of them. All, however, will have to be quarter-turned so that the clappers will strike on new and unused parts of the soundbows. The bells will be rehung on a new steel frame and will be provided throughout with new fittings of the most up-to-date type.

A team of young ringers is now under tuition by Mr. P. I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and is eagerly looking forward to ringing 'rounds' or 'calls' by Christmas.

The present Rector of Milton Malsor, the Rev. G. E. Hubbard, in his younger days as a student was a member of the St. Clement's Youths. He used to ring regularly for services at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, and, in company with members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in many London towers.

G. E. H.

## RICHARD PHIPPS

**O**N the north-west flank of Bromyard Downs, Herefordshire, in well wooded parklands stands an empty and slowly decaying country mansion, Buckenhill House; once the gracious home of Richard Phipps, brewer of Northampton. The visit of the College Youths to that area confirms that the name and the brew still exist.

Richard Phipps came from brewing in Northampton to semi-retirement and to live the life of a country gentleman at an early age in conditions of wealth and prosperity. As master of Buckenhill House 1881-1911 much has been said and become legendary in the dreams of the elderly in the taprooms of Bromyard.

One of his first generous acts on arrival at Buckenhill (a large estate comprising the mansion and ten farms), was to establish an orphan boys' school. Converting part of his large house to schoolrooms and dormitories, providing teacher and matron, he took thirty boys annually every February from Dr. Barnardo's Home. He clothed and fed and gave education. On completion he gave them a start in life. Many went to Canada in those years of emigration, thoughtfully equipped to stand on their own for twelve months. Others learnt trades in the estate workshops—masons, carpenters, tailors, painters, shoemakers; and others again were trained as coachmen, stockmen, footmen, gardeners and foresters. All were given their opportunity and found their place. One of the teachers was a Mr. Austin, a well known Worcester musician; who travelled weekly to give the boys music lessons. It became part of Sunday morning custom to watch 'Dicky Phipps' boys' march to morning service behind their own drum and fife band. One of these boys later became church organist for several years.

In the 1890-1910 period, a large restoration scheme was undertaken and fulfilled in the Bromyard Parish Church of St. Peter. Now was the time that Richard Phipps, a regular and devout worshipper, fulfilled his Christian principles by his continuous generosity with gifts of money, materials and labour. The work included the rehanging of the ring of six (Rudhall, 1751). The original canons were removed and the fifth recast by Barwell, of Birmingham (1895). The work in the tower was done by a Mr. Greenleaf (Greensmith). A new entrance and floor to the ringing chamber. A tower clock by Smiths, of Derby (1899). The removal of the old box pews for the present serviceable seating; new tiled flooring; work on the organ, together with outside work on the fabric completed a heavy expenditure, which is still justified today. Richard Phipps was the donor of the ceiling over the choir. His masons shaped new corbels, and his carpenters made the moulded oak decoration from seven year seasoned timber, grown at Buckenhill. This ceiling is the floor of the ringing room. His masons also constructed the buttresses to the north wall of the church.

The above gracious giving was apart from his annual bounty of gifts to the poor of the district—food and clothing, fuel and bedding—soup kitchens in the extremes of frost and snow. The bellringers also received an annual donation of money. His head gardener, one Joseph Rogers, took part in the first peal (?)—120 changes of Bob Doubles in 1903 at Bromyard tower. I have in my possession his 1881 edition of Snowdon's Diagrams, signed and dated on the fly leaf 'October 16th, 1886.'

Richard Phipps collapsed and died on Shrub Hill Station, Worcester, journeying to Northampton to vote in the 1911 General Election. His passing, followed so soon by the 1914-1918 carnage, was the end of a magnificent era in the local history of Bromyard and its Parish Church. All that was good and kind and of feeling for less fortunate fellow men was shown by this very human Christian gentleman. Would that all men would try and emulate his charity.

T. COOPER.



## RHODESIA HAS A RING OF TEN BLESSED

LAST Sunday was a great day in African church life when the Bishop of Mashonaland (the Rt. Rev. Cecil W. Alderson) dedicated the tower and bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

The tower, built on a reinforced concrete base through donations by the Dulverton Trustees, is at present isolated from the Cathedral, but the extension of the nave will eventually bridge the gap.

The bells are the spontaneous gift of a visitor from England, who deplored the absence in Rhodesia of the sound of English church bells.

The bells were cast by Messrs Mears and Stainbank, and supervising their hanging and the installation of the clock provided by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed was Mr. S. M. Baker, a Salisbury horologist, who visited the Whitechapel Foundry last year to learn how to hang the bells.

The clock, the largest made by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed during the last 30 years, has dials on four sides of the tower. The clock will not be in operation until next January. The chimes will repeat the notes of Big Ben.

At the blessing of the bells the Bishop said, '...that through this and many succeeding generations they may sound loud and clear and call together Thy faithful people to the praise and worship of Thy holy name.'

At the consecration of the tower the Bishop says that 'at the sound of the bells, rung from this tower, all who hear them may hear Thy voice, remember their calling and turn to Thee.'

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Tenor	Love	24 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Before and after each inscription is a figure of an English rose and an African lily, and just above the soundbow on each bell is a border of London Pride.

Much activity in training ringers has taken place. The Ringing Master of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild is Mr. Peter Raynon, and Mr. Collins is in charge of ringing at Salisbury.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The general meeting of the University of London Society was held on October 21st. Ringing during the day took place at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and St. Michael's, Cornhill.

This was the first occasion that the bells at St. Vedast's had been rung since the church's restoration, and in fact this century, and the sound of the bells came as a surprise rather than a pleasure to the unfortunate occupants of neighbouring offices at louvre-height. Ringing here was opened with Bob Minor, and concluded with a christening touch of St. Vedast Doubles, although a Bob course of Aldermaston Surprise might have been more appropriate. A picked band rang at the home tower of St. Olave's, Hart Street, before the service.

The business meeting, preceded by tea, was presided over by Dr. Denis Layton in the absence of the president, Philip Gray. Main topics of discussion concerned financing and issuing of annual reports, and other financial questions. Douglas May, much to the Society's regret, announced his resignation from the office of Master, owing to unavoidable circumstances, and Paul Cattermole (honorary treasurer) was elected to take office for the rest of the year. Marcus Barton was elected honorary treasurer.

The annual dinner is to be held on January 20th. The meeting was well supported, and the Society is very pleased to welcome an encouraging number of freshers.

R. E. M. G.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—45



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD,  
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

One of the 'old school' of ringers, who, although he is now somewhat handicapped by illness, is still able and keen to serve the Exercise, is Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, a vice-president and founder member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. From time to time during the last few years, there have appeared over his initials a number of interesting articles. They have been mostly of an historical nature, dealing with ringing in his early years in Devon, but others have shown certain spotlights on human nature, including the appeal of bells to non-ringers.

Bill Shepherd was born on September 7th, 1883, in the parish of St. Sidwell, Exeter, and within sound of the Cathedral bells, where his father and uncle were leading ringers for many years. They were in the building trade, and did much to further the cause of change ringing in Devonshire. After receiving his education at St. Sidwell's Church School and St. John's Grammar School, Exeter, Bill worked in the Devon County Education Offices as a junior clerk from 1898-November, 1900, and then left for London to enter the offices of the old London and South Western Railway. After 43 years' service, mostly in the accountant's office, he retired on pension in 1943.

Bill was taught to ring by his father, Ferris Shepherd, in 1893 at Exeter Cathedral. This was before the bells were rehung, and when the 'go' was bad. He also learnt at St. Sidwell's, where another 'boy' named William Temple, was also receiving lessons from his father. Young Temple eventually became Archbishop of Canterbury, but he failed to ring Grandsire! Opportunities for peal ringing in Devonshire at that time were very limited, but before leaving the district Bill rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Withycombe Raleigh on August 7th, 1900, conducted by his father.

Moving to London in late 1900 gave Bill just the chance he needed, and he was fortunate to have as his 'landlord' Ted Horrex, who soon introduced him to 12 bell ringing at several towers, including St. Paul's. On his 18th birthday, James Pettit, conductor at St. Paul's, called his first peal of Stedman (Caters) at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1901. During holiday visits to Exeter, he scored his first peal as conductor—Grandsire Triples at Heavitree on Sept. 10th, 1902, when he was just 19, and three months later he proved to the Exeter ringers that a 'mere lad' could 'turn in' the 25½ cwt. tenor to a peal of Bob Major. In those days, young ringers did not have the same opportunities as today of showing their skill. He also rang 'Grandison' single-handed on dedication day the same year.

Bill's peal total is 311, of which he has conducted 122, and most of these were rung prior to 1926, his last being in 1947. In 1912 he rang 54 peals, this being his best year. He has been a very capable handbell ringer, and 133 of his peals have been 'in hand' conducted 73. Undoubtedly the performance of which he is most proud of taking part in is the 19.738 Stedman Caters at Guildford on August 31st, 1912, conducted by Alfred H. Pulling. This still ranks as the record peal on handbells. Amongst other peals of note was the first short course peal of Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand' (69 courses) on May 4th, 1914, his first handbell peal, on December 22nd, 1907, which was the first for the Surrey Association, and the Shepherd family handbell peal on February 11th, 1910. Another peal worthy of note was rung at Arklow in 1904, when four Shepherds took part in the first peal of Bob Major in Ireland, and J. W. Washbrook rang two bells and conducted.

### SIX AMBITIONS FULFILLED

By the time he was 39, Bill had fulfilled six ambitions—100 peals on tower bells, 100 on handbells, 100 of Stedman, 100 conducted, 100 peals conducted, 100 of Triples and 100 peals on even bells (on 6, 8, 10 and 12). He has completed 61 years as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and served on the Central Council for the Winchester Guild from 1920-23, and for the Guildford Guild for 1928-29. Other offices he has held in the past include District Ringing Master Winchester Guild, 1908-21, and District secretary Surrey Association, 1916-19.

Bill has done a vast amount of teaching work in his younger days, particularly when living in Hersham, Surrey, from 1904-1914, where he was a member of the good local band there until 1926. Many places he visited were quite remote, without rail or bus services, which meant many miles of walking on dark roads. One of his greatest pleasures was tuning on handbells, with his father and brothers. They used 57 bells, and played from music (scored and arranged by his father) and were much in demand.

Amongst other interests, Bill has been actively engaged with Friendly Society work, from 1913 onwards. He became District Grand Master of the Oddfellows twice, and was appointed by the Minister of Health to the Surrey County Insurance Committee in May, 1929, and served on every sub-committee during his 20 years' service. He also undertook T.B. Committee work for the Surrey C.C. and became chairman of his district. He is a vice-president of his local bowls club, honorary auditor of his local football club, and a member of the British Legion, having served in the First World War with the Devons and the London Irish Rifles.

Bill Shepherd has placed Sunday service ringing first, teaching and instruction second, and meetings and peals third. Through an unfortunate fall at Waterloo station some years ago, he has developed a serious and rare bone disease, for which there is no cure, and he is seldom free from pain. However, he remains very cheerful, is happy in seeing his District carrying on the good work, and occasionally attends local meetings. Sixty-eight years' dabbling with various branches of the art and the joy of visiting churches and towers in all parts of the country have given him much pleasure.

Quite a number of his 1914-15 pupils are still ringing in Surrey, and he much enjoys seeing the names of friends old and new, in various pages of the 'R.W.'. He would like to be remembered to two of his very old ringing friends, Herbert Langdon and Thomas H. Taffender. Just recently, he has been compiling data regarding the Eldridge family of bellfounders, and information about the old 5th bell at Chertsey, the 'Abbey' bell. This is for the Urban Council records for future reference. He has been happily married for nearly 46 years, and Mrs. Shepherd rang in quite a number of towers, and also proved a good tune ringer on the trebles.

In the eve of a long ringing career, Bill Shepherd's main interest now is in literary work and in reading about his old friends in the 'R.W.' APACE



# JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 29th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bradford on October 14th, when a complement of 134 members and friends assembled to pay tribute. The arrangements for the occasion were undertaken by the Bradford Cathedral ringers, who were warmly complimented on the hospitality and entertainment provided.

Under the mellowing influence of good food, wines and fellowship, conversation flowed pleasantly and easily. Only one thing remained to complete the evening—brilliant speeches from those on the toast list. We were not disappointed. Supporting the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison) on the top table were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Miss Jean Barnett, the Rev. D. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, Mr. John Freeman, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (president of the Lancashire Association), Mr. W. Barton, Mrs. P. Robshaw, Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley and Mr. L. W. G. Morris. The president, who gave a lead in friendliness, preceded his welcome to the guests with apologies from his wife and the Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. J. G. Tarks.

The Rev. Roger D. St. John Smith submitted the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' It was not a new venture, he said, to cross the border from the County Palatine to the county of broad acres, and especially to Bradford during his courting days. To himself it was always a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Yorkshire and Yorkshire people, as his wife was a Yorkshire woman, and as he himself was a Derbyshire man, perhaps the colour of the roses was not of the same significance as it was to the counties concerned.

Jasper Snowdon was a pioneer in text books on ringing. His writings in the Snowdon series were unrivalled. From them stemmed a great advance in method ringing and composition, whereas his treatise on proof—hitherto a mystery to most ringers—still remained a monumental work. He was a contemporary of such men as Haywood, Wilde and Annable, and no doubt his works had a great influence on other eminent composers who followed, such as Hattersley, Craven and Knights.

This was not all, however. Snowdon was also a great historian, as was shown in his published researches in the fields of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob in particular. Without doubt his works and researches had dominantly influenced the past, and would continue to be an inspiration to the present and future generations. The toast was duly honoured and, as is customary, was immediately followed by an excellent course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung by F. Hodgson 1—2, W. Barton 3—4, W. F. Moreton 5—6, L. W. G. Morris 7—8, J. Ambler 9—10.

## GREETINGS

Mr. Vernon Bottomley was entrusted with the toast 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies,' which he submitted in a felicitous speech. The clerical visitors duly honoured were the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and the Rev. D. R. Brown. 'They were, he said, also honoured to have with them Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie (Kent), Mr. John Freeman (Lincoln) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, from (at any rate the time being) Darley Dale. 'Teddy' and Mrs. Barnett needed no introduction, having become frequent visitors to that gathering, and whom they sincerely hoped to welcome on many more future occasions. It was also a great pleasure to welcome, for the

first time, Mr. John Freeman, whose services to the Exercise and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in particular were well known and appreciated.

Once again they were honoured by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood, who had graced the Snowdon dinner many times in the past. To Frank he would say 'thank you' for his yeoman service as convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee—an office he had filled with skill and distinction. He had, however, one criticism to make—he did not like to see it set-up at 'backstroke' and failed to see any useful purpose in its changed format.

Mr. Smallwood, in his reply, said both his wife and himself always derived great pleasure in attending the dinner, an 'annual' they looked forward to. With regard to the 'set-up' of 'The Ringing World' in its present form, he was quite impartial, but as yet it was too early to make an assessment of their readers' reactions. In due course these would be taken into account by his committee.

## CONTINUED PROSPERITY

In submitting the toast 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. John Freeman said he sometimes questioned the sincerity in some of them. The Yorkshire Association, however, had been well and faithfully served by a continuity of distinguished officers, all of whom had devoted their skill, energy and time in furthering its interests. Among those he personally remembered was Percy J. Johnson, whose trenchant criticism of indifferent striking was well known—especially to those on the receiving end. At the slightest deviation in the 'beat' he would bellow out 'Take the wrinkles out of it.' There were also Clement Glenn, former general secretary and ace conductor of Grandsire and Stedman; S. F. Palmer, a former treasurer; William Barton, whose knowledge of compositions in all methods was immense, and who had proved every composition rung by the Association from its inception up to his retirement as peal secretary some years ago; Mr. W. E. Critchley, who had succeeded Mr. Barton in that office, and had produced many popular compositions in new Surprise methods, as well as the 53 Spliced Surprise Major composition, at present the record; Mr. Norman Chaddock, whose efforts to explore ways and means of fully manning towers for Sunday service ringing were widely known; and spanning three decades were their present general secretary, that great little man, Mr. Leslie Morris, and at the head of affairs their genial president. The Yorkshire Association had indeed been fortunate to have the services of such men, to mention only a few, which augured well for its continued prosperity.

Finally, the thanks of all were due to the Provost of Bradford, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Idle, and the Vicar of Ilkley, for the use of their bells, also to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the gathering.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. W. H. SENIOR

We regret to record the death on October 17th of Mr. W. H. Senior, of 54, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Senior was a very well known ringer in the heavy woollen district and was a ringer at Batley, Earlsheaton and Liversedge. He was also very active in contests and peal ringing for a great number of years.

### MR. W. HOAD

On October 13th the death occurred of Mr. William Hoad, a ringer at Salehurst, Sussex, for 55 years. He farmed the land near the church tower and was captain of the ringers for many years. He had several peals to his credit, mostly at his own tower, and could conduct Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, but he will be best remembered for his service to Salehurst tower.

He was buried on the following Tuesday. The same evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled to his memory. The following week a band of Kent and Sussex men rang a fine half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, during which most of the local band, including Mr. Hoad's brother and nephews, walked round the village listening.

### THE REV. J. KINGDON, M.A.

His many friends in the Chester Diocese and much further afield will learn with great regret of the death of the Rev. John Kingdon, which took place recently in hospital after a short illness. He was 74.

His younger days were spent in the mission field in India, from which he returned to this country for a brief period in 1923 as Precentor of Coventry Cathedral. He saw further service in India before accepting the living of Bollington, Cheshire, where he became interested in ringing, and it was during his ten years' ministry there that the bells were restored.

In 1947 he came to Chester as Rector of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, and was shortly afterwards elected secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, an office which he held with distinction for 11 years. Mr. Kingdon was often to be seen at Branch meetings, on Saturday afternoons, where his unassuming manner and kindly disposition made him a welcomed visitor. He retired in September, 1958, and took up residence in Storrington, Sussex. The members of the Chester Diocesan Guild will join with his many friends in the diocese in expressing very real sympathy with his widow and family.

J. W. C.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## RINGERS AND CHURCH WORKERS

Dear Sir.—It may be that the ringers at Usk (Mon) are all non-church attenders, in which case the Rev. D. G. Brunning has every opportunity, by personal contact, assuming they live in the parish, to show them the error of their ways. But I do wish he would refrain from his sarcastic insinuations which, although typical of his contributions to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' are unworthy by their uncharitableness and inaccuracy of his great calling.

Of course there are ringers who are not churchmen, but the great majority of ringers these days certainly are. I would remind your readers that it is but a year or two since a young man who was due to become Master of the College Youths had to decline the honour because he was training for the priesthood, and at this moment a former Master of the Cumberlands is in training for Holy Orders at Rochester Theological College.

Your correspondent should be present at the Corporate Communion of the Central Council on Whit Tuesday—perhaps he will have the opportunity at Cardiff next year. He will find there a representative body of men and women of differing traditions within the church, who by their demeanour are by no means strangers observing a convention.

One has watched with pleasure through the columns of 'The Ringing World' the activities of a young man who a year or two ago moved from one Northamptonshire town to another. His name seems still to pop up all over the place, but one gathers he is already a churchwarden at the town he has moved to, and there is frequent evidence in 'The Ringing World' of the growing ringing activity at this church. There are all these and many, many more.

The omission of ringers from lists of churchwardens is most unfortunate and all too frequent. I strongly support your correspondent who raised the matter in your columns.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

## NO COMPARISON

Dear Sir.—The Rev. D. G. Brunning says (page 720), 'One never hears of "singers" leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over.' I have never heard of these 'singers' beginning a half to three quarters of a hour before a service, like ringers do. There is this difference between them.—Sincerely yours,

H. HODGSON (Mrs.).

Chesham, Bucks.

## RINGERS AND YORK MINSTER ENTHRONEMENT

Dear Sir.—Reference to Rev. D. G. Brunning's letter on page 720. I was at a service in a West Country Cathedral recently when, at the end of Evensong, the choir retired, leaving the congregation to sing two hymns and listen to a splendid address by the Diocesan Bishop. Surely this is not an isolated case.

The implications by the reverend gentleman in his letter may be true in certain districts, but thanks to the influence of our worthy Associations, and more clergy taking an interest (often active) in the affairs of the tower, in my opinion ringers in the majority attend at least one service each Sunday, and usually choose the most important, that of Holy Communion. Many ringers also sing in the choir of their church, are members of the P.C.C. and take an active part in many other church activities.

Certainly I do not think that the point raised by Mr. Brunning had any bearing on the particular omission in this service.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE

(Lay Reader and Tower Captain).

Eagle House, Yatton, Somerset.

## CHURCH OFFICIALS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir.—I had intended to write this letter before reading that written by the Rev. D. G. Brunning, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' for October 27th.

On Sunday, October 29th, in this parish we have started the second part of our Christian Stewardship Campaign. This entails daily readings from the Bible continuously for one year. All of our ringers are active members of the church and we rang prior to Said Mass on that day a quarter peal to mark the occasion and to welcome the celebrant—the Bishop of St. Albans.

This was 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilkie (server) 1, D. Hibbert (member of the Youth Fellowship) 2, D. Bartholomew (server and chorister) 3, H. Bradbury (server) 4, M. Hatchett (cond., server and visitor in Stewardship Campaign) 5, J. Hibbert (chorister) 6.

Only too often do we hear of ringers not being active Christians—is this their fault only? When inquiries are made it usually turns out that the priest-in-charge never visits the ringing chamber and sometimes doesn't even know the names of the ringers in his church.

If the ringers at Usk don't attend church regularly, might I suggest that their priest not only visits the tower regularly, but offers regular prayers on their behalf: ours does and it's surprising what a difference it makes.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

P.S.—This quarter peal was also rung to mark the christening of the third son of the ringer of the 4th.—M. H.

## RIGHT PLACE SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—Some months ago a letter of mine appeared in your columns dealing with a proposal to publish Mr. S. Burton's collection of Right Place Surprise Methods. Owing to a change in circumstances I no longer have the facilities necessary for the production of this work, and thus shall not be able to publish it as originally planned.

To all those people who wrote to me reserving copies, I must tender my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused, and to those who enclosed a subscription for the first copy, assure them it will be returned within a few days.—Yours faithfully,

W. BUTLER.

Thatcham, Berks.

## THE QUARTER PEAL AT HILLINGDON

Dear Sir.—It was pleasing to know that Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon had renewed their interest in ringing after nearly 30 years' absence, and my memory goes back to December 16th, 1925, when a peal of Kent Major was rung at Acton. Ringing next to me was a young teenage ringer, Miss Ruby Hawsworth, on the 3rd, and Mr. Fardon rang the 4th, a birthday compliment to him. These two became man and wife, and were missed soon after their marriage, therefore it is nice to see their names in print again.

Mr. G. R. Fardon (father) was a prominent London ringer and we were ringing peals together back in 1902.—Yours sincerely,

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

## LADIES' RECORDS

Dear Sir.—I trust that Miss Muriel Reay will forgive me for pointing out that she does not hold the record for the number of peals rung on tower bells by a lady, as stated by 'Apacer' in his interesting review of her excellent ringing career. The total given was 570.

The total of peals rung by the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole was 677: of this number 672 were rung on tower bells.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY BROUGHTON.

Leicester.

## 6/5's AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir.—Whilst I have no strong views on 6/5's at backstroke in Minor ringing I have had some experience in producing rather a novel musical effect.

As most of our experienced peal ringers know, when rounds are likely to come up in peals in an embarrassing place due to either a change course or miscall, the technique is for the tenor man to pull in his bell to prevent this. Having used this system on several occasions (I find when calling Minor methods that the calls come rather quickly, which can be confusing to a conductor even of my calibre), I find that sometimes 6/5's are produced at backstroke. These never struck me as being unpleasant, particularly in view of the urgency of the situation.

On rare occasions, however, I have managed to clash the tenor exactly with the 5th. This produces the rather novel musical effect I mentioned in my first sentence. It reminds me of the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky, in the part where you get lots of bells ringing rounds and then a cannon fires. Of course, some people don't like shots.

Most people deplore 8/7's at backstroke in Major ringing, but I think it's not nearly as bad as 6/5 in Doubles at backstroke, and indeed they are rather odd at handstroke.

It doesn't really matter in Minimus or even Maximus, because no one can tell the difference anyway whatever you ring, but I'm inclined to agree with Derek P. Jones.

Of course, this is only my opinion, but I do ring regularly for Sunday service.—Yours, etc.,

G. HAYALLS.

Derby.

Dear Sir.—We are all, I feel sure, greatly obliged to Mr. Pargeter for explaining so carefully that 6/5's at the backstroke are of no moment unless open leads are employed. This, I believe, has been remarked on before. Of course, the tenor coursing 'the wrong way' looks awkward on tower bells and feels awkward on handbells, but I submit that if Mr. Pargeter approaches the subject with his mind (and ears) in the same condition as his leads, he will discover much of interest in 6/5's at backstroke.

In this matter, as in all others, we should be progressive, but I assure Mr. P. that I have never used a preposition to end a sentence with!—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

## THE LATE PREB. E. V. COX'S HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—The handbells advertised for sale in last week's issue were the property of the late Preb. E. V. Cox, who was president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers from 1933 until his death on May 30th, 1961. He bequeathed them to the Guild, to be sold for the benefit of the Guild instruction fund.

The Guild General Committee has decided that, in view of his great services to ringing throughout the county, a memorial fund should be raised, and it is proposed to divide the fund between the provision of something tangible in Exeter Cathedral belfry and a trophy to be awarded annually to the most progressive tower in union with the Guild. To this end it is hoped that towers will subscribe at least 1s. per member. Contributions should be sent via Branch secretaries to the general treasurer, Mr. H. W. Milford, 490, Crownhill Road, Higher Street, Budeaux, Plymouth.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.  
Gen. Sec., Devon Guild.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman, of Ramsgate, whose 50th anniversary was announced by a quarter of Grandshire Triples at St. Lawrence's Church. For 52 years he rang at this church and in the later years he was captain. Then ill-health put a stop to his ringing.



## ST. GEORGE'S BEATS 'TENOR KING'

Well, us thought, the Tenor King put up a fair old show, even to get 'alf way with such a bender and us 'opes as 'e'll come again and 'ave another go. Young Dr. Heighston's got some ideas about oiling the tenor so's 'er don't run dry, so us might even see Cecil ring 'un behind before then.

P. J. B.

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## Fifty Years of Ringing in the Island

A UNIQUE gathering took place at Godshill, Isle of Wight, on October 28th to honour two members of the local company who had completed 50 years as ringers at this tower. They were Charles Denness and Clive Callaway. Also honoured was Sidney Moody, of Whippingham, on completing 50 years, who had done most of his ringing at Newport Parish Church.

Charles Denness is the captain of the band, having followed his father in that office in 1934, when the bells were rehung. His grandfather was also captain, thus providing a family sequence spanning nearly a century.

Charles ('Chum') as he is known to his friends) not only taught many to ring, but had the satisfaction of seeing the local band progress until, immediately after the last war, they were probably the best ringing team on the island. In 1935, to mark the silver jubilee of King George V, he conducted the first peal on the bells by a local band. With the same ringers in 1953 he conducted another peal for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Clive Callaway, while not achieving notoriety as a conductor, has always been and is an excellent exponent of our art. A good teacher, he is ever ready to give what help he can to the many youthful visitors to the tower. Clive also serves the church in other capacities, but like 'Chum' is very modest concerning his activities. His brother, Albert Callaway, was for many years a ringer at Newport Parish Church after he had learned to ring in Godshill tower.

The celebrations commenced with ringing in the tower, ringers from Freshwater and Ventnor joining in with the local band.

### OUTINGS

#### MARLOW, BUCKS

In the same little red bus, driven by one of the party, Marlow ringers set off at 7.45 a.m. on October 21st for their fourth annual outing.

The nice six at Theale and the light eight at Aldermaston were the first bells encountered. A longer run brought us to East Garston, where Walter Avery, of Lane End, the only visitor, scored his 400th tower. He had, however, to work for it—the bells, with 17 cwt. tenor, were on plain bearings and had not been oiled for a long time.

Two very good towers followed—Lambourne (8) and Ashbury (6), but the noise in the ringing chamber at Bishopstone (8) put most of the company off form. Ringing was delayed at Wanborough, because of a funeral. On the light eight at Stratton St. Margaret, with the aid of the Vicar and tower captain, we achieved a course of Double Norwich.

Some really good ringing took place at Highworth (8), and then came the first break of the day—high tea at a local hotel, kindly arranged for us by the Vicar of Highworth. The evening's ringing was at Shrivenhams, an odd-struck eight, where the fifth had to be pulled under the fourth at backstroke in rounds, and on the fine-toned 8 at Faringdon, where several local ringers joined in. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. To all who helped to make the day a great success our sincere thanks. R. E. D.

#### LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

The Beresford family joined us for our outing to Cambridge on June 17th. En route, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the Gillett and Johnston ring at Kettering.

At Cambridge, Plain Bob Maximus and Sledman Cinques were rung at Great St. Mary's Church. Contrasts were provided by the 10 cwt. eight at St. Andrew's and the six at St. Benedict's (13 cwt.). After tea the eight at the Roman Catholic Church, despite the draught, was excellent in tone and go.

On the homeward journey ringing took place at Godmanchester and Brampton (an anti-clockwise five). A further hour was spent at Brampton with refreshments. The singing in the coach was led by one of the young ladies of Lichfield and was very special. Local ringers and incumbents are thanked for their co-operation. 'KLEEWAY.'

Following the ringing, the Vicar (Rev. H. O. Masson) conducted a service in the church. To the first hymn the following verses, composed by the Vicar, were sung:

Our church bells at Godshill at Festivals say,  
'Come all ye good people and cast care away.

For He who made sunshine and blossom and May,  
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.'

Our fathers before us were men of goodwill  
And heaven lay close to the church on the hill.

They built it for worship of Christ, King of Peace,  
And peals from its bells here we know will not cease.

Two men of our band we would honour today,  
Our captain, 'Chum' Denness, and Clive Callaway.

'Tis fifty years now since they started to ring,  
So we have great pleasure their praises to sing.

The lesson was read by Rev. Mr. Collet, a ringer, who is curate at Freshwater. During a short address the Vicar paid tribute to the work of the two local men, both as ringers and churchmen. The singing during the service was accompanied on the organ by Mr. E. Taylor.

After the service the company went to the Village Hall, where they were joined by more ringers and friends to enjoy a sumptuous meal upon tables decorated with golden chrysanthemums. An iced cake made for the occasion by Mrs. E. Wyatt included a lead of Bob Minor among the decorations. The company drank the health of the three men after short speeches, by Mr. L. Bailey and Dr. J. B. Williamson.

Mr. L. Bailey was M.C. for the social that followed, during which Mr. H. Eldridge, of Niton, gave a monologue in dialect, and Mrs. Russell, of Whitwell, played for dancing and games on the piano. L. B.

## Three Guilds at Hillingdon

A VERY enjoyable joint meeting between the Ladies' Guild, Middlesex Association and East Berks and South Bucks Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hillingdon on October 21st. This year is the 50th anniversary of the ten bells at Hillingdon.

Early in the afternoon ringing was conducted, on the eight at Iver, by Mr. Howard Oglesby, Deputy Ringing Master of the Oxford Branch, and later at St. John's, Hillingdon, by the Middlesex Master, Mr. John Mayne.

The service, which was conducted by Rev. F. C. Tyler, Vicar of Hillingdon, was attended by Lady Craig, daughter of the donor of the ten bells, the churchwardens of Hillingdon and representatives of the parish organisations. Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of Oxford Guild, and Rev. E. Perkins, chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, read the lessons. The anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord Alway,' was beautifully sung by the Hillingdon choir.

A very stirring address was given by the Bishop of Kensington, who used as his text 'Their sound shall go out into all lands.' Church bells, he said, proclaimed the word of God. Bellingring was an ancient craft, a service to the church and a task dedicated to God.

The Bishop commented how fitting it was that Lady Craig should be present that day. The bells were dedicated fifty years ago by a Bishop of Kensington, before he left the diocese, and now he too would be leaving before long. (Bishop Eastaugh has been appointed Bishop of Peterborough.) The Bishop mentioned the great fellowship and devotion of ringers as they called people to church. They taught learners so that they might join the fellowship of an art which has no limits.

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' November 10th, 1911.—  
**FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL**

On Wednesday evening, October 30th, 1811, was rung a peal of eight handbells at the house of Mr. William Booth, Bailey Lane, Sheffield, a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. 5,088 changes, 2 hours and 34 minutes, by the following artists, viz.: Treble & 2 William Hudson, 3 & 4 William Booth, 5 & 6 Henry Grayson, 7 & tenor George Hudson.

The conductor of this peal Mr. George Hudson.

The above is copied from an old manuscript book originally the property of Mr. William Booth, and now in the possession of his grandson, Mr. C. H. Hattersley. This was the first handbell peal ever rung with bells retained in hand. In order to carry out the similitude of the original performance, as far as possible, inquiries were made with a view to the centenary peal being attempted within the same four walls, but owing to the house being turned into a business concern this was found to be impracticable. Mr. C. H. Hattersley therefore invited the band to ring at his residence, and it may be interesting to note that the grandfather clock which timed the original peal is in Mr. Hattersley's possession, and was utilised for the same purpose on the present occasion.

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After an inspiring service, about 120 people were invited to tea, which had been prepared by Mrs. Honor and the ladies of Hillingdon. Rev. F. C. Tyler welcomed Lady Craig, the Bishop and all ringers to Hillingdon.

Canon Wigg said how proud he was to be present. The choir, he said, were wonderful and it was certainly one of the best ringers' services which he had attended. On behalf of the Oxford Guild he thanked the Middlesex Association for the invitation and hoped that they would all turn up at Slough on February 24th, for the return meeting.

Mr. Fowles replied for the Middlesex Association. Mrs. Lock said the Ladies' Guild were delighted to be invited every year and hoped they would be asked again.

Apologies had been received, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said, from Rev. G. E. Taylor (president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master, O.D.G.) and Miss M. R. Cross (secretary, O.D.G.), Mr. T. W. White (editor of 'The Ringing World'), and Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of Heston. All sent their best wishes.

Mr. J. Mayne thanked all concerned for the arrangements, especially friends of Hillingdon ringers, who provided such an excellent tea. He said that these meetings help a great deal to widen friendship of ringers. Ringing then continued until 7.30 p.m., when the social commenced. This, which was arranged by Mr. W. Birmingham and Mrs. Lock, was enjoyed by all. Middlesex retained the cup for the cricket match, but during the evening Oxford had their revenge by winning another team game. This very friendly meeting ended with refreshments, and the next day Mr. Goodfellow visited Mr. Webb, who is in hospital, and reports that he is making very good progress.



## Warsop's Cup Winning Team

Under the excellent leadership of Herbert T. Rooke, cup winning has become quite a habit of the Warsop band, and they have carried all before them in this year's contest, winning no less than three.

Since 1949 they have won the Southwell Guild's Crawford Cup every year, with the exception of 1954 and 1956. They have also won the Sheffield and District contest five times since 1953. This year's successes were in the Sheffield, Southwell and Shelley contests.

There must be something in the Warsop air that helps to produce such remarkably good strikers, and it will have to be a very good team indeed that will beat the Warsop company on their present form.

JAFUS.



Standing: F. Cooke, F. Flint (vice-captain), M. Foster, G. Challans. Seated: D. H. Rooke, H. T. Rooke (captain), James T. Rooke.

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With a peal in 40 Surprise Minor methods at Sisted, Essex, Mr. Howard W. Egglestone and his band have created a record by ringing the most Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal. He writes that possibly this peal might get some of our composers interested in the problem of getting all the regular Surprise Minor methods into 5.040 changes.

The Bristol ringing festival made a Third Programme feature on November 1st.

Veterans of the Exercise will congratulate Major J. Howard Freeborn, of Oxford, on ringing his 200th peal.

Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide, rang two peals at Loughborough, on October 24th and 26th: one his first of Stedman Triples and the other his first of Major.

'Jafus' was incorrect in stating that our old friend Rev. Canon C. C. Cox was 80 plus. He will be 80 on January 26th next. Apologies to Canon Cox, and thanks to Mr. J. T. Barrett for drawing attention to the error.

Wallingford Grammar School has joined the list of schools that have rung peals. The band, who rang a peal at Goring, had an average age of 14½. The conductor, G. Mellhone, was ringing his first peal at the age of 14 years.

Only one Association seems to have remembered the 230th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. This was the Durham and Newcastle Association, who on October 25th rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Gateshead.

The Bristol Evening Post of October 25th had a special article about the first peal rung at St. Helen's Church, Lundy Island, on August 23rd, 1905. In this peal of Stedman Triples were the Rev. H. A. Cockey, C. H. Tomkins, C. H. Gordon, R. J. Wilkins, W. A. Cave, P. Game, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Rev. C. F. Coleridge. A picture of the peal band is published and this was supplied by Miss Eileen Heaven, of Portishead, a great-niece of the Rev. H. G. Heaven, who built the church and was styled the 'King of Lundy.'

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Longparish, Hampshire, can claim to have a peal ringing band. Five of the local ringers stood in a peal at their church, which was the first for four of them. The only outsider was Mr. G. K. Dodd, who has done much to promote ringing in this part of Hampshire.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Marple, Cheshire, who is at college at Loughborough, rang his 100th peal this year, on October 26th.

Whilst a quarter peal at Sunbury-on-Thames was being rung to mark their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (and daughter) were sitting in the belfry watching the efforts. Although non-ringers, they are vigorous church workers and plead the ringers' cause through the Church Council. Their son Andrew rang the tenor bell.

Mr. Raymond P. Wood, who conducted the peal of Stedman Doubles at Thakeham on October 28th, was very impressed by the ringing of the local band. The peal marked the retirement of Canon H. T. Mogridge as Rector of Thakeham. For many years the Canon has been a vice-president of the Sussex Association and his continued interest in its welfare is much appreciated.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs, a member of the band at Hunsdon, Herts, was decorated with the O.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen at an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace last week. Accompanying Miss Gibbs on this memorable occasion were Miss E. Chitty (tower secretary at Hunsdon and sixty-one years a chorister) and Mrs. T. J. Lock (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild).

Nine disconsolate ringers gathered outside St. Andrew's Church, Roker, on October 28th for an attempt of Cambridge Royal. Their plight was brought to the notice of Ian Booth, a Sunderland student, whose home tower is St. Mary's, Cottingham, Yorks, and he offered to ring the treble. A good peal was rung and the band afterwards were surprised to learn that this was only Ian's second peal, his first being Royal at St. Mary's, Beverley.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL,**A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 7
MARGARET A. PARKER .. .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. .. 8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 9
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 10
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 5	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 11
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,**A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
SANDRA E. CHESTERSTON .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
JOHN E. COOK .. .. 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 2	ALEX. E. MARSH .. .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	† ROGER J. LUMLEY .. .. 8
* JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. .. 4	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

A welcome to Clare, second daughter of Philip and Eileen Hudson, born the previous day; also a birthday peal for the conductor.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER.**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 22 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

* J. IAN BOOTH .. .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 6
† JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	KENNETH LAWSON .. .. 8
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. .. 9
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.'

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. Treble	* E. THOMAS WILSON .. .. 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 2	HARRY M. WINDSOR .. .. 6
GRAHAM T. BALL .. .. 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. .. 7
HARRY HARPER .. .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal of Major.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.**A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

PATRICIA MORRIS .. .. Treble	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 5
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 6
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

A wedding compliment to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw and Miss E. E. Gladwin.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD BIRCH .. .. Treble	DENNIS HOLLAND .. .. 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. .. 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. .. 6
LESLIE E. SMITH .. .. 3	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. .. 7
JEFFREY KERSHAW .. .. 4	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

Rung after the wedding of Miss June Florence Senior, of Ecclesfield, and Mr. Malcolm Alexander Knubble, of Wombwell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,**A PEAL OF 5024 SHOULDHAM DELIGHT MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 6
MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

First peal of Delight Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Wilshaw; also a birthday compliment to the conductor's father.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

* WENDY PHILLIPS .. .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5
† JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. 7
† ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

* ROSEMARY L. TAYLOR .. Treble	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 5
(Newnham)	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. 7
† D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) .. 3	H. C. LEWIS (Fitz. H.) .. Tenor
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 4	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal. † First on eight.

Rung to welcome David, son of Frances and Brian Threlfall, and Caroline Ruth, daughter of June and Chris. Johnson.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.**A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 2	* PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. 4	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	* NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* 200th peal for the Guild.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. .. 5
JEAN L. LAVENDER .. .. 2	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. .. 6
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 3	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.



**NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*ERNEST STITCH .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. 5
*HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6
†YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. .. 7
‡MICHAEL FELLOWS .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* 200th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First in the method.

Rung for the Harvest Festival; also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second, sixth and tenor.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. .. Treble	JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of William H. Hoad, a ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Tues., Oct. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*  
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's No. 1.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	BRIAN COX .. .. 5
A. JAMES POYNER .. .. 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 6
*†JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. Specially arranged for Mr. Brian Cox, of Adelaide.

**GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.**  
**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (Five-Part).

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung on the 230th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1731.

**ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.**  
**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**  
 (South West Branch.)  
*On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in F., approx.
*ROSEMARY JOYCE MARKS Treble	D. ROY BOLD .. .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. .. 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. .. 3	WILLIAM G. LAYERS .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. DAY .. .. 4	WALTER H. MARKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the new Tamar Road Bridge.

**THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.	Tenor 24 cwt.
KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. .. Treble	DON C. EXELL .. .. 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. 2	CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 6
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*  
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

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

*SUSAN E. WATERFIELD .. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. 5
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 2	‡BRIAN COX .. .. 6
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 3	†MELVYN STEVENS .. .. 7
†SHIRLEY M. BECK .. .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of T.B. Major. † First of Treble Bob. ‡ First of Major. The conductor's 100th tower bell peal this year.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 5
JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. .. 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. STONE .. .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 7
JAMES A. AYERS .. .. 4	DAVID W. PARKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by DAVID W. PARKIN.

First peal as conductor.  
 Rung as a 48th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Stone, Ringing Master of Duffield.

**OXFORD.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES COLES .. .. Treble	CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 6
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 3	†J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. .. 7
*HARRY W. BADGER .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* 50th peal, and rung on his 60th birthday. † 200th peal.  
 A welcome to Caroline Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. P. Johnson, born October 12th, 1961.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**  
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRENTFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

**ERITH, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative; 129 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	*TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 6).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal of 4-Spliced.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*  
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNER .. .. 6
W. DAVID WARD .. .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise.

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**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Andrew.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part	Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
*WALTER S. RICE .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 5
†HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 6
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. 3	†ALAN F. LEE .. 7
DAVID J. BARNETT .. 4	WALTER E. DAY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* First peal. † 60th peal. ‡ 75th peal (40 for the Bath and Wells Association).

Rung to enable the ringers of treble and tenor to ring a peal in their own tower.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.*

*At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 1,408 each Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 Bristol and 1,120 London; with 117 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. 7
*ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced on the bells.

Rung for the church's dedication festival.

**COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.**

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*

*At the Church of the Holy Trinity.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*ANN GEORGE .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. 4	ROBERT P. SHEPLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Peter.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

*ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 5
NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*ROY WORRALL .. 6
*BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 3	†WALTER SHERRATT .. 7
*JOHN ROBINSON .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

**HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*

*At the Church of St. Luke.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Six-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.
HAROLD HAMER .. Treble	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 6
IVAN KAY .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
MARGARET CROSSTHWAITE .. 4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Rung in memory of Mr. Tom Ascroft, ringer at this church for over 60 years, who died August 16th, 1961.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*

*At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JEAN L. LAVENDER .. Treble	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 6
*JEANETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 3	ROBERT W. HINDE .. 7
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 4	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.

\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

**RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.*

*At the Church of All Saints.*

**A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

ANNE C. GARNETT .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
JOHN D. ROCK .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.

First peal as conductor. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

**SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. Treble	DENIS FRITH .. 5
NEIL BENNETT .. 2	MARTIN FAULKES .. 6
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4	DENIS MOITERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw and Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

**NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas.*

**A PEAL OF 5152 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
*GORDON H. LANE .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in the method.

A compliment to the ringer of the fourth on his recent marriage to Miss Elsie E. Gladwin.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

HARRY D. LISTER .. Treble	WINSTON S. GIRLING .. 4
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 2	ROBERT E. LESTER .. 5
RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 3	HUBERT A. MITSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

The ringers of treble and tenor have now 'completed the circle' to peals.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being ten 120's and 16 240's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

LESLIE BARRY .. Treble	*DAVID POJJOY .. 4
LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	OLIVER MILLS .. 5
AUDREY EVANS .. 3	HAROLD AUSTIN .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

**FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON .. Treble	JAMES E. BURLS .. 4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
JAMES BLACKBURN .. 3	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival; also for the 61st anniversary of the dedication of the church. October 20th. 1900.

**GRETTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*

*At the Church of St. James-the-Great.*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and three 240's Grand-sire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY WAND .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 3
*JOHN WOOLLEY .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal 'inside.'



## WATERINGBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 23 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (2) Chester and Munden; (3) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; (7) Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge and Primrose; with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. 4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 2	†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
*RALPH BIRD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* 150th peal together. † 50th peal together. First in 23 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

## LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MARGARET E. READ .. Treble	FRANK R. TONGE .. 4
*MRS. B. DOBSON .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
*PENELOPE A. GODDARD .. 3	*BRIAN M. PICKFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by the ringers of 3, 4 and 5, calling a 720 alternately, No. 7 being conducted by FRANK R. TONGE.

\* First peal. Ringers of treble, 2, 3, 4 and tenor are local ringers at the church.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Dobson, also a wedding anniversary—both dates falling on October 4th.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 40 methods, viz.: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2 and 3) Cuneastre, Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Chester and Munden (1,440 in 12 Surprise); (4) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

Rung as a welcome to Caroline Wendy, infant daughter of Peter and Pamela Eves.

## BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
SHIRLEY A. MUDD .. 2	RITA M. JOWETT .. 5
IRIS LEMARE .. 3	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD.

First peal in the method by all.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANNE P. SMITH .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 4
PETER T. DALE .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
ALAN G. KIRK .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

In memoriam William Willett.

## FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. FULLER .. Treble	*MARTIN MAJOR .. 4
*ANTHONY SMITH .. 2	ALAN S. SMITH .. 5
*ALEX SIMPSON .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 44 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*STEPHEN FRANKLIN .. Treble	†ROGER HOWES .. 4
†GERALD McILHON .. 2	*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. 5
*GERALD TINSON .. 3	*CHARLES J. ADAM .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD McILHON (14 years).

\* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal by an all-Wallingford Grammar School band; average age 14½ years.

## KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ANN BARR .. Treble	LUCY ALLEN .. 4
CLIVE M. SMITH .. 2	*DAVID INGRAM .. 5
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK .. 3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods. First of four Minor methods as conductor.

## THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (12 callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARIAN SKINNER .. Treble	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL .. 4
CHARLES B. SKINNER .. 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 5
EDWARD FOSBERRY .. 3	*WILLIAM CHERRIMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

Rung on the retirement of Canon H. T. Mogridge. Rector of Thakeham and a vice-president of the Association.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 3, SALTERS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN ANDERSON .. 1-2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 5-6
ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3-4	JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	*JOHN J. JELLEY .. 7-8
†ROBERT B. SMITH .. 9-10	

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First Surprise peal 'in hand.' † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'in hand.'

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Perrin 1, D. A. Cork 2, Miss J. M. Winchester 3, P. J. Milton 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. A. Cork (first of T.B.) 1, C. H. Macve (first of T.B. 'inside') 2, R. Bird 3, J. C. Perrin 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann E. Sharpe 1, Margaret Fisher (first 'inside') 2, Diana Gough (cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, Valerie Mepham 5. First quarter on five bells for band. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Gilbert 1, Katherine Gorvin 2, Ann E. Sharpe 3, Valerie Mepham 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. Paine (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (in eleven different methods): A. Holling 1, Ann Warnes 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, D. M. Barrett 6. First quarter in 11 methods by the band.

**BARMING, KENT.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Pamela J. Osborne 1, Marjorie Clarke 2, D. Smith 3, J. Mannerling 4, H. H. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. R. Manser 6.

**BAUGHURST, HANTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Taylor 1, A. Littlejohn 2, D. Papworth 3, J. Roberts (cond.) 4, F. Gosling 5, H. Taylor 6. For evening service, the first to be held at Baughurst after a lapse of many years.

**BENGEO, HERTS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Butcher 1, Miss M. Butcher 2, Miss M. Tate 3, E. J. Phillips (cond.) 4, J. H. Phillips 5, S. D. Butcher 6. By the Bengoe Society of Change Ringers, for the induction of the Rev. C. A. Weale, B.A.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Thomas Jackson, who was interred at this church earlier in the day.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Harris (first quarter) 1, P. J. Dye 2, I. C. Buckland 3, Kathleen M. Exell 4, P. Bridle (first as cond.) 5, D. C. Exell 6, P. J. Bird 7, D. C. J. Padfield 8. Rung for the induction service, particularly remembering Rev. David Bentley, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol. Also on Oct. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,287 Stedman Caters: P. J. Bird (cond.) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, C. K. Cooper 3, F. Anderson (first of Stedman) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, J. H. Fielden 6, J. M. Stallard 7, P. S. Bennett 8, J. C. Baldwin 9, I. C. Maycock 10. First of Caters for 4, 5 and 8. Rung for morning prayer.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cecilia Newman (first quarter) 1, Patricia Fairman (first 'inside') 2, Sheila Copping 3, G. E. Foster 4, R. T. Newman 5, M. Foster (first as cond.) 6, P. J. Spice 7. For Matins. Also the same day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary M. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, Maria E. Kirby 2, P. J. Spice 3, G. E. Foster 4, M. Foster (first of Bob Major 'inside') 5, R. T. Newman 6, D. G. Brown 7, M. F. Oakshott (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Neal 1, E. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, C. Cook 4, N. Jenkins 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, E. Ashby 2, T. Clark 3, H. Hodgetts 4, C. Cook 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to parents of T. Clark, ringer of the 3rd. Also birthday greetings to the same ringer.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At St. Dunstan's, Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,440 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: Miss O. Gant 1, A. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. Phillimore 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, married at this church earlier in the day.

**CHISLEDON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Lucksford (first quarter) 1, Colin Wilkins 2, Stephen Miller 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. G. Cook 5, R. J. Court 6. Four and five joint conductors. For Evensong.

**CLAINES, WORCS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Budd 1, Gillian P. Blackwell 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whittall 5, H. Homans 6, R. Woodvatt (cond.) 7, Lynda J. Rofe 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8. By Sunday service band, for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to ringer of second.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elford 1, Miss B. Jewell 2, S. G. King 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, Miss M. de Jong 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, C. J. A. Brown (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Pike.

**COVENTRY.**—On Oct. 29th, at St. Michael's, Stoke, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Wright 1, R. D. Hayne 2, D. Ellender 3, R. Robinson 4, R. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. D. M. Davies, who is to be inducted to the living of St. Andrew's, Rugby.

**EDINBURGH.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Bingham (first Caters) 1, Miss K. Branson 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, R. St. C. Wilson 4, N. D. Haig (first Caters) 5, J. Martin 6, M. Peterson 7, A. Best 8, C. R. Raine 9, I. Laing (first Caters) 10. Rung for the dedication festival.

**FELMERSHAM, BEDS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. M. Mann 3, J. H. Edwards 4, C. M. Payne 5, C. D. Mann 6, K. C. Fleming 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung to wish hon voyage to K. C. Fleming, of Amphil, on his joining the Merchant Navy.

**GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Miss D. E. Smith 3, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, B. Johns 6, J. Underwood 7, C. H. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Viscount Crookshank of Gainsborough, P.C., C.H.

**GLASTON, RUTLAND.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Heath 1, G. W. Reynolds 2, R. A. Todd 3, J. Woolley (cond.) 4, G. H. Busby 5, J. C. Hudson 6. Rung with 5 as whole hunt bell, for Glaston Feast.

**GLOUCESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Payne 1, P. Clarkson 2, I. Goulter 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Jones 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, W. Cox 7, L. Edwards 8, P. Allen 9, J. Whiting 10. First time the Cathedral bells have been rung on a Sunday evening.

**GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marie R. Cross (cond.) 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon 3, Catherine M. Chapman 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon 5, A. W. Lloyd 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. H. T. Dixon, D.D., grandfather of the 3rd and 5th, who was Vicar of Taynton and Great Barrington, 1907-11.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Lerner 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. A farewell to ringer of 3rd, who is leaving the district after 23 years of regular Sunday service ringing.

**HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Thorling 1, M. C. Hughes 2, F. C. Lyne 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, R. E. Tallis sen. 5, G. E. Ingram 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss J. Castle (a cousin of the conductor) to Mr. D. Hicks.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, K. Barnes 3, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 4, S. Philbrick 5, T. Hyde 6. For family service. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Fish (first quarter) 1, R. Fuller 2, S. Philbrick 3, G. Mayes 4, M. Major (cond.) 5, L. H. Bywaters 6.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Cornwall 1, J. Simmons (first of Surprise) 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Francis (first of Surprise) 4, S. M. Bailey (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, G. Harrison 6, R. Blackler 7, D. Knox 8.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Oct. 27th, at the Old Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Turner 1, K. Clarke 2, B. Coles 3, E. Summers 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints' and Plain Bob): Helen Sydes (first quarter) 1, P. Friend (first 'inside') 2, J. J. Wallcut 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. Before annual sportsmen's service.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: N. D. Kirk 1, E. A. Harrison 2, Miss T. E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. The first in the variation by all the band. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. H. Bent 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, W. G. Hurst 3, G. W. Mason 4, T. G. Still 5, W. J. Tanner 6, C. H. Bray 7, J. E. Adams 8, G. A. Olliffe 9, R. K. Mason 10. Rung by the St. Margaret's Sunday service band, for the medical service.

**MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Davies 1, A. K. Fortin 2, E. G. Jones 3, M. W. Coleman 4, L. A. Busby 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Yvonne Obbard to Peter Gibson.

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cleoni Gardner (first quarter) 1, Frances Smith (first quarter) 2, A. Honeywood 3, V. Wildney 4, Gillian R. Brown (first as cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6.

**NASEBY, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, Miss B. Perry 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin 5.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: Ann Hancock 1, L. Cordell 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Wootton 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, A. J. Roden (first 'inside') 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, J. E. Lawley and A. Perry 6. Longest length for A. Perry. A birthday compliment to J. E. Lawley. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Roden 1, J. A. Tandy 2, J. E. Lawley 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, P. L. Bill ('circle' to quarter peals completed) 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Wootton 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, A. J. Roden 3, C. R. Tandy 4, A. D. Roden 5, A. Perry (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

**OXFORD.**—On Oct. 22nd, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, R. H. Allsworth 2, J. Venn 3, R. Benstead (first 'inside') 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung prior to Evensong, to mark the dedication of the new extension to the church.

**OXTEAD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Bodman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Tanswell 2, Mrs. M. Howarth 3, Susan Nothersale 4, A. Newman (first as cond.) 5, A. Nowers 6.

**PAINSWICK, GLOS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, Mrs. L. Bladen 2, B. Bladen 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, A. Pendlebury 5, Miss S. M. Parsons 6, T. Borcham 7, I. Goulter 8, G. M. Brewin 9, G. R. Drew 10. For Evensong.

**PROBUS, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. A. Rule 1, A. Carveth 2, S. A. Read 3, Mrs. M. Carveth 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, D. Burnett 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, P. Rowe 8.

**PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, F. Welch 4, R. C. Beale 5, J. Stenner 6.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Guest 1, M. Kitching 2, M. Brown 3, B. Brant 4, G. Brewin (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Norwich): M. Brown 1, N. Bennett 2, D. Mottershead 3, G. Brewin 4, F. Shallcross 5, J. E. Cook 6. Conducted jointly by 2 and 6. For Harvest Festival family service; also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Guest 1, M. Kitching 2, G. Brewin (cond.) 3, N. Bishop 4, P. Plowright 5, A. Yates 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Cox 1, B. Brant 2, M. Kirk 3, M. Conson 4, M. Brown 5, G. Brewin 6.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion D. Simmonds (first quarter) 1, T. Bird 2, Jean R. Simmonds 3, D. E. Tupper 4, J. G. Brett 5, E. W. Brown 6, J. H. Brett 7, A. T. Barcham 8. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodchild, on their leaving the village. Mr. Goodchild has sung in the choir for 60 years, and served as Rector's warden for 40 years.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At 44, Janson Road, Shirley, on Oct. 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. M. Powell (first quarter) 1-2, H. N. Evans (cond.) 3-4.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): T. Tyers 1, D. Struckett 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, P. Brand 4, D. Brock (cond.) 5, A. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also for the wedding anniversary of the parents of A. Johnson.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Ritchens 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. A. Burt (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. A 21st birthday compliment to David Barnett, and as an engagement compliment to Bill Lampard and Rita M. Webb.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Dale (first quarter) 1, P. S. Whalley 2, Miss A. Pardoe (first 'inside') 3, Miss E. Snell 4, L. A. Walley 5, A. Thompson 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. By the local band for dedication festival Evensong.



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## ENGAGEMENTS

GRAYSON—KELLY.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly are happy to announce (during their silver wedding year) the coming-of-age of their daughter, Jean, also her engagement to Brian, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grayson, both of Sheffield. 9221

NIX—WALKER.—The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nix, Babbacombe, Devon, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, East Dene, Rotherham, Yorkshire. 9186

## DEATH

ATTWATER.—On Saturday, October 21st. 1961. James Attwater, in his 84th year. Ringer at St. George's, Barksideside, and previously at Enfield. 9230

## PERSONAL

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## MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Arlesey, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Norwich Minor. Ringing for all.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9215

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, November 11th. meeting at Blethingley. Make own tea arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 9175

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9158

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Godalming on Saturday, November 11th. Nominations for officers (duly proposed and seconded) and names for tea to Secretary.—S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 9149

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8). November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. 9173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlingbury on November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Bennett, Old Road, Watlingbury.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 9115

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, November 11th. Tea 4 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each from T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 9102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Woolton, November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9204

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, November 11th. All Saints', Poplar. Bells (10) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business, Church Hall. 5.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 9164

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with S.W. District of the ESSEX ASSOCIATION, Saturday, November 11th at All Saints', Edmonton. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. and evening ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All Hallows', Tottenham, bells also available 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. 9165

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lewknor, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Only cups of tea provided.—J. E. Goodman. 9185

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caversham (8) on November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, Reading.—F. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9143

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Farnham St. Martin (6). Saturday, November 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on November 11th at 3 p.m. West Tarring (6) available in the evening. Names for tea please to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 9178

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Highclere (8). November 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Woolton Hill and East Woodhay after tea. Names to J. K. Dodd, White City, Woolton Hill. 9187

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Dundry, November 18th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9216

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest and practice meeting at Wavendon, by kind permission of Rev. Canon Elliot Wigg, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing contest 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for ten must be sent not later than Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbome Crowley, Blechley. 9206

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, November 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea after service, Ringing, St. Michael's, after tea. For tea advise Mr. N. Bennett, 7, Corner Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, by November 15th.—C. K. Lewis and D. Ogden. 9197

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9211

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby (8) on Saturday, November 18th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 9222

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9196

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 18th, 2.30 p.m., Chester-le-Street (SS. Mary and Cuthbert). Names to Mr. S. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 9188

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting on Saturday, November 18th, at Blackwell. Bells 6 till 9 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9220

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9207

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex. 9141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the memorial to Frank Skidmore, St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, November 18th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) will be available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5, before Wednesday, November 15th.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 9143

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashted, Saturday, November 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in School Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by November 16th, please, to J. Symonds, 'Sherborne', West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 9219

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanlow, Saturday November 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. 9192

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—November 18th, Harpenden. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Pershore. Committee meet 2.30 p.m., please. Names for tea to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—M. A. C. 9205

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Caldicot, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by November 14th please.—J. S. King. 9176



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8) on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Hall. 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Beasley, 'Highcroft,' St. George's Avenue, Hinckley, Leics., by Wednesday, November 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 9212

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. 9193

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland St. James, Saturday, November 18th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. J. Nelson, 71, Bannister Drive, Leyland, Direct bus from Preston Fox Street 2.13 p.m., bus 109 to Leyland Cross, 111. 162. 298 to Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley. 9203

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Billesdon on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing: Tilton-on-the-Hill (4) 3-4 p.m.; Billesdon (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m., and after the meeting. Service at Billesdon 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 15th, please, to Mr. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon. Transport can be provided from Tilton to Billesdon. 9190

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 9228

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by precious Tuesday.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9163

**LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—Meeting, November 18th. Mortlake (8) 2.15 p.m. Richmond (8). Kingston (10) 7 p.m.—P. Cattermole, Master. 9228

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Practice on November 18th at Ruislip, 3 to 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Uxbridge 6.30 to 8 p.m. Some subscriptions still outstanding.—F. T. Blagrove. 9255

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on November 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Kent T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 9218

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—A meeting at Culworth on Saturday, November 18th. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9208

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (1672).—Meeting at Wollaton (6) on November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names please by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. Phillip Hawcock, 82, Russell Drive, Wollaton.—A. Henson, Sec. 9214

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Newark District) and **LINCOLN DIOCESAN** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Newark on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 9153

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea please by Wednesday, November 15th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9194

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall, November 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, by 16th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

#### ALL SAINTS' DANEHILL, SUSSEX

##### First Annual Ringers' Service

Sunday, November 19th.

Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.

All ringers and friends welcome. 9189

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Practice meeting, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22nd, at Farmborough. All members and friends very welcome.—B. J. 9226

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Sully, November 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Practice method: Norwich S.M. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 9209

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Wells on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 23rd to J. Williamson, 47, Staithe Street, Wells, Norfolk. 9221

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—November 25th. Practice meeting: Martin 3-5 p.m.; Damerham from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Martin for those who notify by Tuesday, 21st.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9199

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 25th. St. George the Martyr bells, Borough High Street, 3 p.m. Service there at 4.30. Tea, in St. George's Halls, Lant Street, S.E.1, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, after, until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Bagworth, of 37, Cliveden Road, S.W.19, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9224

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 27th, please, to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 9195

**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—First annual dinner, Saturday, December 2nd, at the Cotswold Hotel, Portsmouth. Southampton. Ringing programme. Entertainment. Bar extension. Tickets available at 17s. 6d. from Hon. Sec., A. S. Harrison, South Stoneham House, Swaythling, Southampton. 9038

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#### SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

Annual reunion, Nottingham, December 9th, at the Albert Hotel, Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing: Attenborough 11-noon; Nottingham, St. Mary's 3.30-4.45, St. Peter's 5-6.15 p.m. Tickets from the Secretary, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester, before December 1st, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec. 9210

#### MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Five schools were represented at a half-term meeting at Sibley, Leics., on October 27th, arranged by Mr. Michael White. All but two of the ringers were of school age. The Vicar, Rev. R. Hunton, is thanked for his encouraging support, and also the Sibley ringers for their hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tembey, of Cleator Moor, wish to thank the ringers who took part in the peals which were rung in honour of their ruby wedding anniversary. Special thanks to the Vicars of Wallington and Cleator Moor, for the use of the bells, and to Richard Castledine and Leslie Bournemouth, for arranging and conducting the respective peals.

The peal at Gariboldisham, reported on page 743, was specially arranged for the genial Master of St. Peter Mancroft ringers, Mr. A. G. Bason, to enable him to return to the village, where he was born and where he was taught to handle a bell. It was his first peal on the bells. Opportunity was taken to meet some old friends before returning to Norwich.

Miss Susan King, with two other members of St. Mary's, Ewell, branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, has made history for the organisation in the South of England, by being the first to win a bronze badge under the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme for girls. The badge calls for initiative, perseverance, genuine effort and individual progress. For this purpose, Susan has concentrated on bellringing at St. Mary's, Ewell, and has obviously made satisfactory progress during the year!

#### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the Society had the privilege of holding a meeting at the Church of All Saints, Otley. The fine toned bells were put to good use and some fine striking was favourably commented upon by passers-by. Methods ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

The Society welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thorley, who paid a surprise visit on their way to York.

Mr. Percy Whitaker welcomed the Society to the Church and tendered an apology on behalf of the Rev. Patrick Ashe, who was engaged in preparing for his television appearance the next day.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. W. Senior, of Batley, who had passed away a few days previously. He was a past president of the Leeds and District Society.

Next meeting, Ossett on November 25th.

#### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Seventeen towers were represented at the Cary Branch meeting at Batcombe on October 28th, when the Rector (Bishop F. M. E. Jackson), assisted by Rev. G. Robinson (Branch chairman), conducted the service. At the business meeting, which followed tea, two new members from Ditchat were elected.

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## CITY OF BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF RINGING, 1961

THE second City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, held on October 28th, attracted well over a hundred ringers to the many towers open during the day. The Bristol ringers themselves were joined by parties from many arcas as far apart as Suffolk, Surrey, Hereford and London and from Liverpool and Southampton Universities.

The festival, organised by Messrs. A. V. Bennett (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and secretary of the Bristol City Branch), F. E. Hansford (chairman of the City Branch), P. M. J. Gray, E. F. Hancock and R. Bowden (Ringing Master of the City Branch) and Mrs. R. Bowden and Miss Barbara Johnson, acting as a committee, had as its objects the projection of ringing into the public eye, the advertisement of the outstanding virtues of Bristol as a ringing centre and the fostering of relationships between ringers and the clergy.

The first of these three aspects the writer considers most important and in the event it was indeed well covered. Quite apart from the more obvious fact that there were bells ringing at some 20 towers all over Bristol at various times during the day there was television coverage, a public lecture and, as a most interesting and valuable feature, a close contact with the city authorities at a civic luncheon. A T.V. film interview was broadcast after the week-end by Mr. Hansford, and a 'sound' radio broadcast was included in the Network III, 'Christian Outlook,' from Mr. Bennett.

The civic luncheon was held at the Berkeley Restaurant. The following special guests and a company of rather more than a hundred persons attended: the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bristol (Ald. Jenkins) and the Deputy Lady Mayoress, the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Dean (the Very Rev. D. E. W. Harrison) and Mrs. Harrison, the Archdeacon of Bristol (the Ven. R. G. Reddick), the Chief Constable (Mr. Norman Frost), the president of the Central Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Michael Moreton). The luncheon chairman, Mr. Frank Hansford, introduced the special guests and at the appropriate juncture brief speeches were made by the Deputy Lord Mayor, the Dean and the Chief Constable, who welcomed the assembled company on behalf of the city and diocese. The speakers mentioned their personal appreciation of the sound of bells and indicated encouragingly their view that church bells were a significant and an all but indispensable part of the English scene.

There was ringing during the day from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Seven rings of six, nine rings of eight, three of ten and one of twelve were open. Particularly enjoyable ringing was had at the Cathedral (8) and at St. Mary Redcliffe (12, 50 cwt.) (those jewels of this fine city) by many, and at the Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) by a privileged few. There was Evensong at the

Cathedral, at which the Dean preached. At 5.30 Mr. F. Sharpe addressed a large audience in the Museum Lecture Theatre on Campanology, in its very many aspects. This was a most interesting lecture, illustrated by a series of lantern slides; it was a fund of information on a multitude of subjects: the history of bells, methods of casting and tuning them and of hanging them in a tower, ways of ringing them and many other topics such as founders' marks were described in great detail. A large number of photographs was on display after the lecture and three small bells of a few pounds weight each were exhibited, one being mounted in headstock and frame, an exact model replica of a tower bell rung by the age-old English method of rope and wheel.

The day concluded with a very convivial gathering in the Senior Common Room at the University Refectory. A highlight of this occasion was an exhibition of handbell tune ringing, most competently given by Mr. E. F. Hancock and his two daughters.

The festival was undoubtedly a success and the organising committee are to be congratulated. The writer, an overseas visitor to this country, has been suitably impressed, if not almost overwhelmed, by the claims of Bristol to be a significant feature of the Exercise. As mentioned by Mr. Philip Gray in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' (page 702), there are more rings of bells within a four mile radius of the city centre than there are in Scotland or in the entire Australian continent, for example. The city of Bristol need hardly be proved to the itinerant British ringer, let alone an Australian one, as a thoroughly profitable place for repeated ringing outings, if not permanent residence.

One or two further remarks. Public interest, so well stimulated on this occasion, might be aroused still further at a future festival by the publication in a daily newspaper, on the day itself, of a suitable article with photographs. This has been tried at least once on a similar occasion in Adelaide, with significant results. Some touches of Triples and Major were too long; short touches of Triples and half courses of Surprise Major should perhaps have been made the rule in view of the large numbers of persons attending the festival.

Another point—there was a large number of young ringers present, obviously thoroughly enjoying getting a ring on strange and exciting bells and benefiting from the experience. Perhaps in a future festival, to enhance the value of the day still further, another feature could be provided particularly for the benefit and enjoyment of these newer members of the Exercise in the form of an exhibition of exemplary handling and perfect striking by a chosen team. Maybe some centrally placed eight bell tower could be reserved for about an hour for this purpose only, the performers to provide five or six touches of ten minutes duration each, in a variety of methods, both Triples and Major. The writer feels that the educative value of an item of this nature would not be lost on today's keen young ringers.

It is hoped that the Bristol festival will become a regular event. It was undoubtedly of great value this year to many, and if repeated in the future should become a powerful factor in forwarding the progress of all aspects of ringing in this country.

C. H. B.



## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—46

### MR. HENRY J. SANGER,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Many ringers who have rung on the very fine ten at Evercreech, Somerset, or have heard the recorded broadcast every Sunday at 8.55 a.m. on the Light Programme will know the enthusiastic and painstaking captain of the local band, Mr. Henry J. Sanger. It was through his efforts over a number of years that the old eight bells were eventually recast, and two generous donors found to provide two new trebles. Quite rightly Evercreech people are very proud of the result, which was made possible by his initial and continued perseverance.

Harry Sanger was born in the parish of Kilmersden, near Midsomer Norton, Somerset, on December 18th, 1909, and after one or two moves round the county eventually went to live at Evercreech in 1916, where he attended the local C. of E. School until he was 14. He was recruited to the belfry on March 19th, 1922, and was taught to ring by the very enthusiastic ringing verger of the day, William Osment. During the following year he came under the influence of Joseph T. Dyke, who started visiting the tower fairly regularly on practice nights, and helped the local band to ring Grandsire. The result was that Harry and William Osment rang their first peal on October 15th, 1924, conducted by Walter Farley. The method was Grandsire Triples, Harry ringing the treble, and on December 3rd of the same year he rang his first peal 'inside' in the same method, with William Osment conducting his first peal. With the exception of two more peals of Grandsire Triples in 1925 and 1927, Harry did no more peal ringing until 1931.

#### FORMATION OF 'WEDNESDAY' BAND

The year 1931 was an important one for Harry, because two events rekindled his enthusiasm. Firstly, after acquiring his first motor-cycle in 1929, he joined up with William C. Shute, and started Minor ringing, and secondly, as the result of a 'get-together' at Ditchat for the benefit of the late Frank Skidmore, the well known 'Wednesday' band was born in July of that year. The idea was for a band of enthusiasts to meet at a different tower each Wednesday for practice and peals. Joe Dyke agreed to join as instructor and conductor, and Harry took on the job of secretary. This was the beginning of what later became a band which set the hall-mark of immaculate striking in the diocese. Under the guiding hand of J. T. D., they rang peals in many methods, including the only peal of London rung by a band resident in the county. This at Evercreech on January 23rd, 1935, was the first in the method for all the band, except the conductor. In 1933, a 'Monday' band was started to concentrate on Minor ringing, again with Joe Dyke as conductor and Harry as secretary. By November 18th, 1935, they had rung many peals up to 12 Surprise Minor methods.

In April, 1932, Harry called his first peal—Grandsire Doubles at Milton Clevedon—and followed this by calling Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Glastonbury, the same year. In all he has rung 144 peals, and conducted 13, and they have included some very interesting performances. Naturally he looks back with great pleasure to the many peals he rang with Joe Dyke, and in 31 of them Harry, Ron Beck and Joe Dyke rang the back three, in that order, and enjoyed some splendid ringing together. He is proud to have had the privilege of taking part in the first peals of Surprise on the heaviest rings of six and eight. These were Cambridge and Seven Surprise Minor at Queen Camel, and Cambridge Major at Sherborne Abbey, all with Joe Dyke on the tenor. He also took part in a peal of New Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral in 1949, when Alan Pink rang the tenor single-handed—the first time for Surprise Royal—and made a splendid job of it. Incidentally, he believes he was the first West Countryman to 'turn-in' this tenor for a quarter peal. This he accomplished in 1954, with Bob Royal, and he also called his first peal of Caters on these bells.

He regards his most perfect peal as one of Double Norwich, his favourite method, rung at Ditchat on May 18th, 1935, in 3 hours and



4 minutes—immaculate ringing throughout. In more recent times, he will always remember a peal of Stedman Triples at Llanfeigan, Brecon, on August 2nd, 1957, during one of David Hoare's tours. The church has a lovely setting, and the bells and ringing were first class. Harry rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe on December 31st, 1935, and his first peal of Major as conductor was Cambridge at Corston on October 31st, 1936, called from a working bell. He is a loyal member of the A.S.C.Y., and has rung nine peals for the Society, including Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 27th, 1937. He well remembers his first visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, when he took part in the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques on Whit Sunday, 1948, on the occasion of the last visit of the Central Council to London.

Harry has had long service as an officer of his Association. Since 1930 he has been Ringing Master of the Cary Deanery Branch, a Central Council representative since 1945, and peal secretary from 1953-61. He relinquished this office to take over the job of Tower and Belfries Adviser, and if time and opportunity allows he hopes to complete a catalogue of the church bells of Somerset, on the lines of Ellacombe. Since 1939 he has been captain of St. Peter's, Evercreech, and has always tried to maintain a regular Sunday service band, with a good quantity of young ringers.

#### CONNECTIONS WITH BROADCASTING

One of Harry's most important jobs is as convener of the Television and Broadcasting Committee, which post he has held since it was formed in 1954. He has worked in close co-operation with the late Preb. Martin Willson, of the B.B.C. Religious Broadcasting Department, since 1951, when Evercreech bells and ringers were featured in the 'Tower and Steeple' series. In 1952, Martin Willson was responsible for arranging the recording of Evercreech bells for the regular Sunday morning broadcast, and Harry, with the assistance of Joe Dyke, gathered together a good band of experienced ringers to make the required recording on 6, 8 and 10 bells. Martin Willson suggested that the bells should be rung at a fairly slow pace, so that the general public could the more easily appreciate the changing of the bells. Harry assisted Martin Willson in arranging many ringing broadcasts from the West Region, and in 1953 he trained a band of young people to appear in a televised broadcast from Kingston Seymour. Martin Willson was a splendid person to work with, and he did a great deal for the improvement of the presentation of ringing by the B.B.C. His recent death was a great loss, and Harry had

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### DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Once again, ringers converged upon Blandford Forum, and this year some 60 of them, to honour the wishes of the late Samuel Francis Pond. This former citizen of Blandford provided in his will for an annual ringing event for all Dorset ringers, as well as for the curfew to be rung in Blandford every evening.

Under Mr. William C. Shute's spirited direction ringing commenced on the dot of 3 o'clock, with hardly a pause until the time for the service at 4.30 p.m. At the service, conducted by the Rector (Canon H. G. Goodall), the address was given by the Rev. Roger Keeley (assistant curate at West Harnham, Salisbury), and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Diocesan Guild. The Rev. R. N. Longridge, honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Guild, also took part.

The Mayor of Blandford, Alderman J. Carter, presided at the tea, which followed in the Corn Exchange, and welcomed the company, remarking on the number of young people present, a hopeful sign for the future of ringing.

It was not long before the bells were sounding again and everybody had a ring of some sort, from rounds to Kent Major. We usually manage to leave some token of our visit; last year a brace of broken stays; this time the tenor man was left with the rope's end in his hand, while the sally danced a fearful jig at its master's pleasure. A hurried splice, however, restored law and order and the lovely eight came down in good order at the appointed hour.

Another Blandford over. Many more to come we hope. R. N. L.

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The small, widely-scattered agricultural parish of SS. Peter and Paul, Ash-by-Wrotham, is desperately striving to raise £2,500 to restore completely the bells. Experts advise that the bells will be unsafe to ring in two years' time. All possible help is needed to keep the bells from becoming silent and forgotten.

All donations will be acknowledged, and a list of all donors will be preserved in the church.

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### PERSONALITY—Continued.

the privilege of recording a contribution to a programme in his memory, which is to be broadcast in the autumn.

After leaving school, Harry graduated through the cycle repair business to motor-cycles, cars and commercial vehicles, and during the war years he did a considerable amount of work in the agricultural field and general engineering. After an illness in 1955, he took up dairy engineering with the well known West Country firm of C. & G. Prideaux, now a member of the Unigate Group. He has been a member of the Somerset Special Constabulary since 1938, and holds the rank of sergeant. When he has any spare time he is fond of home carpentry and gardening, particularly with flowers. He has done quite a bit of research into local history, and in 1950 he compiled a short history of the church and village. He also wrote an instruction book called 'Ringing a Bell' for the use of the Bath and Wells Association members. His two children, Bridget and Tony, are competent ringers, and his wife, although not a ringer herself, is always happy to entertain his many visiting ringing friends. APACE.



# Ancient Society of College Youths' 324th Anniversary Dinner

RECORD ATTENDANCE HONOURS YEAR OF RECORDS—BISHOP WAND'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS

THE past year has been a record one for the College Youths and at the 324th anniversary dinner held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 4th, the secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, had a very satisfactory report to present, both as regards activities and the recruitment of new members. The emphasis, however, was on the coming year, the 325th, and an appeal was made to members to enhance the traditions of the past.

It was a notable evening for the Master, Mr. M. P. Moreton, and he received the personal congratulations of the principal guest, Dr. J. W. C. Wand, the former Bishop of London. It was an evening of good speeches, good food, good fellowship and good handbell ringing.

As is customary, the toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the Master. Mr. Moreton said that the world today was faced with problems greater than ever before in its history. The Church also faced a greater challenge than ever before. Communism was a ideology which used every possible method to further its own end, and to meet this challenge a strong and united Church was absolutely essential.

## PROSPERITY AND RINGING

The possibility of an atomic war was not remote. It would be naive to assume that it was impossible, and since that catastrophe would mean the end of ringing he preferred to take a more optimistic point of view. If they had no more wars they had been promised a period of increased prosperity. That would mean that every instructor would have more time to teach beginners and there would be fewer silent towers. Transport would also be cheaper and in those towers where complaints were received about noise methods of sound control would be fitted, so that on practice nights the general public need not be disturbed.

The Master foresaw better methods of teaching ringing; recorders would be used and ringing standards would rise. Where would their Society be in this brave new world? Their Society, through its 300 odd years, had caught a certain sense of buoyancy and would rise as the waves of prosperity broke over it. Concluding the Master said that he hoped they would all do their utmost to foster the well-being of the Church and continue to do their duty as ringers of the future.

Bishop J. W. C. Wand, who replied, said the Church was something they were all proud to belong to. It meant different things to different people. To some it meant square boxes with a lot of ropes coming down from the ceiling. He knew that in some churches they left the last row of seats for the ringers and they were sometimes empty.

## CHURCH—KEY TO SITUATION

The Church had a great task to face and in spite of all the criticism it had tried to face that task. He was certain that a large proportion of our population felt that they had the key to the situation and that if the Church's teaching was followed they would not have to face those terrible difficulties mentioned by their Master in his speech.

The Bishop said that apart from the material pleasure of ringing there was something eternal about it which seemed to say if the bells were silent the very stones would cry out. As they rang their changes they were doing a particular kind of work for the Church; people could not fail to hear them; they were inviting them into church and thus the bells were a witness to the eternal truths for which the Church stood and in the name of the Church he offered them the Church's sincerest thanks for all they did for them.



MR. MICHAEL P. MORETON,  
Master, 1960-61.

## TITLE A PARADOX

Proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' Mr. K. S. B. Croft said their title was one of those English paradoxes. They could hardly describe the company as youths and the connection with the college would also be very wide. History told them that the name was derived from a college on College Hill, which was founded by Dick Whittington. Ancient was also a little wide. They were founded 324 years ago; modern time began in 1492 when Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue. He felt that there was no member in that room who, when he took out his certificate and the book of rules and looked at the names of some of the officers inscribed on the certificate, could do so without a sense of pride.

Mr. Croft felt that their Society was composed of three categories of members. There were those present that evening. In the second were those who were unable to be there. About this time they would probably lift their glasses if they were at home or at the local and drink a toast to the Society. In the third category were the College Youths of 324 years—an unseen cloud who were as much members as those sitting in that room.

## UNDER THE PILLOW BOOK

He would like to mention one or two of the qualities which he thought College Youths should possess. Trollope's book on the College Youths ended with the words, 'Let us now praise famous men.' Their Master, after the Society had been founded 50 years, was Fabian Stedman, and he left behind a method they were all proud to ring and his book 'Tintinologia,' a book he treasured, and Mr. Croft admitted that he read it in bed and slept with it under his pillow.

The next year was the 325th anniversary of the Society and he felt that they should commemorate that year by reprinting Trollope's history of the Society and also bring it up to date for the benefit of new members.

The other name he would bring before them was that of Alfred B. Peck, a man who devoted his life to their Society and did not count the cost.

'Week by week in our parish churches we help to ring the bells and as the Lord Bishop said, "Heaven help anyone who cannot hear them." But our duty goes further; we have a responsibility to assist the Church in other ways.' If he was to ask for a show of hands of those who assisted as churchwardens, parochial church councillors or even as humble sidesmen he thought they would have a very fine show.

## MESSAGES FROM AFAR

Mr. John E. Chilcott, the secretary, in his reply, reported the following apologies: The Rev. J. McCulloch (Rector of Bow), Rev. N. Motley (Rector of Cornhill), Messrs. Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, James Rae, Richard W. Stannard (aged 92, joined 1890), William Shepherd (1900), Peter G. Richards (Armidale, N.S.W.), Harry J. Sanger.

A cablegram had been received from Stan Mason, who was in California, stating 'Best wishes for a successful evening.' Mr. Peter G. Richards wrote, 'At the approach of November 5th, I recall the very happy day I spent in the company of the College Youths last year and of hearing so many of the fine bells of the great City of London... Although I am separated from you by 12,000 miles of ocean, I desire to be with you all in spirit, and send best wishes for today and the future.'

Mr. Chilcott said they had had an extremely active year, and that was reflected that evening with an attendance of 211, which was a post-war record. This year they had elected 81 new members and he was certain that that was a record.

As regards peals they did not consider them as a yardstick, but they had rung 35 peals, which was nine more than last year. Some of the peals were notable performances. The peal of Stedman Cinques was the centenary of the then record length of 8,580; the memorial peal at Southwark Cathedral of Stedman Cinques, was to Alfred B. Beck; the recent peal at St. Paul's Cathedral followed the enthronement of Dr. Stopford as Bishop of London.

In connection with the new members they had one each from Canada and New Zealand, six from the London area and the remainder from 25 counties, including 10 from Oxfordshire and seven from Berkshire.

Their normal activities had been maintained and they added to them Sunday ringing once a month at Cripplegate. Attendances at practices throughout the year had been very good, but there was always room for improvement. They had a number of young people, whom they were introducing to 12 bell ringing. The country meeting was held at Oxford and their best thanks were due to the Oxford Society, who made the arrangements, and particularly to Mr. Philip Walker for getting so many towers, arranging the luncheon and for the presence of the Mayor.

## LOSSES BY DEATH

This year the Society had suffered considerable losses by death. They had lost eight members with over 50 years' membership, and

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## College Youths' Dinner—Cont.

There were three he would like to refer to. They were Alfred Peck, a man who devoted his ringing life to the College Youths, a most conscientious secretary and faithful Sunday ringer, Albert Walker, who joined in 1896 (not only a noted Birmingham ringer, but a national figure, well loved and a sad loss to all), and Horace Belcher, who taught him to ring. He did not seek office, but was best known as a supreme critic of bellringing. He taught by example and would be missed at St. Paul's.

The company stood while the following were remembered (not all College Youths): J. L. S. Glanville, John A. Freeman, Frank Sinkins (aged 96), Frederick W. Brinklow (1901), Canon A. C. Blyth, Adolphus Roberts and Sidney Romans (1889, the two senior members), Earl of Shaftesbury, Alfred B. Peck (1901, past Master and secretary), A. F. Martin Stewart, Ferris Shepherd (1900), Preb. E. V. Cox (1903), Frederick W. Burnett, Albert Walker (1896), George A. Fleming, Raymond C. Seager, Percy Clark (past Master), Preb. E. G. Benson, Charles Greedy, Herbert Barlow, Charles H. Vitter and Horace Belcher.

Regarding the coming year, Mr. Chilcott said it would be a memorable one, being the 325th of their history. There were two dates he would like members to note: June 23rd, when their country meeting would be held at Bristol, and the 325th anniversary dinner on November 3rd. The accommodation there would be extremely limited and regular attenders were asked to make an early application for tickets.

### 'ENHANCE ALL TRADITIONS'

The College Youths did not exist as a social club, but primarily as a ringing society. 'Let us make the coming year one in which we enhance all the traditions and standards of the past, so that it can serve as a stepping stone to even better performances and standards in the future.'

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cook, senior steward. In a welcome to Bishop Wand he said the Bishop confirmed him. He recalled the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund, which was started for the rebuilding of churches and raised over a million pounds. They had with them the Rev. G. R. Dunstan, superintendent of the belfry at Westminster Abbey, a post he had recently taken over and Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He congratulated Mr. Beresford on the way he had held his Society together as at the moment they could not ring at St. Martin's or St. Leonard's. In a welcome to Mr. Barnett he said that it was through the Central Council that they had obtained the unity that existed today. They had with them a visitor from Australia and also a member who lived in New Zealand.

### ST. PAUL'S PEALS—A HINT

Mr. Beresford, who replied, said he would like to congratulate the Society on their peal at St. Paul's. Peals at St. Paul's were very rare and they were all of considerable interest. He hoped that in future peal attempts at St. Paul's an indication would be given as it would give great pleasure to many people to listen.

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was drunk in silence. Mr. A. A. Hughes said unfortunately they had no records of the Masters of 1661 and 1761. George S. Shurey, who was Master in 1861, was also Master in 1862, 63 and 65. He was thought by Mr. Herbert Langdon to have come from the Marlow district.

A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung during the evening by W. T. Cook 1—2, Frank W. Perrens 3—4, Michael V. Chilcott (conductor) 5—6, J. Frank Smallwood 7—8, Alan Rogers 9—10, Michael P. Moreton 11—12.

## THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were: Bishop J. W. C. Wand, Canon G. R. Dunstan, Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. E. T. Floyd-Ewin (Registrar of St. Paul's), C. G. J. Watts, A. A. Hughes, W. T. Cook, R. Wilson, S. Fox, P. Crook, A. and B. Tomlinson, J. Pilkington, D. Beresford, J. E. Chilcott, E. A. Barnett, K. S. B. Croft, H. N. Pitstow, F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, J. F. Smallwood, F. W. Perrens, G. H. Harding and W. H. Coles.

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**OXENDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Perry 1, Miss L. Brown 2, C. A. Swann 3, W. C. Cropley 4, D. E. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**WHISTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Paul (first as cond.) 2, G. F. Roome 3, P. Amos 4, M. R. Harvey 5.

## 50 YEARS IN LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Mr. Harold G. Jenney, of the Leicester Cathedral Society, completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Cathedral this year. He joined the St. Martin's Society, as it was then known, in August, 1911.

At a ceremony in the belfry before Evensong on October 29th, the Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston) presented Harold with a cheque on behalf of his fellow ringers to mark the occasion, and spoke in appreciation of the great service he has given to the Church as a bellringer during the past 50 years. Harold, replying, thanked the Provost and ringers, saying a ringer's first duty was to the Church.

Harold Jenney, who is now 79, is a true servant of the Exercise and also a personality held in great respect in many parts of the country, having held the office of secretary and president of the National Police Guild of Ringers. He has rung 173 peals, many being of Maximus in several methods. His favourite method is London Surprise Major.

A bowl of white and yellow chrysanthemums was sent to Mrs. Jenney, who by her help and encouragement has played a great part in Harold's wonderful service. H. B. B.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' November 17th, 1911.—

### THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL DINNER

Sir Arthur Heywood, proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths'... Turning to the future of ringing, Sir Arthur alluded to the advent of 'The Ringing World.' 'We have two ringing papers, now, instead of one. That has exercised me a good deal. "The Bell News" was a very good paper so far as it went, but a lot of us had a good deal of fault to find with it. Now we have got a new paper. The new paper is better printed, and it is cut, for one thing, which I like. I am not quite sure whether it is not taking the wind out of the sails of the old one, but at the same time I have got a sort of old affection for "Bell News." I am not at all certain what the result of the competition will be. I doubt whether there is really a sufficient amount of support amongst ringers to run two papers; if there is, well and good, and no doubt the competition will result in the improvement of both papers. But I am a little doubtful whether such a comparatively small number of people for newspaper purposes as ringers are can properly run two papers in their interests....'

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# St. Christopher's Society Tour Wales

**THIS** year's tour enabled the party to visit most of the towers in South Wales between July 29th and August 13th. The ringers were drawn from five counties, and for most of the period numbered 16.

We assembled at Chepstow, where the anticlockwise octave has recently been augmented to ten and rehung clockwise; the bells are rung from a gallery, providing a rewarding view of this impressive church. The six at Mathern were found to be of poor tone, while our first octave at Caldicot went well in a variety of methods, except Bristol; the Vicar and several local ringers made us very welcome.

We were privileged to join some of the local band to ring for Matins at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport—a most pleasant twelve, both for tone and 'go'. After the service we crossed the town for several touches at All Saints'. During the afternoon a short ring on the easy going six at Nash, prior to Sunday school, and then the party split up to join the locals at Llanfrehfa and Caerleon for Evensong ringing.

## A RING OF STEEL

The Rev. R. E. L. Jones is in charge of three parishes: St. Bride's Wentloog, Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog, all with bells. The church at St. Bride's is in a decrepit state, the tower leaning considerably out of true; Marshfield's octave is of average tone, while that at Peterstone is a pleasant Gillett ring, with a long draught of rope. After lunch we visited two quite good sixes, at Rumney and St. Mellons, and were glad to have local members standing in for a pull at both towers. Steel bells are always a novelty to ring, while once is often enough!—such can be said of Bassaleg, though they run fairly well, but are very deep set.

Tuesday, August 1st, commenced with two good Taylor octaves, Caerphilly and Llanbadach—unfortunately the latter are seldom heard, due to a lack of local ringers, but are well worth a visit. Trevechin's eight bells are of rather dismal tone, and odd-struck, and our ringing was equally dismal! However, it improved considerably on Usk's good ring, and an enjoyable course of Bristol was performed. Llangibby's octave is rung from the ground floor, like the six at the pretty village of Tredunnock, but these do not go very well. The church at Penhow lies somewhat 'off the beaten track' but its tower holds a jolly six.

An awkward cross-country route the following morning brought us to Cwmcarvan, whose six bells are very difficult to hear. The first five of the tour was Tregaer, which could do with some attention by a bellhanger. Another five after lunch at Llanover, where we were pleased to meet the Rev. Ivor Richards (Vicar of Llanarth), who rang with us here and at Abergavenny (a glorious ten from the Loughborough foundry). Yet another five ended the day, Dingestow.

## A CHARLES CARR TREBLE

Thursday's first call was at Monmouth (18½ cwt. 8, not an easy ring), and at Skenfrith the six require some effort. Grosmont Church is rather unusual as half the church is completely bare: the octagonal central tower is surmounted by a spire, containing a ring of six, whose tenor goes very badly and hangs almost

in the middle of the 'circle.' Several narrow tracks later we called at Llanbedr Ystradwy (5) and Llangattock (8, 15 cwt.), where we were joined for a day by Eric Speake. The treble at Llanelly, Breconshire, on inspection was found to be cast in 1908 by Charles Carr, the Smethwick founder. Blaenavon's light octave was appreciated by all the party, while in contrast we had the heavy bells at Ebbw Vale, though we did not do justice to this noble ring.

Next day our first ring was at Cefn Coed, where the Vicar showed us around his church: the bells are an easy going six. From here we travelled across the hills bordering on the Brecon Beacons to Defynnog, to be greeted by the Vicar: a good ring of six here, which we rang to an assortment of methods, including York. St. Mary's Church, Brecon, stands in an imposing position in the centre of the town; its tower contains a Rudhall eight, but regrettably they are difficult to hear clearly. On the outskirts of Brecon we found St. David's, Llanfaes (a very good Taylor six). Later, after some navigating problems, we arrived at Llanfeigan, with an octave not to be missed.

A 16 cwt. six of good tone hangs in the tower of Llangorse, but considerable effort is needed: there are hopes of rehanging. At Talgarth we were met by Mr. D. H. Bennett, who stood in a touch of Stedman; from here a short run to the detached tower at Bronllys.

Following the lunch-break, we visited Glasbury-on-Wye; no one liked the style of church architecture here, and judging from the ringing the same is to be said of the bells. However, we were able to give Colin Lewis a course of Double Norwich. A five bell tower was next, Clyro, where many Doubles methods were rendered. The two churches of Radnor were next on the programme; the old church has a good Rudhall ring, while the new has a fair six, which both Gilletts and Mears have worked on. We were scheduled to ring at Presteigne at 7 p.m., but on arriving at the church we were told of the passing of the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, that same morning.

## NO SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Many incumbents in Wales run several parishes, and on account of this we were unable to ring for any services on Sunday, August 6th. Our first call was to Llanfihangel Rhydieithon's fair easy going six, then to Llanbadarn Fawr, where the pleasant Mears five is rung from the porch. In the afternoon we visited Builth Wells, where John Maybrey joined us for a few days, and Nantmel (a six by Llewellyn and James). On the way to Aberystwyth, most of us visited the famous Devil's Bridge.

Our activities on Bank Holiday Monday commenced at Llanbadarn Fawr, where the ring of eight hangs in the middle of a vast tower. Probably our longest journey between towers followed, bringing us to St. David's Cathedral. We had plenty of time to walk around and admire this noble building before ringing; the bells hang in a tower forming part of the gatehouse at the entrance to the Cathedral grounds, and are a fine Mears eight, slightly spoilt by a stone-vaulted ceiling. Jo and Wilf Moreton, on holiday in the area,

joined in our ringing here. Another long run to Pembroke (an eight of most peculiar tone), and finally Tenby (8, 12½ cwt.).

Our next county to be visited was Carmarthenshire, commencing at Llanstephan (an easy going Mears eight), thence to the county town to ring at St. Peter's, with a pleasant Taylor octave, difficult to hear distinctly. After lunch Mr. Scudamore met us at Llandilo with an interesting A-frame, and a pendulum swinging in the middle of the ringing chamber. Sight-seeing occupied the afternoon, before a pull on the Warner five at Burry Port, and from there to Llanelly, where the stays on two bells had not been bolted into the stock, and soon fell out! The concluding tower was Gorseinon, an octave by Charles Carr.

## RESTORATION AT SWANSEA

Swansea suffered a great deal during the last war, but a large amount of the damage has been repaired, including the new parish church of St. Mary, which has recently received a new eight from the Loughborough foundry. Mr. Hoar made us welcome here and he has certainly a ring of which to be proud. Travelling to the outskirts, we visited Sketty, the bells of which were somewhat difficult to strike accurately, but Erin Triples and Grandsire Major were performed in creditable fashion. Mr. Gwyn Lewis met us at Cadoxton and came to Neath, both pleasant sixes. The key arrived late at Baglan (a noisy six in a church of impressive proportions), and this, coupled with a two-mile traffic jam, made us very late at Aberavon (a good old Taylor ring). Fortunately, however, the local captain expected us to be late knowing how bad the traffic can be. Retracing our steps, we called at Dyffryn Clydach, and thence across country to Llangynwyd, with a pleasant Warner six and a long draught. Mr. Trevor Roderick awaited us at Newton Noitage, where our ringing was not up to our usual standard.

Two good Taylor rings started our next day; an octave of the older style at Bridgend, and a more modern product at St. Bride's Major. A good six from the erstwhile Croyd foundry hangs in the central tower at Coity, but some of the clappers seemed to give a peculiar effect. From here we journeyed up the Rhondda Valley to Pentre, where an early Taylor octave (26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.) is contained in a slender tower; it was felt that the acoustics do not do these bells justice. A long run from here over the hills to Aberdare, where the Gillett eight is rung from a gallery, and a first touch of Oxford Bob Triples for some was performed. Continuing in a southerly direction we reached Pontypridd well on time, and rang a varied selection of methods on not an easy octave. All ringing at Radyr (8, 12½ cwt.) has to be kept to a minimum, due to complaints. Our final call was at Llantrisant, where the curate gave a most interesting talk on the many noteworthy features of this historic church.

## NO ROPES AT LLANBLETHIAN

Much has been written about Llandaff Cathedral and Epsiein's Majestas, so it was a great privilege to have the use of the bells for an hour, and also an opportunity of looking around this impressive edifice. Peters-ton-super-Ely was our next tower, and here the Vicar made us welcome. Another six after lunch at Bonvilston, a fair Rudhall product.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—I should like to comment on several compositions recently published in the 'R.W.'

It will be observed that the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major on page 55 (January 20th), by Ian Holland, if begun from the course-end 32654, will have an additional quality of the 6th its extent in 6ths place. However, in this form it will be seen to contain exactly the same changes as Peal No. 12 on page 37 of the Central Council Collection, by Mr. C. W. Roberts. In fact the structure of these compositions is exactly the same, except that in Mr. Holland's version the courses 23456, 42356 and 34256 are rung plain at the course ends, with the courses 42635, 34625 and 23645 rung with bobs at Wrong, instead of plain leads—this is necessary to join up the three blocks into which the peal is divided by omitting the homes on the —56's. A further variation, which can be omitted if desired, is the bobs at home in place of plain leads on the —46's. I am sure if my friend Ian Holland examines this he will agree with me that this composition is only a variant of the one by C. W. Roberts. I should be very interested to hear Mr. Roberts' views, too. It will be observed that a similar variation can be made in the 5,024 No. 6 on page 25 of the C.C.C. Omit the Homes on the —46's, which brings the courses up in a different order. I understand it appeared in this form under the name of Henry Dains!

Secondly, regarding the peal of Cambridge Major on page 623 (September 15th), it will be seen that the shortened version is merely a transposition of one published by myself on December 14th, 1956, which was rung at Dorchester, Oxon, on November 29th, 1956. Thus, while pointing out that it has been previously rung on at least four occasions, I would wish to withdraw my name from it since it was composed in 1928, although it has only recently seen the light of day. Another peal of 5,024 Cambridge Major has been rung on more than one occasion, ascribed to myself, which I am informed also is the property of T. B. Worsley. Will all concerned please amend their records accordingly.

Thirdly, the peal of 5,024 Cambridge Surprise Royal published on page 732 was composed by me over two years ago, and has been attempted on three or four occasions without success, hence I had not published it. It seemed that the musical courses, combined with the symmetry of the composition, far outweigh the disadvantages of having the 2nd and 3rd so many times in 6ths place.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

## A PROTEST

Dear Sir.—On opening my 'Ringing World' of November 3rd I was horrified to see the scathing attack made by Mr. K. Mason on the report of Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal tour. I very much deplore attacks of this nature made in our paper.

If this peal tour was written up as a list of peals and churches and nothing else it would be very boring to one not interested in the performances of a party of peal grabbers. I find that these sidelines add a vast amount of interest to an otherwise dreary succession of facts.

And as for calling his friends 'pub crawling companions,' words just fail me; there is nothing to suggest anything more than the natural quenching of the thirst. Carry on, Mr. Williams!

I, for one, will continue to read your reports if they are all as enjoyable as the one published this year.

And, Mr. Mason, I would suggest two things: (1) go on a peal tour and see what thirsty work it really is; (2) write to 'The Ringing World' and publicly apologise to the friends of Mr. Williams you mistakenly called 'pub crawling companions.'—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. BROWN.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

## CHRISTIANITY AND TOWER GRABBING

Dear Sir.—In view of the recent correspondence about ringing in Worcestershire, I think we should do well to think deeply about our responsibility as members of the Church. The Church and the bells are dedicated to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God on earth.

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed with half a hundredweight of flour, till it was all leavened.'—Thy Kingdom come.'

At the present time the Church is fighting a desperate battle against the worship of the false gods of wealth and personal pleasure. The shadow of destruction by the 'H' bomb hangs over us. All that can save us is faith and unity. Faith in God to make us follow His way and not our own. Faith in each other, to foster mutual understanding, and to give us power to fight as a united body against the powers of evil and unbelief that surround us.

To make matters worse we are in an age of rapid change. There are conflicts between standards of familiar and orderly behaviour, and the outlook of 'modern youth.' We must be very careful to distinguish between standards which are good, and applicable to the lives that young people will have to live, and standards which we accept merely because they are familiar. Is 'politeness' the art of accommodating ourselves to the convenience of others, and not hurting their feelings, or is it just 'the way we were brought up'? The sorting out of standards is a job for young and old. There are many young ringers who are good churchmen, but whose parents never go to church. Of the much publicised ringers who don't attend the services they ring for, it is the older ringers who give the lead in far too many cases.

The ringing Associations have done a magnificent work in bringing ringers together and making belfries 'open houses.' If the Englishman's home is his castle, his church certainly is not, and nor is the church's belfry. When living far from home, I have been made welcome in belfries, in a way that far surpasses the welcomes I had from strange churches before I was a ringer. In ringing we have the 'yeast' in our hands, and it is our duty to mix it with the whole half hundredweight of flour. God forbid that we should attach the name of 'tower grabbers' derisively to our visitors. Least of all when they visit neglected towers, and awaken new interest in our art, where the church knows nothing of the joys of fellowship and skill that ringing brings.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.'—Yours, etc.,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Westhili Training College,  
Selly Oak.

## AN APOLOGY TO PERSHORE

Dear Sir.—I would like to apologise for my letter to the 'R.W.' criticising the recent Pershore Deanery outing and would like to convey these apologies to Messrs. Cattermole, Johnson, Grinnell and all concerned. It appears my misinterpretation of the report has caused quite a considerable amount of trouble, and I must apologise most abjectly.

Also, as a non-official reply to Mr. P. J. Hutchings, I would like to point out that all Putney ringers are members of the Surrey Association, and that, locally, Putney is considered as a 'Surrey tower.' as a glance at the Association report will show. Also, the Association has representatives at these towers (Putney and Southwark, at any rate), whereas Putney has no London County members, and I have not heard of any at Southwark.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

Putney.

## A RESHUFFLE IN METROPOLITAN SURREY

Dear Sir.—Mr. Hutchings, in his letter on 'Metropolitan Surrey' has at last tackled the real problem of London ringing.

There are five territorial Associations with interest in London as far as I know, and there can be few ringers in London who do not feel their loyalties divided.

When at Putney we joined the Surrey Association only because the towers with which we associated belonged to that Association.

May I humbly suggest that it is time something was done for London ringing. Many central London towers are by and large unrun on Sundays, even where there is a considerable local population, and the once famous ringing city is fast gaining a reputation for its unrun bells.

As far as I can see the only answer is to be found in the complete transformation of the existing associations into diocesan guilds. If the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild resigned the first part of its title, I suspect this would affect the Essex Association. The Southwark Diocesan Guild would receive towers from the present Surrey Association, London County Association and the Kent County Association (which would be renamed the Canterbury and Rochester Diocesan Guild). The remaining Surrey Association towers would go to the Guildford Guild, Croydon going to the Canterbury and Rochester Guild.

This would need great Christian humility on all sides, especially with regard to much cherished allegiances and traditions, but I would plead that as London ringing is in a bad way it would be worth it. Its Societies have grown up without a concerted plan and the civil boundaries have changed and may well change again.

For this reason alone, among many others, a county association for London would be impractical, but I believe that there would be a greater and basic reason for the failure of such an association. We are Christians, doing Christian work in the service of Christ's Church. Let us therefore organise ourselves on the basis of His Church, so that we work for and with that Church, in union with its clergy and laity.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO 39 SURPRISE MINOR BAND

Dear Sir.—As one of the band who rang the peal in 38 Surprise Minor methods at Frampton in 1955, I should like to congratulate Mr. Egglestone and his band, at Stisted, who rang the 39 methods.

Our band is now more or less finished, owing to the death of Arthur Young. There is no one around capable of carrying me through a peal of this standard.—Yours truly,

ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

Boston, Lincs.

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S TOUR—Continued

A very good octave may be found at Cowbridge. Mr. Robert Coles, the local Association secretary, joined us here and later helped us at Llanblethian, where it was necessary to fit ropes. One of the earliest Christian foundations in Wales was at Llantwit Major, which church contains a wealth of history, and also a pleasant Mears six.

The last full day turned out to be far from full, more unringable towers being inspected than were rung at. Nevertheless, we visited Penmark and a good five at St. Hilary. Though the kindness of the Vicar and the ringers of Penarth, we were entertained to an excellent tea before ringing on their fine octave in a saddleback tower, with methods up to Yorkshire. Whitechurch has a pleasant ring by Llewellyn and James, and here our only attempt at Original failed dismally.

The last tower of the tour was Cardiff, our party joining Fred Hannington, Jack Pryor and other local ringers to ring for Matins. Thus ended another successful tour, for which all the participants owe their grateful thanks to Clive Smith and Lucy Allen, for their work in obtaining permission at all the towers, to John Allen, for arranging accommodation.

I. H. O.



**MR. I. J. ATTWATER**

With regret, we announce the death of Mr. Isaac James Attwater on October 21st, in his 84th year.

In the last few years he had been a ringer at St. George's, Barkingside, Essex. Before coming to Barkingside he was for many years a ringer and captain at Enfield, Middlesex.

He went to America to teach ringing, but he very rarely spoke of his trip or of his peals and other ringing activities: he was far too interested in teaching youngsters than remembering his past deeds.

Although he was over 80, he was always first at the tower for Sunday ringing.

The funeral was at St. George's and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. C. Comer Stone.

**MR. W. EAGLINE**

Mr. William Eagline died in his 83rd year at East Harling in Norfolk on Monday, October 9th, after a short illness.

'Billy,' as he was known in the village, came to East Harling in 1903, when he walked from Besthorpe to East Harling to be married—a distance of 12 miles.

He learned to ring at Besthorpe and was soon established with the Harling ringers. He was one of the band who rang the first 720 on the bells when they were rehung in 1912. He served in the 1914-18 war, returned unscathed, and in this last war worked as a fire tower watcher for the Forestry Commission. In his last three years of life he was a widower and also in poor health. However, he rallied well and was fit enough in the spring of 1961 to take part in regular change-ringing on Sundays and for weddings. He rang his last 120 at a wedding in July.

Always merry, with a perpetual pipe in his mouth, he was seldom without a smile or a laugh. We shall miss this rural character. May he be found worthy of a place with the glorious company in Heaven.

P. J.

**OBITUARY****MR. G. W. JEFFS**

With deep regret we record the death on October 31st, at the age of 58, of George Wilfrid Jeffs, general secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild since 1952. Before that date he had been for several years secretary of the Thrapston Branch and had represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1945. George was a chorister at Tichmarsh for 50 years, and had been for some time chairman of the Thrapston Branch of C.E.M.S. He was a very capable ringer and enjoyed an occasional peal, particularly on the fine eight of his beloved Tichmarsh, the church to which he was devoted and had served all his life.

George came of ringing stock, his father having been a founder member of the Guild's predecessor, the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, and he himself had been a member of the Guild since its inception. His peal total is not to hand but is believed to have been in the region of 100, many of which he conducted. He and his wife celebrated their silver wedding in 1960. They resided at Tichmarsh until their house was destroyed by incendiary bombs during the last war, when they moved to Thrapston. George was employed on the Lilford Estate for many years, and latterly as a carpenter for a Thrapston firm.

During the period of his secretaryship, the Guild saw several changes and new undertakings, including the beginning of the very popular summer festival and the week-end course. He handled the affairs of this large, mainly rural Guild with characteristic competence and diplomacy and endeared himself to all.

The funeral took place at Tichmarsh on November 4th in the presence of a large congrega-

tion, which included many members of the Guild and representatives of the Ely and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds.

The service was conducted by Canon Luckock (Rector of Tichmarsh), assisted by Canon G. F. Turner (Guild president) and the Revs. J. Dakin and C. J. W. Faulkner. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around the coffin after the Blessing, and the half-muffled bells were rung as the cortege left the church for Kettering Crematorium, where several other ringing friends were able to pay their last respects.

May he rest in peace.

P. I. C.

**AN APPRECIATION**

In the Oundle Branch we regarded George Jeffs as a neighbour—one who was always near at hand and ready, willing and able to help whenever required.

He hardly ever missed one of our ringing meetings, and his quiet common sense and interesting tales will be greatly missed. We feel that we have lost a good friend and neighbour.

Many of us have been pleased to accept the hospitality of George's home and remember with pleasure the table laid for us by his wife. To Mrs. Jeffs we extend our most sincere sympathy.

R. W. S.

**MR. R. A. JENKINS**

We regret to record the death suddenly on November 4th of Mr. R. A. Jenkins, ringer and verger of Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

**MR. W. W. WEBB**

A well known Heston ringer, Mr. W. W. Webb, died on November 3rd, aged 72. A memorial service will be held in Heston church on Saturday (November 18th) at 11 a.m.

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Peals in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, were rung at Windsor Castle, Stroud (Glos), Glastonbury, Southampton, Netherseale, Newport (Salop), Stamford-le-Hope, Cawthorne, Hyde and Middleton Stoney (Oxon).

Mr. Len Stilwell is now home and well on the way to recovery.

Winchester Cathedral had special ringing for the royal birth, as they did for the enthronements this year of the two archbishops.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Buckley, will be rededicated next Wednesday by the Bishop of St. Asaph at 7 p.m. Open day, November 25th.

A faculty has been granted for the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey bells. The bells will be removed to the foundry early in the New Year.

Two schoolboys—Roger Tarbatt (Shelley) and Roger Clarke (Kirkburton)—put up a fine performance in their first peal (one of seven Minor methods) at Cawthorne, writes the conductor.

In response to an inquiry, Nutfield is College Exercise front work with Killamarsh back work. At Cawthorne, states Mr. Noel F. Moxon, it is rung as Wentworth.

In the peal rung at Middleton Stoney for the royal birthday, the band congratulated Mr. S. G. Joyce on completing 40 years as a ringer and wished Miss Hilary Knight a happy birthday.

When Odd Fellows of Exeter held their service at St. Mark's Church last September the bells were rung by a team of Odd Fellows, and at Great Berkhamsted a similar service was preceded by a quarter of Bob Major, arranged by Bro. W. Hughes and conducted by Bro. F. Kirk.

More about Cosgrove! Mr. E. R. Lambert, to whom Mr. R. G. Black intended to refer on page 724 and not his father (Mr. Ernest Charles Lambert), informs us that Cosgrove is in Northants, but as he lived only half-a-mile from Bucks the postal address is Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. We think the review of county boundaries is overdue!

## RELFRY GOSSIP

The Geoffreys have rung a peal at Kibworth, Leicestershire. In doing so they would like to associate with the peal Geoff. Hemming, Geoff. Mills and Geoff. Goodall, all of whom had taken part in two previous attempts. One of these attempts was within 200 changes from the end when a rope broke! Geoff. Green is also thanked for stepping in at short notice to make up the band.

The peal rung at Bishop's Lydeard on October 7th was the first of Major on the bells.

Mr. Nicholas W. H. Simon, of Llys Esgob, Llandaff, asks for a 720 of Grandsire Minor.

The quarter at Faringdon, Berks, for the royal birth, was the first for several years by the regular Sunday service band.

With the peal of Anstey Surprise Royal at Loughborough on October 30th, Mr. Brian G. Warwick has called a new Surprise Royal method beginning with every letter of the alphabet.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Loughborough on October 24th (see page 758) was the first of Stedman Triples for Robert B. Smith and not John A. Acres or Brian Cox.

After 35 years since it was first suggested, Aldbourne, Wilts. ringers are to have the clock room turned into a ringing chamber, reducing the length of rope from 70 feet to 24 feet.

A scarf was left in the tower of St. Barnabas', Warmley, during the Bristol ringing festival. Will the owner, believed to come from Southampton, apply to Mr. A. V. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, St. George, Bristol.

With a handbell peal of Kent T.B. Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Messrs. Jack Bray and Jack Millhouse rang their 636th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. They are the first members to achieve this total.

Organised by Mr. R. Sheppard, an enjoyable half-day outing into Bucks and Oxfordshire was held by the Western District of the Herts County Association on October 28th. Towers visited were Cuddington (6), Long Crendon (8), Thame (8) and Great Kimble (6).

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C. sharp.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. Treble	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. 9
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. .. 4	HAROLD W. CLARK .. .. 10
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. .. 11
FRANK E. HAWTHORN .. .. 6	THOMAS SETTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.  
Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.**TEN BELL PEALS**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 BLABY SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 9
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal in the method.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

**BLABY SURPRISE ROYAL**

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 50.36 x 16.90

L.-e. 12 1573 Clean.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*JOHN A. SIMMONS .. Treble	DEREK FRANCIS .. .. 6
SYDNEY M. BAILEY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY HARRISON .. .. 7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 3	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 8
†RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. 9
†WALTER AVERY .. .. 5	DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

\* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 ANSTEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

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

R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.

\* 350th peal of Surprise. First peal in the method; rung without previous practice.

**ANSTEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 50.36.78.16.90

L.-e. 12 1573 F.C.E.'s 24365, 32546, 46253.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

JAMES AYRES .. .. Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6
DEBORAH WILSON .. .. 2	PETER MARRIOT .. .. 7
JOSEPH C. WOOLEY .. .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 8
SAMPSON P. WALKLATE .. .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE .. .. 9
ROBERT PRESTON .. .. 5	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

NORMAN HAYES .. .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 7
DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 8
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 9
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

First peal of Royal in the method.

Extension DU/E of Tipler's B 64/1 ('R.W.', February 12th, 1960, page 100).

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5000 STROUD SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	*ERIC SUTTON .. .. 8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 50th peal together. First in the method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**STROUD SURPRISE ROYAL**

—56—4—56—30—14—30—16—5—18—7

10th place lead-end. 8th place bobs.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. Treble	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. 5
GEOFFREY GREEN .. .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The composition has 20 7-8 course-ends, and contains 22 7-8's and 142 8-6's.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Treble	WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. 5
THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE .. 2	GEORGE E. RUCK .. .. 6
DEREK C. CHATFIELD .. .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK .. .. 7
REV. STANLEY M. EVANS .. 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon J. L. Lawson, M.A., and Mrs. Lawson to Chilham.

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DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.. .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 3	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

R. GEORGE MORRIS.. .. Treble	*JOHN N. DISERENS .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 6
*ALBERT DISERENS .. .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 4	*NOEL J. DISERENS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

\* 50th peal together.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROGER DURRANT .. .. Treble	HAROLD HOWSON .. .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. .. 2	JACK T. Y. ROBERTS .. .. 6
DONALD E. TOWERS.. .. 3	†JAMES WEEKS .. .. 7
†JULIAN DUGGAN .. .. 4	JACK R. TOWERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JACK R. TOWERS.

\* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. I. J. Attwater, who died on October 21st, 1961, and who served as captain of the St. Andrew's Bellringers for 22 years.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULIETTA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD BRAY .. .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. .. 5
SIDNEY F. SKINNER .. .. 2	GEORGE SKINNER .. .. 6
*GEORGE COLES .. .. 3	GEORGE LUXTON .. .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 4	*SIDNEY GARDENER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.

\* First peal.

Rung as a farewell tribute to Mr. E. C. Cork, churchwarden and ringer, who has left the parish.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 2	BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. 6
R. KINGSLEY MASON.. .. 3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	*KEITH H. MILDRED.. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude; also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (October 27th, 1901) and the first peal on the bells, which also was Stedman (November 2nd, 1901).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ELSIE K. HART.. .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. .. 5
ROSEMARY FLEMING.. .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3	ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7
*CATHERINE WHITE .. .. 4	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the patronal festival.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Grappenhall Branch.)

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BIBBY.. .. Treble	*FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2	*OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. 6
FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 4	*WILLIAM G. BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church by John E. Bibby.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER.. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART.. .. 2	†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. .. 6
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 3	††KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. .. 7
*BRIAN COX.. .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal together. †† 100th peal of Surprise Major.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES**

In three methods, comprising 2,520 Oxford Bob, 1,680 St. Clement's Bob and 840 Grandsire; with 96 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. Treble	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 5
BRIAN M. BUSWELL .. .. 2	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 6
ROGER BALDWIN.. .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. 4	THOMAS O. GREASLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by BRIAN M. BUSWELL. First peal of Spliced Triples by all. First of Spliced Triples in three methods for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. C. Clarke.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*ALEC W. IVINGS .. .. Treble	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM IVINGS .. .. 6
*WILLIAM H. MINNEAR .. .. 3	EDMUND E. PEARSON.. .. 7
BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

\* First peal. First in the method for all except the seventh and tenor. Rung for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also for the wedding on October 28th of Yvonne Obbard (a ringer of this tower) to Peter Gibson.

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GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. .. 6
DON C. EXELL .. .. 3	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 7
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 4	*JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

\* 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of All Saints; also for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

DONALD T. YOUNG .. Treble	REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. 5
GEORGE GIBBS .. .. 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. .. 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
JOHN BLACKWOOD .. .. 4	ARTHUR BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 5
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
*MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL C. WYCHERLEY Treble	RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
BERYL W. ABBOTT .. .. 3	†JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 7
ROGER W. POWELL .. .. 4	HARRY POYNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method.

Rung to mark the birth of Viscount Linley, son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. Treble	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 5
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in the method for the Society, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 5
MICHAEL H. SINDEN .. .. 2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6
ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. 3	LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. 7
FRANK C. MAY .. .. 4	SIDNEY BULL .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

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

A compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of a son.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, STAMFORD HILL.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. .. 5
GWILYM SALMON .. .. 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. .. 6
MICHAEL THOMAS .. .. 3	LEWIS COBB .. .. 7
RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

**SIX BELL PEALS**

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BURGESS .. Treble	PETER CARBUIT .. .. 4
*ARTHUR DUNN-BIRCH .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 5
†TOM CROSSLEY .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CARBUIT

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*KEITH HALFORD .. Treble	*B. C. W. JENKS .. .. 4
GILLIAN SCARTH .. .. 2	R. FERRIS .. .. 5
R. W. WINSTANLEY .. 3	K. C. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by K. C. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. M. Lloyd back to his parish after a long illness.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. Hornby (for many years a ringer at this church) and Mrs. Hornby.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*GRAHAM T. RIDGWAY .. Treble	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 4
*JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN 2	KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 5
*A. TREVOR HAWKINS .. 3	STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal.

FORD END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 each of Norwich, Cambridge, London and Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

CHARLES S. SMITH .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4
PETER J. EVES .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Eastment, who is leaving the parish on his retirement; also as a welcome to Caroline Wendy Eves, born on October 25th.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

ANNE J. BULLARD .. Treble	GERALD W. EDWARDS .. 4
*RUTH M. SIMONS .. .. 2	JOHN CLEMENTS .. .. 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP .. .. 3	R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

\* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD MUNROE .. Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY .. 4
JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 2	DENNIS ELLISDON .. .. 5
*G. ALAN METTERS .. .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal.



**OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 12 methods. 42 extents, viz.: One each Rev. All Saints', Huntspill, New Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, two Stedman, four each Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon and St. Nicholas', eight each Plain and Canterbury.

TOM HARRIS .. .. . Treble	JOHN TICKLE .. .. . 4
*VALERIE LACEY .. .. . 2	FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. . 5
CELIA CONLEY .. .. . 3	RON CARTER .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

**OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr, 3 lb. in E.

*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Treble	*JOHN C. EISEL .. .. . 4
†WALTER H. RAXTER .. . 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. . 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. . 3	PAUL CATTERMOLLE .. . Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

**RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and one each of Oxford and Kent and Plain Bob.

STANLEY LEWIS .. .. . Treble	JOHN COATES .. .. . 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. . 2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT .. . 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. . 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, of Rampton.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMFT, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Selby and District Society.)  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 600 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID SHEPPARD .. .. . Treble	*RONALD R. WARFORD .. . 4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. . 2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. . 5
JOHN POTTS .. .. . 3	†FREDERICK J. EDKINS .. . Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* First peal in ten Doubles methods. † First peal.

**WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. .. . Treble	VICTOR NEALE .. .. . 4
*JOHN RYDER .. .. . 2	†DENIS MADDOCK .. .. . 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. . 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 100th peal for Chester Guild. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

**WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	*RICHARD N. CLARK .. . 4
J. HARRY COOK .. .. . 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. . 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a tribute to the Rev. W. Spreadbury for his ministry in the parish; also a special welcome to the Rev. T. R. Bonsey, whose induction took place the previous evening.

**BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. . Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. . 4
*JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. . 2	BERNARD GROVES .. .. . 5
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. . 3	†MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in nine methods. † 50th peal.

**LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sat., Oct. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*BERNARD A. PAYNE .. . Treble	†DOUGLAS G. BROWN .. . 4
†DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. . 2	‡GEORGE W. MASSEY .. . 5
†RAYMOND H. BAKER .. . 3	†HUGH VENNELL .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

\* First peal. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Doubles. Rung for the marriage this day of Derek J. Withers and Pamela Trim, both members of the local band.

**SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Syston District.)  
*On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods, being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Grandsire and eight each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. . 4
JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. . 2	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. . 5
RICHARD N. CLARK .. .. . 3	*N. RODNEY ELLWAY .. . Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE R. A. KIRK.

\* First peal, first attempt.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Child-wall, Thelwall, Plain, Double, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. DIXON .. .. Treble	*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. . 4
*FREDERICK W. SODEN .. . 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. . 5
BERNARD J. COGGINS .. . 3	*THOMAS W. TIMMS .. . Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (Barnsley and District Society.)  
*On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Capel, London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*ROGER TARBATT .. .. Treble	*ROGER CLARKE .. .. . 4
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. . 2	ERIC STAINROD .. .. . 5
TREVOR TARBATT .. .. . 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

\* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints; also for the son born to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Oct. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*  
 AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,

**A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR**

In eight methods, being 1,248 Plain Bob, 888 Little Bob, 576 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's Bob, 432 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 288 Crayford Little Court; with 369 changes of method.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. . 1—2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. . 5—6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. . 3—4	STANLEY BIRDSALL .. . 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The most Major methods rung to a handbell peal by the Association.

**WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sun., Oct. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
 AT 24, MANOR STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. . 1—2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. . 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. . 3—4	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. . 7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 900th peal for the Guild.

**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (Syston District.)  
*On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 1 Hour and 22 Minutes,*  
 AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. . 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. . 3—4
RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. . 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.



**Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.**

#### HALF PEAL

**KIRK ELLA, YORKS.**—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 2,520 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob). 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,080 Plain Bob: 1. N. Goldthorpe 1, I. G. Campbell 2, J. R. Perrett 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John Rank. First half peal to be rung on the bells.

**BOBBING, KENT.**—On Nov. 4th, 2,160 Minor (1,440 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Single Bob): K. B. Williamson 1, J. Davy 2, Miss H. V. Dadson 3, J. Clark 4, G. A. Naylor 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Collett 1, Judith M. Atkinson 2, T. Samuelson 3, E. G. Mould 4, D. A. Evans 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stockbridge 1, Miss A. Butler (first quarter) 2, Miss O. Gant 3, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 4, B. J. Luck 5, D. C. Chaffield (cond.) 6.

**COLESHILL, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Morgan 1, Miss D. Trimm 2, L. L. Willis (cond.) 3, D. L. Hooper 4, E. E. Hill 5, W. C. Rhodes 6.

**DANEHILL, SUSSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: D. Slater 1, P. M. Butcher 2, B. M. Butler 3, A. W. Fuller 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. First in the method by all the band. Also rung on the Patronal Festival.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): D. Vincent 1, John Pearce (first quarter) 2, C. Graves (first Grandsire) 3, C. R. Miles 4, E. Cadle 5, J. More 6, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 7, F. Carter 8.

**FINDON, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakeham 2, J. Elliott 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Thomas 1, W. White 2, J. H. Napper 3, H. L. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, A. H. Webb 8.

**HUCKNALL, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. E. Gibson 1, H. Lewin 2, K. Marriott 3, Miss H. Butcher 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, L. Briggs 6, G. Gibson 7, N. Wiser 8.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Walsh 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, P. A. Low (first of Minor 'inside') 3, P. J. Rothena 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

**OLD MARSTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (in 11 methods): Elizabeth A. Miller 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. Gammon 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. Also for Evensong.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Coatsworth 1, M. Uphill 2, L. Allen 3, A. Millidge 4, D. Brookes 5, B. Bull 6, A. Bishop 7, C. Mew (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 4 and 5.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Patricia Heather 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. Manley 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, C. C. Clarke 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Audrey J. Knight 1, Susan Edwards 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, A. W. Fry 4, M. J. Pointer 5, K. Deveril 6, H. J. Page 7, M. L. Northway 8.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Nicola Pearce (first quarter) 1, C. M. Foster 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, Jennifer M. Bunyan 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 6.

**SHEBBEAR, DEVON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. G. J. Hend (first quarter) 1, P. C. Plant (first of Minor) 2, R. J. Gay 3, J. L. Queen 4, P. R. Turner 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Valinder (first of Minor) 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. R. Niblett 3, J. A. Tandy 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. On the back six by the Stourbridge Grammar School Society.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, Wendy E. Rhodes 3, D. C. Oates 4, A. A. Rackham 5, E. Elton 6, H. J. Dakin 7, G. H. Peers jun. 8, G. H. Peers sen. 9, N. W. Attaway 10. First on 10 for 3 and 7.

**USK, MON.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Llewellyn 1, Mrs. J. King 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, D. King 4, R. E. Coles 5, G. Drew 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8.

**WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss J. Jones 1, Miss F. I. E. Lockner (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. E. Webster 3, T. R. Humphreys 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, J. McCulloch 6.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Harding (cond.) 2, C. G. Cherrett (first of Plain Bob Doubles) 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, C. M. Heawood 6.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Fuller (first attempt) 1, G. Pullinger 2, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, D. Fuller (first attempt 'inside') 5, L. Tapp 6.

**WOODHOUSE (OLD), LEICS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Monica Patrick 1, H. O. Over 2, C. W. Hall 3, E. R. Stockwell 4, F. Chambers (cond.) 5, J. Coverdale 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. A. Rooks 1, G. Gaylard 2, V. T. Farthing 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 4, J. E. Looker 5, J. L. Glyde 6, R. F. Fox 7, C. Wyatt 8.

## Other Quarter Peals

#### HALF PEALS

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Winchendon, All Saints', Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. D. Day 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, I. H. Cook 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 14th, 2,520 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Harrison 1, H. Harrison 2, G. Fisher 3, D. Oliver 4, J. Butler 5, S. Adams 6. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Oliver.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins. First quarter in four methods by all.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gunstone 1, R. Humphries 2, G. Gunstone 3, J. Lucas 4, G. Parsons 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, M. Wilmot 8. First of Triples for all except 4th.

**BRISTOL.**—At Christ Church with St. Ewen, on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jane Tuffin 1, Christine Collett 2, Dorothy M. Stafford 3, J. M. Stallard 4, S. M. J. Young 5, A. C. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, A. R. Kench 7, I. C. Maycock (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 6. For Matins by the U.B.S.C.R.

**BURWELL, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,190 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Quinney 1, Miss E. Dillamore 2, Mrs. W. Earle 3, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 4, P. Bergdahl 5, H. Foster 6, T. Earle 7, H. Muncy 8. Rung after an attempt for Double Norwich.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Oct. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. R. French 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, D. A. Chapman 4, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. W. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 8, B. J. Luck 9, D. M. Holness 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon A. O. Standen, canon residentiary of Canterbury Cathedral since 1946.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quicke (cond.) 1, H. V. Young 2, C. Tarr 3, S. Smith 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Grabham 6. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the installation of the bells in this tower.

**CLENT, WORCS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): J. Valinder (first quarter) 1, P. L. Bill 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5. Rung by Stourbridge Grammar School Society as a birthday compliment to the other of J. A. Tandy.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): N. Avis 1, W. J. Brunt 2, J. Avis 3, F. G. Oliver 4, H. Stacey (first in three methods) 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. For Harry Stacey of Stratton, Cornwall.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chown 1, Bridget Cummings 2, E. J. Lambert 3, Gwen Barnes 4, K. Stubbs 5, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Feil, churchwarden, secretary/treasurer to Cosgrove P.C.C. for many years, also to Mr. George Jeffs, secretary of Petcrborough Diocesan Guild.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Constant 1, Mrs. Hall 2, F. Walker 3, S. Ball 4, D. Hall 5, R. Rayfield 6, H. Audsley (cond.) 7, G. Clarke (first in method) 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. R. B. Griffin, to the living of Dartford.

**DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.**—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Higgins 1, R. Skerratt 2, M. Powell (first 'inside') 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, P. Cattermole 5, Jennifer Stone-Wigg 6. For Evensong.

**EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. King 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, P. H. A. Jonason 4, H. Ivings 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, in memory of Mr. W. Eagle, a ringer in this tower, who died three weeks earlier, and in thanks to God for Church Week.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshott 1, Sally Parrott (first 'inside') 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshot 4, W. Parrott 5, D. Herschell 6, Adrienne Gibson 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. A. Miles, churchwarden, 1956-61.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: M. Heymann 1, M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Smith 4, J. Fray 5, J. Coombes 6. At All Saints' Church, for All Saints' Day. First in method by all.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Elizabeth Jones (first quarter) 1, P. Friend 2, J. J. Walllett 3, C. E. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival.



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### MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, November 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Ringing, St. Michael's, after tea. For tea advise Mr. N. Bennett, 7, Corner Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—C. K. Lewis and D. Ogden. 9197

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9207

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Hunts District

Meeting at Godmanchester,  
Saturday, November 18th.

Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.  
Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business  
Meeting.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.  
9261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchfield, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. F. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchfield, Braintree, Essex. 9141

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashted, Saturday, November 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in School Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea please to J. Symonds, 'Sherborne,' West Farm Avenue, Ashted. 9219

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District.—November 18th, Harpenden. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Pershore. Committee meet 2.30 p.m., please. Names for tea to M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—M. A. C. 9205

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8) on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Beasley, 'Highcroft,' St. George's Avenue, Hinckley. Leics. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. W. M. Warwick, Hon. Sec. 9212

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Practice on November 18th at Ruislip, 3 to 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Uxbridge 6.30 to 8 p.m. Some subscriptions still outstanding.—F. T. Blagrove. 9225

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672).—Meeting at Wollaton (6) on November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. Philip Hawcock, 82, Russell Drive, Wollaton.—A. Henson, Sec. 9214

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and LINCOLN DIOCESAN (Central District).—Joint meeting, Newark on Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 9153

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9194

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Campsall, November 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9154

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22nd, at Farmborough. All members and friends very welcome.—B. J. 9226

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 9245

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Radon. 9264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9270

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Breaston on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 22nd, to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 'The Knoll,' Laund Close, Belper. 9263

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Chapel-en-le-Frith. Bells (6) 2.30 till 8.45 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. A. Hibbert, 'Ashdene,' The Hordens, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 9249

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, at 2.30 p.m., Adwick-le-Street (6). Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. F. Newsome, 15, Villa Road, Woodlands.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 9254

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (N.E.).—Meeting at Darlington, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, November 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 9260

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Blockley (8), November 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by November 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9266

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 9269

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 22nd, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 9268

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, November 25th, 3 p.m., St. Clement Danes'; 4.30, St. John the Baptist, Hackney; 5.45 p.m., St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Dinner, The Mitre, Chancery Lane. Names to D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 9253

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at Higham Ferrers (8) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Rushden (8), followed by ringing. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. A. Rivett. 9242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, St. John's, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free. Business follows tea. Names for tea to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth.—Thornley, Sec. 9274

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9255

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Last meeting of 1961 will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd to Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Yorks. 9325

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to the Rev. E. L. Fisher, Higham Rectory, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton. Tele.: Stoke Golding 206.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 9236

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Sully, November 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Practice method: Norwich S.M. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 9209

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Third quarterly meeting at Wells on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 23rd to J. Williamson, 47, Staithe Street, Wells, Norfolk. 9228



**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at East Harling on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo. 9246

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 21st.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompsits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9237

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Sat., November 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Stanford bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 22nd. to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9267

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BUCKLEY.**—Open Day, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday latest, to Randolph Ellis, 'Grassmere,' Tram Road, Buckley, Flintshire. 9247

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—November 25th. Practice meeting: Martin 3-5 p.m.; Damerham from 6.30 p.m. Tea at Martin for those who notify by Tuesday, 21st.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9199

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 25th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9250

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at Clive (6) on November 25th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9181

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, Farnfield (5). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd to Miss I. Roe, Brickyard Lane, Farnfield, Newark.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 9271

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Practice meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9244

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Wetherden (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 6-9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 9243

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 25th. St. George the Martyr bells, Borough High Street, 3 p.m. Service there at 4.30. Tea, in St. George's Halls, Lant Street, S.E.1, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, after, until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Bagworth, of 37, Cliveden Road, S.W.19, by Thursday previous.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9224

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Wadhurst on November 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeny, Sec., Hillbrae, Carlers Corner Road, Hailsham. 9251

**WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Elstree, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd to Miss J. Bunyan, 139, Millway, Bushey, Herts. All ringers invited. 9276

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton St. Mary's, December 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bishop's Hull (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 9262

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 27th, please, to Mr. R. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 9195

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to the secretary. No names no tea.—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, at St. James', Shirley, Warwick. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. V. Hemming, 143, Welford Road, Shirley. Everyone welcome. 9265

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, December 2nd. Please note alteration of date. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore, 107, Station Road, Cogenhoe, by November 30th.—T. M. Haines. 9272

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Symondsburg and Bradpole towers open from 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by November 28th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9238

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea by November 25th to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Land, North Mimms, Herts, or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 9233

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Great Yarmouth, December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, December 6th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Bury St. Edmunds and Sudbury District.—Dinner to be held near Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, January 27th, 1962. 6.45 p.m. Ringers, please reserve date. Further details later. 9257

## SOUTH WIGSTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On October 27th, 1901, the eight bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicester, were dedicated. Like the tower itself, they were the gift of Thomas Ingram, a local benefactor. Since then, the bells have been put to good use: a total of 151 peals has been rung on them, including three long lengths, viz., 10,176 Kent Treble Bob on December 26th, 1901, only two months after the dedication: this was followed on April 4th, 1904, with 11,008 Double Norwich and 17,104 Double Norwich in December 27th, 1904. The first peal on the bells was 5,040 Stedman Triples, on November 2nd, 1901.

It was thought fitting that the 60th anniversary of the dedication should not pass unnoticed. Accordingly a peal was arranged for October 28th (the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude) and the method chosen was Stedman. The first and the 151st peals were therefore Stedman.

From the records of the old Midland Counties Association it appears that the tower has never been lacking in ringers. The zenith appears to have been reached in the years immediately after the last war, for a completely local band rang a peal of Double Norwich in honour of the silver wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on April 26th, 1947. With the untimely deaths of the conductor (Charles Marshall) and the steeplekeeper (J. Leslie Willars) in 1949 a decline set in; but there are signs that with the young band at present, even greater progress will be made.

Thank you, Thomas Ingram, we are grateful to you! B. J. W.

An appeal has been launched for £3,500 to provide a ring of eight for St. Clement's Church, Hastings. The town of Hastings, New Zealand, is to give the fourth bell (£310), and the local Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society the treble (£240).

## QUARTER PEALS

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Royal (first quarter) 1. J. Royal 2. P. Bourne (first 'inside') 3. C. Royal 4. J. Webb 5. T. Webb 6. A farewell to Michael Mathews, and to congratulate David Joyce on his marriage.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Hamlin (first quarter) 1. R. Cannon 2. P. Huggitt (first 'inside') 3. S. Turner 4. A. Best (cond.) 5. P. Hamlin 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Ponting 1, E. Cribble 2, W. Nipper 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, F. Simmonds 5, P. Smith 6.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Copley 1, E. D. Elderkin (first 'inside') 2, I. R. Goodenough 3, A. S. Harrison (first 'inside') 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell (first on tower bells) 6. For Evensong, and a compliment to Miss C. Copley and Mr. R. A. Brown, on their engagement.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. King 1, A. D. Leach 2, J. Martin 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5. For Matins.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Webb 1, A. D. Leach 2, J. King 3, Miss E. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, M. Colcombe 6. For Evensong.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Roberts (first of Minor) 1. Mrs. M. Parker 2, B. Branson (first 'inside') 3, G. Davis 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George W. Jeffs, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Talbot 1, J. Tomsett 2, K. Game 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Streeter 5, A. J. Bull 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10.

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, Joan Gainey (first quarter) 2, J. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burford, on their 40th wedding anniversary. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Bob Doubles: C. Haylings 1, Anne M. Broxton 2, Arthur Halling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, E. W. Penn 5, Albert Halling 6. For the Feast of All Saints.

**THEFTORD, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, R. Stannard 4, H. Clarke 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, H. Fuller 8. For Evensong.

**TILEHURST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Everett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Fevre 2, J. Marsh 3, H. Hunt 4, A. Haines 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

**TRULL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Kerlake 1, R. W. Shire 2, R. G. Perry 3, E. J. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. E. J. Baker 6. For morning service, and as a welcome to the Rev. D. C. Evans, inducted October 31st.

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## Quarter Peals

**LLANGIBBY, MON.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Wragg (first quarter) 1, Dianne Edwards 2, G. R. Marchant 3, D. Pike (cond.) 4, D. Taylor 5, T. Richards (first quarter) 6. Rung on the 90th birthday of Col. Leonard Addams-Williams.

**ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan M. Jackson 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. W. Edwards 3, R. G. Dadds 4, J. Baxter 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, G. C. Durham 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, K. H. Mildred 4, D. W. Stenson (first of Triples 'inside') 5, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. R. May (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Rex 1, W. Hunt 2, H. Lawrenson 3, R. Christopher 4, A. Sayer 5, R. Crook 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. For Sunday service.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Dines, a member of St. Michael's choir for over 40 years.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann M. Pratt (first quarter) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, Judith A. Harding 3, C. A. Bull 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. M. Heawood 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except the ringers of 3 and 5. For Evensong.

**WESTBURY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Terry 1, B. Gadd (first quarter of P.B. Minor) 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, F. Cattell 4, D. Ferguson 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Cattell's daughter.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates 1, C. D. Emery 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Simpson 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. V. Clark 6. First quarter by the St. Stephen's Society on tower bells.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Abbott (first quarter) 1, J. Rose 2, F. Symonds 3, G. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, Miss B. Dyke 6, F. Stedman 7, E. Amey 8. For the Festival of All Saints, and in memoriam Archdeacon Chute.

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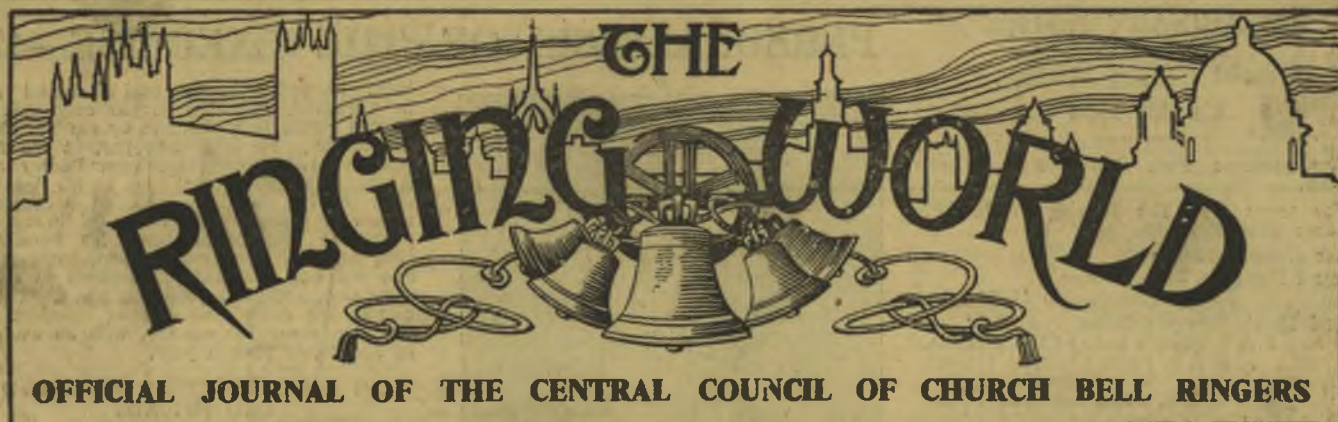
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## WHY I BECAME A BELLRINGER

By BARRY HOLLAND

I AM often asked by friends and acquaintances how I became a bellringer and what I find so absorbing about it.

The answer to the first part of the question is quite simple. The earliest recollection of my childhood is of myself toddling past the parish church, holding my father's hand, hearing the bells ringing, and asking him what made the noise. In due course I was to find out. I followed my older brothers into the choir and later into the belfry. It was quite natural. It was the pattern to be followed by each brother in turn.

Now, when I asked myself why I took to it so readily, I find the reasons more complex. Firstly, bellringing as practised by us in England is so English, and does not exist in any other part of the world except in a few isolated parts of the Commonwealth. Even in Ireland, Scotland and Wales it is seldom practised as we do it. Through many generations, the sound of church bells has become ingrained in us.

In mediæval times and before the Reformation the sound of the church bells was an integral part of the life of the ordinary person. It warned him of curfew time, it warned him of attack. It bade him say his prayers when he heard the Angelus, it bade him pray for those departing this life as he listened to the passing bell. Then as now it announced the joyful occasion such as a wedding or some occasion of national rejoicing. The monastery bells summoned the monks to their devotions as our own bells do now Sunday by Sunday.

Another reason why bellringing is so appealing to me personally is that it is a branch of church work. Few of us have the ability to be, say, a choirman, or perhaps we have not the time to spare in other clubs and organisations. There exists in the belfry a camaraderie unparalleled in any other body of men. Although it has a language peculiar to itself, the belfry attracts its devotees from all walks of life. The judge, doctor, teacher and labourer all mix freely in the brotherhood of the belfry.

What are the qualifications needed for the belfry? Firstly, a reasonable level of intelligence—which all of us have. Secondly, a fair standard of health—which most of us have; bellringing is not a physically exhausting task. Lastly, a deep attachment to the church which will bring us from the comforts of home in all weathers twice on Sunday and one night in the week for practice.

Dorothy Sayers, in her book about bellringers, says: 'God speaks through those mouths of inarticulate metal.'

It is a very joyful thought indeed that we of the belfry are playing our part in making that voice heard a little more clearly.

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## AND AFTER THE RINGING

MUCH has been written on the subject of ringers attending church after ringing for service: much more will be written and it will be a subject for frequent sermons. If we are servants of the Church it is obvious that we should attend at least one service on a Sunday. But to attend every service is out of the question. There are towers where ringing takes place for three services, and the demand for attendance on every occasion is unreasonable.

Today a very small percentage of Christians attend one service a week. Because a man takes an interest in ringing, and because of the fact that the church is the only place in which he can ring, he is expected to attend more frequently than the tiny percentage of people who go to church. It is difficult to see why.

The fact that he is behaving as 90 per cent. of the rest of the parish is only made noticeable by the fact that he may leave the church before the service starts, whereas the other 90 per cent. have stayed at home. But if he is a church worker he certainly ought to attend one service. So ought all other church workers.

As a matter of interest I have worked out roughly attendances in my own parish at services for which the bells are rung:—

Churchwardens 2, average attendance 1 ...	50%
Servers 2, av. attendance $\frac{1}{2}$ .....	25%
Choir 20, av. attendance 7 .....	35%
P.C.C. 35, av. attendance 5 .....	14%
Sidesmen 10, av. attendance 1 .....	10%
Ringers (6 bells) 8, av. attendance 5 .....	63%
General congregation on Electoral Roll	
275, av. attendance 25 ...	9%

The average attendance for ringing used to be nearly 100 per cent., but then the Vicar gave orders that if you rang for a service you must attend that service. This meant that only ringers must be 100 per cent. at at least two services each Sunday. I don't see how it can be done unless you have at least three ringers to each bell.

All the others can stay away, no one notices it. But if only three bells ring questions are immediately asked, 'Where are the ringers?' And if six bells ring and three are seen walking away, it's 'those bad-mannered ringers,' even if they have already been to a service.

RURAL RINGER.



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**Proposed Concert and Tour.** A number of members have expressed a wish to hear a Welsh Choir during the week-end, and through the good offices of Dr. Tudor P. Edwards the Trearky Male Voice Choir are prepared to give a short concert at Pentre, Rhondda, on Whit Sunday afternoon. This would be combined with ringing at Caerphilly and Pontypridd on the way out and back respectively, and tea and ringing for Evensong at Pentre. Those interested are asked to write to

Mr. D. J. King,

1, Hughes Crescent,

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This would be in no way binding, but is solely to enable the organisers to judge whether sufficient support would be forthcoming to justify asking the choir to give a concert.

**PLEASE WRITE NOW.**

E. A. BARNETT,

Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

32,912 CHANGES RUNG AT  
LOUGHBOROUGH

On behalf of the umpires of the 40,320 attempt by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin's band, Mr. Robert B. Smith submits the following report.

The band assembled at the Great Central Hotel, Loughborough, at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 17th, before proceeding to the foundry to try the bells. All the band were in bed by 10.30 p.m. on Friday.

Ringing commenced at 5.58 a.m. on Saturday and was a little 'choppy' until the band had become accustomed to the bells. The ringing settled down and the first 10,080 changes were rung in exactly 5 hours. The second quarter was four minutes quicker, the half-way coming up at 3.56 p.m. The three-quarter mark was passed at 8.48 p.m.

The existing record was passed in time at 9.29 p.m. and in changes at 10.5 p.m. Some seven minutes later, the peal was lost when a call, which should have been Home, was called at Middle.

Although the peal was not completed, I feel that the record has 'morally' been surpassed by the fact that the band rang for 16½ hours, and 32,912 changes.

The band stood as follows: Dennis A. Chapman treble, Edgar R. Rapley 2, Peter J. Eves 3, Dennis A. S. Symonds 4, Howard W. Egglestone 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Frank B. Lufkin 7, Walter Arnold tenor.

The band wish to thank Mr. Paul Taylor for the use of the foundry bells, and for all his help in arranging the attempt.

All the band were feeling well at the end of the attempt, and all believe that the extent is possible.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—47



MR. WILLIAM BARTON,  
Yorkshire Association.

There are very few ringers who can claim as long a service, in one form or another, with the same church as Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Since 1906 he has served St. Lawrence's Church there, first in the choir when he was nine, and then becoming a bellringer when he was 16. For 15 years he was secretary of the Parochial Church Council. He has also had long service as an officer of the Yorkshire Association, having been a member of the General Committee since 1920, a committee member of the Western District for a couple of years longer, and he was also secretary of the Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers before this. In November, 1920, he was elected the first peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, an office he held for 30 years. During his time of office, he undertook the arduous task of proving all the compositions which had been rung by the Association since its inception—over 2,000 of them! Since then a list of the 39 false peals found has been printed each year in the annual report, to avoid any of them being called again. The Yorkshire Association is believed to be the only Association which has done this.

Bill Barton was born in Pudsey on May 26th, 1897, and has lived there all his life, except for a brief period during childhood. He started ringing in the latter part of 1913, and was most fortunate in that Pudsey had an excellent band of Surprise ringers, captained by that remarkable man, the late Mr. Pratt Cordingley. The latter was a martinet in the belfry, but a very capable ringer and conductor, and one of the pioneers of Surprise ringing in the West Riding. There is no doubt that it was through his untiring efforts and enthusiasm that, apart from three relatively short periods, Pudsey can claim to have had a local Surprise band for the last 57 years.

**LOCAL CONDUCTOR SINCE 1920**

Bill's first peal was on February 26th, 1916, when he rang the second to Superlative, and six weeks later he scored his first handbell peal. A period of service followed with the Royal Flying Corps (afterwards the R.A.F.) during the First World War, after which he commenced peal ringing again by conducting his first peal, Treble Bob Major, in November, 1919. He followed this up by calling a peal of Superlative, and became the conductor of the local band, an office he still holds. His present peal total is 307, of which he has conducted 161, and they range from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Maximus, including Spliced Surprise Major up to eight methods. Nearly all his peals as conductor have been called from a working bell, and a large number have been rung 'in hand.'

Two peals, of which he is justly proud, are the first, and only, peals of Double Norwich and Treble Bob Royal, rung 'silent' on hand-

bells. He called the first peal of Bristol rung in Yorkshire, and rang in the only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus by the Yorkshire Association. He also took part in the first peals of Lincolnshire, Oakham, Pudsey and Rochester Surprise Royal rung by his Association. He has also been interested in composition, and produced a number of interesting peals, the best known being his frequently rung 5,088 of Lincolnshire S.M. Some years ago Bill had two major operations in quick succession, and these prevented him from peal ringing for some time. Since resuming he has gone somewhat steadily, with an average of about two peals a year.

100 PEALS TOGETHER WITH TWO  
OLD FRIENDS

One of Bill's greatest joys in bellringing has been his long friendship with John Ambler and the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson. At one time it was unusual for one of their names to appear in a peal performance without the other two and, in fact, the three of them rang more than 100 peals together. John Ambler and Bill were at school together, in the choir together and they learnt to ring together. His friendship with Percy Johnson started when he called Bill's first handbell peal in 1916, and continued until his death. They worked in close contact on the affairs of the Yorkshire Association for many years, and Bill still misses him very much. Of the 151 peals which Percy and Bill rang together, they shared the conducting of no fewer than 134 of them. On retiring from the office of peal secretary in 1950, Bill was appointed a trustee of the Association, and on the death of Percy Johnson, he was rightfully honoured by being elected, in his place, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association and chairman of the Western District. He is also a keen member of the College Youths.

Bill is naturally very proud of the young band which he started to teach at Pudsey after the wartime ban on ringing had been lifted, and among them was his daughter, Pat—now Mrs. M. J. Robshaw. Every one of these beginners 'made the grade' as change ringers, in spite of the fact that Bill was reputed to have scared them stiff in the belfry! This band also achieved some fame as tune ringers on handbells, and for several years had a long list of engagements at functions in the surrounding districts. Unfortunately the handbell band is no more, through departures and marriages of the lady ringers, but Bill still retains happy memories of the regular practices at his house.

Most of Bill's working life has been connected with horology—the study of clocks—and he is a member of the Council of the British Horological Institute, a Fellow of the Institute, and chairman of the West Riding Branch of the B.H.I. He is the superintendent of the City of Bradford Clock Department, which is responsible for the maintenance of all clocks, watches and mechanical instruments owned by the Bradford Corporation, including the Town Hall tower clock and carillon. In this latter, his job and his hobby, to a certain extent, join forces. The tune machine, which is part of the clock installation, plays tunes on a ring of 13 bells, hung in the Town Hall tower, at four-hourly intervals. The bells are hung 'dead,' and were cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1873, the tenor weighing 87 cwt. To supplement the automatic playing there is a keyboard for playing by hand, and Bill uses this frequently to play tunes that are not on the pegged barrels. On very special occasions, he taps out a touch of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major from the keyboard, instead of a tune. These rare performances of change ringing on the Town Hall bells usually bring expressions of approval and interest.

Bill Barton is a true Yorkshireman, with a determination to succeed in whatever he takes up. By his long service to his church, his skill in teaching beginners, always aiming at a high standard, and the exceptional ability shown in his peal ringing performances, he has brought well deserved credit to himself, his tower of Pudsey, and his Association.

APACE.



## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AT DINNER

A COMPANY of 136 attended the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association on November 4th. This year the dinner was held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, and was a new venue for the Association. For a number of years past, the dinner had been held at the Guildhall, Worcester, but due to the uncertainty of repairs to the Guildhall floor being completed in time, it was decided to choose a different hall.

In the chair was the president of the Association, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn). He was supported by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright), the chaplain (Rev. H. L. Davis) and the general secretary (Mr. J. D. Johnson).

Before the dinner, the bells of the Cathedral (12) were available and a number of members from various parts of the diocese visited the tower.

Following the loyal toast, the chairman called upon the Rev. M. H. Richards, Vicar of St. John's, Worcester, to propose the toast 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations.'

Mr. Richards said that he considered ringers to be a fine branch of the Church and reminded them that they were practitioners of one of the most ancient musical instruments, dating back to the Bronze Age, when men hammered metal together. 'What would our churches be like if they were silent? What would happen if all church towers were silenced?' he asked, adding that he would be very sad to think that there would no longer be ringers—that it was no longer permissible to ring bells. He recalled that Handel had once called this country 'The Ringing Isle' and he considered that that was as true today as then. He therefore wished the Worcestershire and all Associations continued prosperity in their service to the Church.

The chaplain, the Vicar of Cradley, in reply, said the Association was formed over 75 years ago, with the object of improving the standard and status of the bellringers. Times had changed since the days when it had been necessary for ringers to draw up rules, stating the fines to be paid for drinking, or smoking, or swearing in the belfry. Nowadays, bellringers were respectable and people from all classes and walks of life took part.

### WEDDING OF MISS KATHLEEN BELL

The peal (at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton) recorded in the issue of November 10th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Kathleen Bell and Mr. William Owen, has prompted one of our esteemed correspondents to submit the following note.

The bride learned to ring at St. Mary's, Prestwick, Manchester, where her father, Mr. G. A. Bell, was captain. Upon moving to Nuneaton a few years ago, Mr. Bell joined the band at All Saints', Chilvers Coton, and Kathleen continued ringing until it was curtailed upon her entering the nursing profession.

The wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, on September 16th, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby (Vicar) officiating. The bride wore a dress of white lace over pink tulle, with mother of pearl headdress. Her attendants were Miss Hazel Mather and Miss Jane Reynolds, daughter of Mr. Frank Reynolds, the present captain of St. Mary's, Prestwick, and a cousin of the bride.

The newly-married couple are living in Manchester, so Prestwick tower may again have Kathleen as a regular ringer.

One of the functions of the Association was to step in and smooth out any friction between a team of ringers and a third party. 'There isn't any need for people to argue. A reasonable attitude and a little harmony can make all the difference between a happy team and one at sixes and sevens between themselves and, say, the Vicar,' said Mr. Davis.

A toast to a 'great friend of ours'—the Dean of Worcester, the president—was proposed by the vice-chairman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

The Dean, in acknowledging the compliment, said he took great pride in his office and was very pleased to be their president. He went on to say that he had a great love for the sound of bells and something which was always a thrilling experience to him was to stand under the Cathedral tower on New Year's Eve and listen to the bells at midnight.

There was a time in English history, he remarked, when to have the church bells silenced was a sign of a terrible punishment. There was an occasion in King John's time when, because he had displeased the Pope, the bells were banned and this was considered a terrible disgrace.

After the dinner, the members were entertained, beginning with changes on handbells, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung by Susan Jackson 1—2, R. G. Morris 3—4, D. Beacham 5—6 and G. E. Evenden 7—8. This was followed by professional entertainment. D. B.

## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY'S FIRST OUTING

Liverpool University Society selected the Bristol Ringing Festival for their first outing. The journey was made by eight members in a minibus, Clevedon being reached around 12.30 a.m. They were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Pullin, who had arranged for their accommodation.

A very full programme was planned for Saturday, starting at St. Ambrose's. Not only were the city churches visited, but ringing also took place at Filton (and also lunch), Clifton, Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym and Henbury. The party returned to the Cathedral for Sung Evensong and had tea.

The evening's ringing was at St. Stephen the Martyr, the Cathedral, SS. Philip and Jacob and finally at St. Mary Redcliffe. Then all repaired to the Senior Common Room for a social evening as guests of the U.B.S.C.R.

On Sunday morning five of the party took part in a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for morning service at Christ Church and St. Ewen, while the others rang at Yatton. We bade farewell to the Pullins after an excellent lunch and reached Birkenhead shortly after 9 p.m.

'On behalf of the party, I would like to thank our president, driver, organiser and guide, Mr. Geoff Pullin, for all his hard work in arranging this, the first of what we all hope will be many outings by the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.' F. A. .

## TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

ON Friday, October 20th, a company of 12 assembled for a ringing tour in Devonshire. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. Taysom, Ian Smith, Brian Metcalfe (Warmley), Gillian Hussey, Michael Hobbs, David Gore (St. Ambrose, Bristol), Jacqueline Reason, Carol Ritchens, David Barnett, Terry Milsom and Alan Lee (Twerton, Bath). As last year, Henry Taysom drove the minibus and Lustleigh, which was the headquarters, was reached about 10.15 p.m.

Saturday dawned quite bright, but misty in places, and after picking up Mr. Aubrey Bennett we made off for the first tower, Manaton, passing the famous Becky Falls. This granite church has six bells, which were restored by Gillett and Johnston; they are a pleasant ring and are plainly heard in the ringing chamber. Before we left Miss Yvonne Porter turned up on her scooter and we were very pleased to have her with us for the rest of the day.

Onwards over the moor to the old village of North Bovey. The Church of St. John the Baptist has a pleasant mellow six (tenor 12 cwt. in A), and some good ringing was recorded on a tape recorder. St. Andrew's, Morcott Hampstead, proved to have a pleasant toned octave, rung from the ground floor. Ringing here finished with 15 minutes of call changes, with a local man ringing the treble. At St. Michael's, Chagford, the octave, restored by J. Taylor and Co., is very pleasing on the ear and goes very well. Stedman Triples was perhaps the best ringing. For lunch we tried 'The Ring of Bells' and we were able to play back the recordings that we had made so far.

On to Widecombe, which is named 'The Cathedral of the Moor'. The Church of St. Pancras is a fine building and ringing certificates adorn its walls as well as the ringing chamber. The sexton, who met us, complimented us on our rise and fall, Stedman and Spliced Oxford and Kent went well here.

The next tower—St. Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor—is situated 1,280 feet above sea

level, and after seeing the famous clock faces, with 'My Dear Mother' on them, we tried to sample the lightest octave in Devon (tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.), but, alas, the treble rope broke in the rise so the back six had to suffice.

At last we were off the moor and at the Parish Church at Buckfastleigh our Ken: Major was very good indeed. We also had the pleasure of looking down on to Buckfast Abbey and hearing the twelve bells. We journeyed on to South Brent (St. Petroc), where the six are rung from the ground floor, a very pleasant Taylor restored ring, with a 13 cwt. tenor, Cambridge and Spliced Doubles were the highlights, but the local gentleman said they 'too high'; we made up for this with some fast call changes.

Those of the party who had not rung at Dean Prior were allowed to do so, by Mr. Bennett. These bells are worth a visit any time. The last ring of the day was the recently rehung six at Bickington. Some good Cambridge could not be recorded because the microphone had 'packed up.' The proceedings finished with an almost perfect fall.

After saying our good-byes to Miss Porter and Mr. Bennett we returned to Lustleigh to join all the local people for a chat and drink.

Sunday morning we joined the local band in service ringing; perhaps our highest compliment was made by the captain, who said it was the best rise he had heard by 'scientific' ringers. During the afternoon we made our way home and called at St. Mary's, Taunton, where we are grateful to the local ringers who stood down in order that we could ring. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay, at Lustleigh, looked after us in their usual kindly way. We thank Mr. Bennett, for helping us plan the tour, and to Henry Taysom, who drove the minibus. In all we rang 22 methods and call changes; we said last year we would like to come back. We did, and we hope to come 'down in Glorious Devon' again next year.

A. F. L.

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# ST. IVES, HUNTS—A CHURCH OF MANY MEMORIES

By T. A. BEVIS

NATURE speaks to all: in colourful and varied ways she exhorts, uplifts and soothes. One may visualise a placid river reflecting a weathered steeple and wind-swept trees in its twinkling depths, lending itself as a sounding board to melodious bells... truly an English scene. Thus we familiarise ourselves with St. Ives, a pleasant and interesting town in Huntingdonshire, far removed geographically and in appearance from its illustrious seaside cousin in Cornwall.

It is a borough of undying militaristic memories, for here Cromwell drilled his soldiers in an ancient barn and he stands, in bronze, on Market Hill for all to see.

St. Ives has unpleasant memories of one particular day—March 23rd, 1918—when a biplane crashed into the beautiful spire of All Saints' Church.

The pilot of the ill-fated aircraft took off from nearby Wyton aerodrome, and, for some unknown reason landed shortly afterwards in a meadow near the picturesque Hemingford villages. Taking off once more the plane slowly gained height, heading in the direction of St. Ives. A few moments later, at 6.45 p.m., the machine crashed into the slender spire of the parish church.

About 50 feet of the spire fell in two portions into the west end of the north and south aisles, the aeroplane falling into the north aisle, the pilot dying instantly. As can well be imagined, considerable damage was caused; the spire was completely severed; the pinnacles and battlements of the tower ruined; and about 30 feet of both aisles exposed to the sky.

The nave roof was pierced in numerous places, and the bell wheels and frames were utterly smashed, the bells coming to rest on the floor of the belfry.

It was necessary to find £7,090 to pay for the repair of the church and steeple, and £3,873 of this amount was provided by the Government. Some time later the Mayor of St. Ives organised a mile of pennies over the famous mediæval bridge to help meet the cost of renovation.

Much of the church, of necessity, was made new. It is a resplendent building—a little plain, perhaps, from the exterior, but creditably restored inside, being enriched with modern and ancient figures, the latter carved by 15th century craftsmen.

The substantial oak pulpit was made in the 16th century, and an old chest contains a book signed by Oliver Cromwell, then churchwarden, who mixed up religion with farming and became so poor that his farm was taken from him. How would this country have fared if he had been left in peace with his plough?

## A MEMORY OF FRANK WARRINGTON

All Saints' Church has a significant place in the writer's personal records, for it was here that he rang his first peal under the experienced, friendly and ever-watchful eye of Frank Warrington, a splendid ringer and undoubtedly one of East Anglia's finest conductors.

A signalman at St. Ives, Frank composed and conducted peals in confident style; but he was best known for his willingness and ability to guide the nervous learner through the 'complex' maze of changes, whether of Surprise or Plain Bob. He passed away in recent years. Despite a period of ill-health, he would not spare himself when it came to ringing bells—so great was his love of the art.

The impressive steeple contains a delightful octave (tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in G). Handling remarkably well, the bells are rung from the ground floor; the belfry is arrived at after ascending a somewhat unsightly steel spiral staircase, which would be much more at home in an industrial establishment.

Before 1723 the steeple housed a ring of six bells, the tenor of which was cracked. This was removed and, with its companions, introduced to the melting pot, the resultant ring



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ST. IVES.

having a combined weight of 68 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb

The new bells sounded for the first time above the waters of the Ouse on February 11th of the aforementioned year. It has been stated (without foundation) that the bells were originally intended for Godmanchester church.

## PENN'S TRAGIC DEATH

The completed work, however, was considered unsatisfactory and in 1725 a Chancery suit commenced, articles not being performed by the founder, Henry Penn. (Details of Penn's tragic death after his acquittal have already appeared in 'The Ringing World'.)

In 1729 the Lord Chancellor converted the suit in a trial of common law. 'The founder was sick to death at Huntingdon at the time of Trial when 'twas over. He was told he had got the cause. Penn answered 'twas too late, he was far gone that his hart was broke therefore could do him no good.'

In July, 1730, it was decreed that the widow Penn and the town should bear each their own charges, only the town to pay her the damages given on the trial. This cause cost a tidy sum of money, but the poor widow got very little or none of it.

Two bells were later added by Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, and the octave was re-tuned in the last half of the 19th century. Later it became necessary to recast the bells, but, happily, Penn's unusual inscriptions have been preserved.

The treble, an early riser, exhorts the listener to 'Arise and go to your business,' while number two, mindful of mundane attractions, preaches 'I praise the true God.' The third intones in sarcastic vein 'Their sound is gone up,' and the morbid fourth, perhaps foreseeing its founder's unfortunate circumstances, sighs 'Sometimes joy, sometimes sorrow; marriage today and death tomorrow.'

The fifth bell upholds ancient tradition in that 'When backward rung we tell of fire: think how the world will thus expire.' Six and seven are inscribed 'Robt. Taylor, St. Neots, Feecit 1796,' and the tenor, in which Penn fixed a coin, comes out with the reassuring rhyme: 'When souls are from these bodies torn, 'tis not to die but to be born.—I Hy Penn Founder.' Incidentally, the bells show three variations of decorative lettering.

A glimpse at the parish records informs enquirers that in 1959 'St. Ives sold a pillow of velvet, etc., and one handbell for iiij*s*. Also stolen, ij litle bells of sillu (silver).'

A Mr. Robert Langley, in his will dated August 24th, 1656, left six shillings a year for the ringers on January 9th or 11th, for a 'dumb' peal.

Over the years the bells of All Saints' Church have echoed and re-echoed their message of peace and goodwill above verdant pastures in a sylvan setting. Sunday by Sunday their predecessors played on the ears of the soldier-farmer: Milton's Chief of Men—our greatest man of action.

To these parts long, long ago, came a gentle being—a Persian bishop, called 'Slepe,' who numbered among his first converts Ireland's St. Patrick. That Bishop is known today as St. Ive, and in this soil he was laid to rest. Many miracles are attributed to him, and as the bells peal out we might remember: 'There is not any in England more easy of prayer or more helpful than St. Ive.'

Heanor, Derbyshire, has an enthusiastic band of young ringers—four girls, 12 young men. Remembrance Day half-muffled ringing at the Parish Church consisted of 70 minutes before and 30 minutes after the morning service and 30 minutes before and after Evensong. On the Monday afternoon the muffles were stowed away until next year (we hope).



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RINGING AND ATTENDING THE SERVICE

Dear Sir.—The letter recently published, from the Rev. D. G. Brunning, offering a suggestion, was written partly with an objective purpose, but it touches on a matter about which all is not well. It may be true that one never hears of 'singers' leaving the church as soon as their part of the service is over, but they do leave; so the suggestion is negative. One never hears especial mention of a ringer who remains on as a singer, although there must be many.

We are quite often being reminded from the pulpit that ringers do not stay to the service for which they ring but it seems that many clergy themselves are not willing to study the problem or even to render any beneficial contribution. Do these clergy realise that at these times they are addressing the wrong class of ringer? It would be better if they went 'out into the world' and gave their message by personal contact to the defaulting ringer. In my most humble opinion, a ringer's task is to assist in ringing the bells for services and, in turn, to teach others to do likewise, and a clergyman's task is to teach the gospel.

The essential factor of a reliable, conscientious and enthusiastic ringer is that he is introduced into the belfry from **within** the church and, moreover, if he is a youngster, that the parents are also **within** the church. The incumbent, through an active choir, Sunday school or youth club, should have sufficient material ready to proceed into the belfry. But, alas, this is often not so and we ringers are forced to keep on and on trying to interest people who are not otherwise attached to or even interested in any of the church activities. Happily, there are a few exceptions to the above and instances where, once becoming a ringer, a person has become a more active church worker. The importance of parents is that, among other things, meal times for ringers on Sundays are often required to be up to an hour earlier than they otherwise would be—this may sound lighthearted, but it is not, and I have had experience of one of my band coming to ring for service and then going home to have his meal because it was not ready before he left. The meal times of a ringer are even earlier than for other church-going folk.

Whilst I readily agree that many more ringers could attend church services, is not a limited offering better than none at all? Think of the thousands of other people who could attend church services, but who do not subscribe even a limited offering. There are many aspects of church attendance which, after all is a personal matter, and in respect of ringers consider the following factual cases. There is a band of ringers consisting of an organist and choristers, but not at the same church—the times of services allow them to ring the bells at one church and then proceed to the second church (which has no bells) and attend the service. Who would advise them to restrict their activities? Evensong is held at 3.30 p.m. in a very large built up area; there is no local band and the bells are rung by people coming 'into town.' The people who ring these bells also return home to ring for 6 or 6.30 p.m. Evensong at their own towers.

Who would suggest that they should stop at both Evensong services, even if distance between the two towers was not an important consideration?

I could write more, including an appeal to the clergy referred to above.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms.

### SUPPORT FOR REV. D. G. BRUNNING

Dear Sir.—Mrs. H. Hodgson, in her so-called reply to Rev. D. G. Brunning, completely misses the point. Whether we ringers ring for half an hour or so before the service begins or not has nothing to do with it—it is the example set to the rest of the congregation, who are not inclined to look very favourably upon bells and ringers by seeing the ringers walk out. Best to have no bells than to have them made a mockery of, or as one Vicar said recently—treated as tennis balls, for pleasure only!

Ringers have a **duty** to join the rest of the church family in the main and all important parts of the worship to which they have called others. The church exists for worship, not merely to amuse ringers and worship is taking one's part in the prayers, the hymns, the lessons and learning from the sermons. 'I ring to **summon** with a lusty home, that all may come and none may stay at home,' says the inscription on several bells I know of.—Yours, etc.

Weston Favell.

P. AMOS.

### 'THE SERMON DRINK'

Dear Sir.—Years ago I was told of singers leaving the choir during service at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth. As the sermon began the tenors and basses were in the habit of slipping out of a side door to the local for a drink and a smoke, arriving back before the last hymn.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

### LADIES' RECORDS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. Harry Broughton, I must apologise both to him and Mrs. Muriel Reay for the inaccuracy in my writing up of her 'Personality.'

Miss Reay did not make this claim herself, and it was due to my not verifying my facts more carefully. I was aware that the late Mrs. H. J. Poole had rung 677 peals, but thought that she had rung far more than five on handbells.—Yours faithfully,

APACE.

### A TOAST

Dear Sir.—

Mr. Mason appears to think That all we ringers shouldn't drink: So one is quite beyond the pale If one likes a glass of ale; And it's going much too far To walk into a four-ale bar!

Mr. Williams, and I, should shudder If there was only the lactic udder Or water supposedly free Of bugs and infections Or other defections— But: perhaps we should sup tea?

To write up a tour in a way that's amusing By referring so often to the pleasures of Instead of relating [boozing] The casting and dating Of tenor or treble or some other bell Now, it would seem, see us all into Hell.

I: is my boast That when I toast I sup my wine and say with reverence: 'Down with drink, and here's to temperance.'

—Yours from the Tower.

Nottingham.

CLARENCE.

### WHO WANTS TO TAKE OVER WHOM?

Dear Sir.—Your recent leading article about the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association and the subsequent correspondence may lead to speculation in the Exercise as to who wants to 'take over' whom.

The question of the overlap of the two Guilds has been raised with great regularity ever since the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, particularly with regard to divided loyalties and the payment of two subscriptions. Last year several ringers brought the matter up again at a Leatherhead District meeting. It was decided that the only way to deal with the matter was to discuss it in committee, and later to give all members of both Guilds a chance to decide what was wanted.

This is what is now being done, and presumably both the Guildford Guild and Surrey Association will hold general meetings early next year and vote whether or not some kind of join up would be of advantage to the Exercise or desirable to the members of both Guilds.—Yours sincerely,

E. BRAGG.

Aldershot.

### THE LADIES AT ROCHESTER

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted just a few lines in your journal to say two things regarding Mrs. Chapman's letter headed 'The Ladies at Rochester.'

Firstly, if Mrs. Chapman is referring to the ringing after the recent Kent County Association at Rochester Cathedral, I should like to point out that the secretary of the Rochester ringers, Mr. T. Beaumont, was at the entrance to the Cathedral, next to that of the tower, for a considerable period of time after 6 o'clock.

Secondly, recent events certainly imply that the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild is not capable of holding a meeting on its own. I think I am correct in saying that only one Ladies' Guild meeting was held in Kent this past year without the help of the K.C.A. Might I suggest that this Branch start to recruit new members of reasonable age, instead of electing members at the age of six months! —Yours faithfully,

L. MITCHELL.

Newington, Sittingbourne.

### LONDON—NO GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY

Dear Sir.—Regarding Mr. Peter J. Hutchings' letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, I would point out that there is no geographical county of London. If there was it, and not Rutland, would be the smallest county in England and Wales.

London is only an administrative county and was created under the Local Government Act, 1888, to administer the inner parts of Essex, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS T. C. SMITH.

Honorary Secretary.

N. & E. District, Middlesex Association, Kingsbury, N.W.

### WANTS A STRIKING CONTEST

Dear Sir.—I wonder what the interest would be in a Midland area striking contest, on an open, friendly basis, the teams entered being current winners of their Association's striking contest.

If such a contest is found to be practicable it would be held in a neutral 6 bell tower, within travelling distance of the towers involved.

If any towers are interested, I would be pleased to hear their comments.—Yours sincerely,

S. K. A. HUSON.

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## ARCHBISHOP REDEDICATES TENTERDEN BELLS

THERE was a full church at St. Mildred's, Tenterden, on October 29th, when the Archbishop of Canterbury rededicated the bells in the presence of the Mayor (Major Leslie Chalk) and his council. The Mayor took a great interest in the restoration: his appeal resulted in £2,500 being received in almost a week. The Rector (Canon H. Willis) was joined by the Mayor to receive the Archbishop.

Dr. Ramsey took his text from I Peter ii, 4 and 5. 'To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.' He contrasted their beautiful church with another house of God, a spiritual church of which they were all stones. Just as the builders chose their stones, so must their spiritual stones each be fit for His purpose. There were three requirements:

(1) They must always be steadfast to help others.

(2) They must be united and closely linked together as a family.

(3) They must bring the beauty of the House of God into their lives.

As the old bells pealed out Sunday by Sunday, they would remind people of these things and would summon people to come to Jesus.

During the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies' the choir and clergy and the Archbishop proceeded to the base of the tower for the dedication of the bells. 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the Glory of God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

As the procession returned the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was sung, followed by 'Angel-voices ever singing,' during which the collection was taken for Tenterden Church Heating Fund and amounted to £40 7s. 6d.

So the service was over and the congregation awaited the sound of the bells, which were rung in rounds by the local ringers, followed by various touches, in which ringers from far and near took part, under the direction of Misses Kathleen Yeo and Violet Relf.

The work has comprised the recasting of the 3rd and 6th, the tuning of all the bells and



The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Ramsey) with the Rector (Canon H. Willis) and the Mayor (Ald. Leslie Chalk) at the rededication of Tenterden Bells. [Photo: 'Kent'sh Express']

re-hanging, with new fittings in the existing frame. The old frame has been retained on professional archaeological advice on the understanding it is good for another hundred years' life. As far as ringers are concerned this has meant retaining the left-hand circle and the 'go' of the bells does not appear at present to be as satisfactory as might be hoped, although it is understood that further work is contemplated in anchoring the frame, which may perhaps bring about some improvement.

### THE BELLS

The details of the bells, the heaviest eight in Kent, are as follows:

	Weight	Note	Cast	Founder
Tenor	27-3-23	C	1884	John Warner & Co.
7	22-1-21	D	1884	John Warner & Co.
6	16-2-16	E	1961	Mears & Stainbank
5	13-2-3	F	1826	Thos. Mears II.
4	11-0-14	G	1920	Alfred Bowell
3	9-1-24	A	1961	Mears & Stainbank
2	7-0-17	B	1884	John Warner & Co.
Treble	7-3-6	C	1769	Leslie & Pack, Whitechapel.

The founders were represented at the service by the master bell founder, Mr. W. Hughes, and by Mr. Harry Parkes, who had carried out the work in the tower and took part in the ringing after the dedication service.

### OUTING

#### NEWBOLD-ON-AVON

The fourth annual outing of Newbold-on-Avon, Warwicks, ringers and friends took place on September 23rd in misty Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

After enjoying the pleasant octave at Wirksworth, we lunched at Matlock Bath, and then pressed on Darley Dale, where Mr. Paulson welcomed us with the bells raised. Here we felt like village cricketers playing at Lords, and this feeling may have accounted for our abortive efforts in this lovely dale.

At Bakewell we were met with the news that no ringing could take place due to grave illness. However, a local ringer assured us that we could ring at nearby Edensor, if we asked. After an unanswered phone call to Edensor Vicarage, our coach took a small male party to this delightful, aptly named Chatsworth Park village, but the Vicar was not at home. But one of the wardens was, and the position was explained to him, and he granted permission for us to ring. Following some nicely struck Grandsire and Bob Minor on this pleasant six, we descended into the presence of a very grave and displeased incumbent, who was not eager to understand the circumstances which brought us there.

Back to Bakewell to collect the righteous, who had eaten fat teas that the sinners had had to forgo. We moved on through rain to Church Warsop, in Dukeries country. (Hint:

always allow an enormous time reserve, somewhere in the middle of all outings!) It is no slight to the fine bells already rung to say that these six were the richest toned bells of the tour. This richness simply demanded our best, and in the welcoming warmth of the ringing room, with the huge pendulum swinging solemnly in our midst, we enjoyed Grandsire, Bob Minor, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and a plain course of Kent.

Our final ring was on the light six at Edwinstowe, in the pleasant company of one of their lady ringers. Our thanks are due to this young lady, and the ringers at Wirksworth, Darley Dale and Warsop, who made us so welcome, and to all incumbents.

W. C. B.

### GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

#### Blind Vicar Participates In Ringing

The annual meeting of the North West Branch at Hatherleigh on November 4th was most successful, with visiting ringers from a wide area attending. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. The most remarkable ringing of the afternoon was by a blind Vicar, from near Bideford, who joined in touches of Grandsire and Stedman, which he rang with great ease.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar and the ladies, who provided tea.

R. P.

### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Society at Conisbrough was highly successful, in spite of counter attractions by Guy Fawkes. It was notable in that a great range of methods, including Bristol and Spliced Plain Major, was rung, whilst yet providing plenty of opportunity for those desiring Plain Bob, plain hunt and rounds.

Catering was well organised by the genial secretary (John Seager) and helpers, and in the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. Norman Chaddock was asked to take charge. After suitable notes of thanks and expressions of appreciation to local folk and church authorities a collection of over 15s. was donated to the church funds to help pay for the generous facilities provided.

It is hoped to visit Barlborough and Eckington on December 2nd.

N. C.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

In spite of bad weather the November meeting of the Biggleswade District at Arlesey was better attended than the previous meeting. About 20 ringers were present. The ringing was varied, methods including Norwich and London Surprise.

The Rev. E. B. Edgell took the chair for the business meeting in St. Peter's Hall after tea.



## Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association

'Ye saints who toil below . . . ran a line in one of the hymns at Evensong during the annual meeting and festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on September 30th. The service was held in St. Michael and All Angels', Bishop Wearmouth, Sunderland. It coincided with the patronal festival and was held near the close of a day that had included ringing on all the four rings of bells in Sunderland.

Although the call in the hymn was to sing rather than ring, as one might have expected the congregation of ringers was able to respond even without accompaniment. The Nunc Dimittis, with Tonus Peregrinus as the chant, showed considerable improvement over the previous attempt under similar conditions earlier in the year at Chester-le-Street.

Ringling at St. Andrew's, Roker, before lunch, was made possible only by the arrival of visitors from Edinburgh, York and Wolverhampton. Good use was made of the other bells at St. Ignatius', Sunderland Parish Church and Bishop Wearmouth, the last two towers being open again after Evensong.

The business meeting followed the ten in Bishop Wearmouth Church Hall. The service due at 7 p.m. limited the time available, and the business was disposed of speedily and in comfortable time to reach the church. This was in pleasant contrast to the protracted meetings of the last two years. The president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed those present and proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all concerned in arranging the meeting and providing the tea.

Reports submitted by the various officers were approved. In these reports it was noted that Tanfield bells had become unsafe and ringing had been stopped. The treasurer was able to report an increased balance in hand and the voluntary contributions from peal ringers had produced £9 6s., which would help towards the cost of printing the report. The Ringing Master reported action on instruction in the drafting of a letter of approach to belfries, progress towards a manual, and the holding of combined practices during the year. The trustees reported that the properties were safe and sound.

### 64 RINGERS IN 56 PEALS

The peal report, compiled by Mr. J. A. Ainsworth as acting editorial secretary, recorded 56 peals. These were rung in 31 towers with four on handbells. Only 64 ringers had taken part in the peals and four of those scored their first peal. Leading ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 47, E. N. Harrison 41, J. E. Anderson 39 and G. S. Deas 33. Conductors numbered 12 and J. A. Ainsworth led the field with 31 peals conducted. There were four Surprise methods new to the Association, and the 8,736 of Yorkshire S. Major at Allendale had set up a new record length for the Association after the previous record had stood for 56 years.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, T. Cooke; hon. secretary, D. A. Bayles; hon. treasurer, F. Ainsley; hon. editorial secretary, J. A. Ainsworth; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; trustees, W. N. Park and N. I. Wright; Ringing Master, K. Arthur.

The District officers showed three changes, and for 1961-62 are as follows: Northern District—Vice-president, G. S. Deas; secretary, Miss I. Thomson; Southern District—Vice-president, F. W. Cooke; secretary, E. Thompson; Eastern District—Vice-president, C. N. Lea; secretary, W. F. Sheraton; Western District—Vice-president, K. W. Cheeseman; secretary, C. T. Lamb.

Meetings were arranged for Chester-le-Street on January 6th, 1962 (social function), Darlington on May 26th (half-yearly) and Newcastle on October 13th (annual).

New members elected were the Misses L. Garbutt, P. Walker and D. Yeats, and Messrs. A. Applegarth, J. Close and M. Maughan. The Rev. J. D. Hodgson was elected a clerical member.

It was announced that it was hoped to revise the handbook during the year, and also to make some arrangements for ringers who would be visiting Newcastle for the Royal Show in July, 1962. Work was to be restarted on entering peals in the Association's peal book. There were large arrears, and the committee would consider whether this practice was feasible under present conditions. Appreciation was expressed for the services rendered by Mr. J. Brewster in entering so many peals in earlier years.

D. A. B.

## SOUTH WALES NOMADS

The first meeting since the annual tour of the South Wales Nomads was held at Treveithin on October 21st. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, with a short break for the business meeting, when two new members from Llandaff were elected. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and to the Treveithin ringers, for their welcome.

Next meeting, Rumney, December 9th.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Paul on October 21st. Those present included the Revs. A. J. Vincent (general secretary), W. H. R. Trehwella (now living in retirement at Penzance), P. S. Gagg (Leland) and about about sixty members. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Tyrrell (Vicar), who also gave an address. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson. Excellent arrangements for tea had been made by Messrs. J. Ladner and W. R. Curtis (captain and secretary respectively of the local band).

The Rev. A. J. Vincent was voted to the chair for the business meeting in the absence of Miss Eileen Symons, who was again elected, as were also the Branch secretary (Rev. A. S. Roberts) and auditor (Mr. Wm. Wood). The statement of account showed a balance in hand of £32 4s. 2d. Zennor was chosen for the spring festival. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and ringers of Paul for the welcome given. The grand ring of six (14½ cwt.) was well used during the afternoon and evening, and some bands also went to Gulgall and Madron.

A. S. R.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District Annual

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was a combined one with the Ladies' Guild. About 50 members attended the business meeting at the George Hotel, Rochester, following ringing in the afternoon at St. Mary's, Chatham.

The Dean (the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard) presided and an excellent report on the year's activities was presented by Mr. T. Barton, who announced his retirement from the secretaryship in a year's time. Officers elected were: Mr. Barton, secretary; Mr. L. Mitchell, assistant secretary; Messrs. A. Dunk and F. J. Cheal, District representatives; Mr. Peter Bond, Ringing Master for one year in succession to Mr. L. Harmer, who was thanked for his services. Seven new members of the Association were also elected.

The meeting was in favour of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association being held at Rochester on Easter Monday. Questions were asked as to why no tea or ringers' service was held. The Dean explained that the absence of the service was due to the Sunday school teachers' service, but when the District held its next annual meeting at Rochester in three years' time he would arrange for a service.

After votes of thanks many members rang on the fine 10 in Rochester Cathedral.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD North-East District

A variety of methods was rung on the recently augmented and rehung eight at Aldeburgh, where the N.E. District held a meeting on October 28th. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. P. Bedford, Messrs. T. J. Brock, G. W. Sampson and P. N. Shipley were elected honorary life members, and P. Tiffin and N. Knights junior members. Thanks were given to the ladies for the tea and the Vicar (the Rev. M. J. Ellingsen) and the organist for the service, and Mr. Pilgrim for organising the meeting.

Next meeting, Bungay, January 27th.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its autumn meeting at Thetford on October 28th. The Rector (Rev. H. R. Mumford) conducted the service, and the president, Mr. Nolan Golden, read the lesson.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided over the business meeting, supported by the president, Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-president) and the Branch secretary (Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo).

Thanks were expressed to the Rector, the organist and to Mr. H. Fuller for arranging the meeting.

After tea more Suffolk friends joined in ringing various methods.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine towers were represented at the monthly meeting of the Society held at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, on November 11th. The next meeting will be held on December 9th at Shelley. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon, and supported by Mr. Harold Chant.

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**MR. HORACE BELCHER**

After a short illness Mr. Horace Belcher died on October 24th at his home at Osterley, Middlesex. Two days later, at dusk, he was laid for the night in St. George's Chapel, Westminster Abbey. Friends from the College Youths and Middlesex Association attended the simple, dignified ceremony, which concluded with a course of Stedman Triples on handbells.

Horace Belcher came to London from Wednesbury, Staffordshire, where he learnt to ring. He lived first in S.E. London, moving later to Ealing and then Osterley and becoming well known in S.W. Middlesex. Since 1945 most of his ringing had been with the College Youths, and he was a member of the Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral bands. At St. Paul's the traditional whole pull and stand was rung, followed by half-muffled Stedman Cinques. A peal attempt at St. Giles', Cripplegate, was lost after nearly two hours' good ringing when a rope broke.

He was notable for the very high standard of performance which he set himself and expected of others. Good striking was all important to him, and he was outspoken in his criticism of those who fell short in this respect; his own striking could seldom be faulted.

A great deal of his time was spent teaching beginners, whom he would take to numerous towers to gain experience. Week night practices, cycling expeditions to nearby towers on Saturday afternoons, and Sunday evening quarter peals were all arranged for his pupils' benefit. They were kept on their toes by the sharp rebukes which he administered for any slackness in handling or striking.

His peals included two at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung for the birth of Prince Charles and the 1953 Coronation. He generally rang at the light end, but on occasions would perform equally well at the back end with apparent ease. In recent years indifferent health curtailed his ringing, but he still listened with a keen ear and made his candid comments.

London is now all too short of ringers like Horace Belcher. At a time when there is a tendency for ringing ability to be measured mainly in terms of complexity of methods rung, he set an example of good ringing for his younger colleagues, in whom he always strove to instil a prime regard for good striking coupled with his own high standards of appraisal. J.C. & M.V.C.

**AN APPRECIATION**

There must be many who owe their progress in the art of change ringing to Horace Belcher, and as one of these I would like to pay a tribute to him as a ringer. He was, first and foremost, an immaculate striker, and he never missed an opportunity of endeavouring to impart his standard to others. This he did in various ways. His sharp tongue will be remembered, not only by young and aspiring ringers, but also by several of the older ringers too.

Nevertheless, in addition to his sharp tongue, he would spend hours in instructing learners in elementary change ringing. There are at least three at St. Paul's Cathedral who owe their progress to his interest and instruction. He missed very little, whether it was bad striking or bad handling, without passing a comment, and he seldom missed the opportunity to forward scientific change ringing amongst call change ringers. As a friend and a ringer he will be greatly missed.

B. K. L.

**50 Years Ago**

\*R.W. November 24th, 1911.—

There is a point of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor at Surfleet last Saturday. It is the first time that seven true and complete 720's have been rung in 16 methods, and what is more remarkable is that one of the 720's was actually rung in four methods, viz.: Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; two others were rung in three methods and two in two methods. The Rev. H. Law James is certainly giving six bell ringers the lead in what he advocated at the Central Council meeting.

**OBITUARY****MR. L. H. BAYBUT**

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Leonard H. Baybut on October 29th, after a long and painful illness.

He returned home from India just over a year ago, after holding an important position in Kashmir for some 25 years. Upon his retirement he had hoped to have taken up ringing again as a regular Sunday service and also as a peal ringer, but it was not to be.

Len was born in Suffolk in 1900 and commenced ringing at West Stow and Bury St. Edmunds. Later he moved to Essex and rang his first peal, Oxford Treble Bob Royal, at Prittlewell, conducted by W. H. Judd. Later he went to London and joined the Essex, London County, Kent and Middlesex Associations, also the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Suffolk Guild. Much of his ringing was done, both service and peal ringing, with the London County and the Royal Cumberlands, under those well known conductors, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and Jeffrey R. Gammon.

For some ten years, before going to India in 1935, he was a regular service ringer at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. His peals included the first peals of Pudsey Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus by the Royal Cumberlands, also the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major by the Kent County Association. He was a very safe ringer and excellent striker, usually on the heavy end.

In all he rang 60 peals, mostly Surprise and Stedman. A full list is made up as follows: Cambridge Surprise—Maximus 4. Royal 6. Major 10.

Superlative Surprise Major 3. Pudsey Surprise Major 2. Yorkshire Surprise Major 1. Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1. Kent Treble Bob Royal 1.

Kent Treble Bob Major 1. Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 1. Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1. Stedman—Cinques 18, Caters 3, Triples 6. Grandsire Caters 1. Total 60.

His last peal was Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Bexley, on January 20th, 1951, in honour of the birth of his grandchild.

During his vacation a few years ago he visited St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, to ring and found that the ropes were in a very poor condition. He at once ordered (at his own expense) a complete set of new ropes for the ring of twelve.

So passes one of the best of friends, Farewell. Len. G. H. C.

**THE FUNERAL**

The funeral was on November 3rd, the first part of the service being at Christ Church, Bexleyheath, conducted by the Vicar. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was sung beside the coffin by T. H. Francis 1—2. G. H. Cross 3—4, D. Beresford 5—6, E. Barnett 7—8.

The final part of the service was at Woolwich Borough Crematorium, Falconwood. The mourners included Mrs. G. Baybut (widow), his daughter (Eileen) and her husband, Brian (son), Stanley W. Baybut (brother), and other relatives. Ringers present were Mrs. E. A. Barnett, E. Barnett, D. Beresford (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis.

**SCHOOLS OF RINGING**

Two more schools of ringing, this time in Cornwall, have been founded under the aegis of, and are now affiliated to, the College of Campanology. They function respectively at the towers of St. Uny's Church, Lelant, and St. Mary's Church, Penzance; and are under the direction of Mr. Harry Miles.

At the Lelant school are six learners, including the Vicar; while at the Penzance school are no less than 14 learners. The training (of the high standard demanded by the College) is being followed with keenness, and the progress is encouraging.

**MR. R. A. JENKINS**

A brief announcement appeared in our last issue of the death on November 4th of Mr. Richard A. Jenkins, verger of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford. He collapsed while burning rubbish in the churchyard and by the time he reached the hospital he was dead. He leaves a widow, to whom the sympathy of many friends is extended. He was 75.

Although not a peal ringer, he was happy when amongst ringers either in his own tower or at meetings of the Kent County Association, especially the Lewisham District. In his own tower he was an example of regular attendance and was always ready to hunt the treble or ring the tenor behind. Probably he held a record for quarter peals of Grandsire and Stedman. For many years he was tower secretary.

Practically all his working life was spent in the paper making trade, but during the 1914-18 war he served in the R.F.C., and was a veteran member of the Dartford R.A.F.A. Club. Dick had been verger for the past eight years and on the Sunday previous to his passing he received a presentation in recognition of his faithful service to the church.

The bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled previous to the funeral service on Saturday, November 11th, and again afterwards. The Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Griffen) officiated at the service. Cremation was at Eltham. As a last token of respect a quarter peal was attempted on the Sunday with the bells half-muffled.

**A WET WEEK-END FOR INTER-VARSITY RINGING**

Bristol and Southampton Universities joint week-end of ringing on October 21st and 22nd was spoilt by the rain. The party, consisting mainly of cyclists, assembled at St. Denys', Warminster (8), but the ringing was far from perfect and included a touch of Plain Bob Major, having 8-7's at back which came round at hand.

The rain, which had been threatening, began to fall and continued for practically the whole tour. There was little change in the standard of ringing at Longbridge Deverill (8), but the striking improved a little at Kingston Deverill (6) and a course of London was brought round. Ringing took place at Mere (8) and Zeals (6), where the tower was classed 'unsafe.' The tiring wet day had its effect on ringing the heavy eight at Gillingham. Our last ride of the day was to Marnhull Youth Hostel, where we were agreeably surprised to find hot water on tap.

Ringing at Marnhull on Sunday for Matins included a course of Cambridge. After a packed lunch there was afternoon ringing at Stalbridge (6). The last tower was Wincanton (8), where we were lucky enough to be joined by several visiting experts, including the 'tenor king' himself.

Despite the rain the tour was enjoyed and we would like to thank Miss Judith M. Atkinson, who was, owing to illness, unable to see the results of her good organisation.

E. G. M. & C. C.

**YORKSHIRE ROYAL RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT**

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of the Rector and ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, I give notice that it is the intention of a band to attempt to ring a peal of 22,680 Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Worsley on Saturday, December 23rd, commencing at 6.45 a.m. The composition is given below.

29.160 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. Kenneth Lewis

23456	W	H
52436	—	3
35426	—	3
23456	—	3

Twice repeated, inserting 3 bobs at Middle in every course

In first course of 1st part call Before.

In first course of 2nd part call 4ths.

In first course of 3rd part call In.

Reduce to 22,680 by omitting all calls at middle in 2nd part.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.



## WRINGTON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Ringers from various parts of Somerset and beyond met at All Saints', Wrington, during the week-end of November 4th/5th, to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the augmentation of the bells, from 6 to 10, which were dedicated by the then Bishop of Bath and Wells on All Saints' Day, 1911.

On the Saturday afternoon ringing to cater for all tastes took place until 5 o'clock, when the company adjourned to the Memorial Hall to enjoy a first class tea, which had been prepared by members of the local company and their helpers. Amongst those present were the Rector, the Rev. B. Lee, and Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse. During this break photographs of the bells taken at the time of the augmentation were passed round, and an interesting history of the bells was read from a manuscript, supplied by Mr. H. W. Knight.

The festival continued on Sunday when the preacher at Evensong was the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. H. Warren, who came specially from Exford for the service. Again a goodly company attended and rang for service, which happily combined Evensong with the Association's official form of service.

In his address the Master said that any 50th anniversary was worth observing, and he thought it both a happy and imaginative decision that the original event they were celebrating should have coincided with the church's patronal festival, when they remembered all those, whether ringers or not, who had contributed to and sustained the work and life of the church in Wrington.

The Master praised the quality of the bells, and paid tribute to the ringers, past and present, who had looked after them so well. He told the congregation how fortunate the village was to possess such a fine ring, but one of the penalties they had to pay for this was the frequent attention they received from ringers from far and wide. This required the tolerance and goodwill of those who lived nearby, but this had always been forthcoming and he hoped it would continue, so that the bells would always praise God as they had done down the centuries.

Further ringing after the service concluded the festival, which was brought to a close by a good fall in peal and a general vote of thanks to the local company for organising such an enjoyable week-end. J. B.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held at Tewkesbury Abbey on October 28th, was poorly attended—only 18 of the 56 members being present. A few touches of Triples and some rounds on the twelve were rung before the service, but in the evening, with only ten ringers remaining, nothing more ambitious than Minor could be attempted.

Replying to a vote of thanks after tea the Vicar (Canon B. Purefoy) announced that a faculty had been granted for the restoration of the Abbey bells, and he hoped that they would be removed to the foundry in the New Year. Four of the oldest bells would be retained for the clock chimes and the rest would be melted down with sufficient metal added to make a new ring of twelve.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Penn; secretary, Miss N. N. A. Price (11 Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury); representative on the Management Committee, Mr. A. G. Pulley.

N. N. A. P.

## LEG OF PORK SUPPER

The 356th Harlington November 5th 'Leg of Pork' supper was held this year at the Rectory. The Rector (the Rev. Ronald Bartlett) was a genial chairman, and all were unanimous in declaring it as one of the most enjoyable suppers they had attended. Many new faces were to be seen, promising ringers attending the event for the first time. The Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the two wardens, Major L. F. Ellis and Mr. Lionel Grice, who is also belfry captain, also attended.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

A RECORD attendance of 123 members was present at the eighth annual dinner of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on October 28th.

Presiding at the top table was the Master, Mrs. R. C. Heazel, and supporting him were the vice-presidents, the Bishops of Colchester and Barking, the Ven. W. N. Welch (Archdeacon of Southend) and the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford. Also present were the life vice-presidents, L. J. Clark and J. Chalk.

It is the custom of the Association to invite, as guests of the Association, those members who are made life members during the current year, and this year the Association had as its guests L. Cordell (North Weald), J. Carrott (Hornchurch) and C. Hughes (Leytonstone).

The dinner followed its usual pattern of meal and speeches, interspersed by entertainment—all were excellent.

The speeches were short and exceptionally witty, the clergy being in fine form. 'The Church' was proposed by the Master, and replied to by the Bishop of Colchester, who confessed that on the previous day he had sat through four hours of the Colchester Oyster Festival, had not eaten a single oyster, having a strong preference for whelks!!

'The Exercise' was proposed by the Archdeacon of Southend, and replied to by Mr. F. B. Lufkin, and the final toast, 'Vice-presidents, Guests and Artists' was in the able hands of Mr. C. E. Willmington, and replied to by the Bishop of Barking.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Hilda Fleet (soprano), Mr. R. Leavett (sleigh bells) and songs by E. W. and E. G. Roast.

There was a record attendance of 123 members and friends.

An interesting innovation was the playing of a tape recording while the members were assembling, of a recent peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Chewton Mendip, by the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was much appreciated.

## FAMILY PEALS BY THE LAMBERTS

A family peal of 50 years ago is recalled by the Lamberts ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Kilndown, Kent, on November 11th. This is the family's fifth peal. The two outstanding peals were Plain Bob Minor at Lamberhurst on October 1st, 1911, by six brothers, and Plain Bob Major at Mitcham on November 2nd, 1911. Of these two peals there are now only three survivors: F. J. jun., R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

By ringing in the peal at Kilndown, Michael R. T. and Jane M. Lambert become the first of the fourth generation of this family to ring a peal.

Mallion Lambert, the forefather of five generations, was, according to a report, a bell ringer at Horsmonden, in the days of call changes. The thanks of the family are due to Mr. E. R. Lambert, who made the journey from Cosgrove to stand in the peal at Kilndown.

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## ST. MARY'S, EWELL, RINGERS' OUTING

Our annual outing on September 16th was in and around the New Forest; six towers being included in the itinerary.

Three hours' ride through Surrey and Hampshire brought us to our first tower at Fordingbridge, where ringers and friends alike found much to interest them. Two of the eight bells here date from 1655 and several have interesting inscriptions. An unusually large window in the ringing chamber gives a fine view of the River Avon.

Ringwood we found to be decorated for carnival week. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul has a spacious ringing room and is obviously well cared for; notable features are the heavy oaken beams and the uncased clock pendulum swinging by the wall. The ringing here was enjoyed by all the company.

Lunch was booked at Milford-on-Sea and despite the drivers doing their best to lose us on the way we arrived on time. After an excellent meal, ringers made their way to All Saints', where we were kindly welcomed by Admiral Everett, who is tower captain, and who, with Mr. Godfrey, is obviously doing great work in keeping up a local band, under very difficult circumstances. The bells were much enjoyed.

At Lymington we found the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Bostock, awaiting us, and he gave the non-ringers a most amusing and interesting account of the church. The eight bells (tenor 20½ cwt.) were voted the best of the day and the ringing seemed to do full justice to them.

On then to Lyndhurst for tea, after which we climbed the hill to the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, an imposing building overlooking the town and with a spire some 160 feet high. Our less experienced ringers were alarmed by the length of the ropes and difficulty was encountered, but the same people secretly enjoyed the occasional blunders of the more adept.

It was here that a member of our company discovered that stroking New Forest ponies is by no means as pleasant a pastime as it would appear. Being ungroomed, their coats leave a patina of dirt on every hand that touches them!

A further 30 minutes brought us to our last tower of the day—North Stoneham. Here there is a light ring of ten, with a 9 cwt. tenor, which several found difficult to handle, quite apart from the fact that the second and fourth had no stays.

Our organiser, Mr. J. E. Beams, to whom we are again indebted for all his trouble and effort, has asked the writer to record his thanks to Mr. George Pullinger for help advice and information on this and last year's outing to Portsmouth. We also thank Messrs. Marlow (Fordingbridge), Cheater (Ringwood), Sapsard (Lyndhurst) and Taylor (North Stoneham), in addition to those previously mentioned.

F. W.

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# Rambling Ringers' 3 Weeks' Tour in West Country

AFTER journeying from many points, although mainly from the north, the Rambling Ringers assembled for ringing at St. Mary's, Warwick. The tower here stands on the east wall and two pillars, which stride over the footpath. The bells go well, but we started cautiously with some simple ringing on the ten. Stratford-on-Avon was the next tower visited, what a glorious setting the church stands in! The last tower of the day was Bideford-on-Avon, a somewhat indeterminate eight, not long augmented from six.

Sunday dawned cloudless and was to prove to be one of the loveliest days of the tour. Ringing for Matins took place at Evesham bell tower. Here we were met by Geoff and Gerald Hemming and the locals who joined us in ringing this fine twelve. After a substantial meal we went to Broadway to ring at the 'old' church—a fine edifice with a six fully in keeping with it.

At Winchcombe we encountered a long draughted six. The tenor rope falls very close to the walls and the bells go far from well. Evensong ringing took place at Bishop's Cleeve, on an easy going and pleasant sounding eight. What a climb we had after this to Cleeve Hill Youth Hotel!

Despite the past efforts of the honorary secretary, no tower was available for Monday morning. The first tower did not make up for this, for it was a rough going and hard to hear the ring of six. Wotton-under-Edge was the exact opposite in every respect and subsequently much enjoyed. Chipping Sodbury bells were found to be of good tone, but loose in the headstock, making the 'go' not all that it should be. Thence into Bristol for the next day, and a complete mix-up.

## A BRISTOL APOLOGY

In the morning we first rang at St. James'. The belfry here had been well decorated, and the bells go well. After this we were informed by the local captain that we could not ring at St. John's-in-the-Wall, and this, coupled with the fact that the local captain at St. Stephen's knew nothing of our coming, completely wrecked the remainder of our ringing in Bristol. Unfortunately the steeple-keeper, Cecil Mogford, did know of our arriving and had the bells up ready. One further tragedy occurred, we had omitted to send Cecil a tour list, and as we did not turn up he could not come with us on the week that he had intended. Our most sincere apologies, Cecil, for spoiling your holiday.

We journeyed then via the suspension bridge into that Mecca of ringers, Somerset. Just over the bridge we 'grabbed' a six before settling down to a very long dinner hour. The effect of this was made manifest by our poor

ringing on the grand heavy eight at Long Ashton, and far too fast ringing Wraxall. Ralph G. Edwards, who joined us for these two towers must have had a poor initial opinion of us!

Yatton was our first tower on a glorious day. The ringing here began, led by the local captain, with belfry prayers. This appeared to set right the pattern of ringing at this tower for it was all of a high standard. It is a great pity that this simple act of dedication is so much lacking from the belfry today. A disappointment awaited us at Congresbury, the third bell being out of the frame. Thus another long break was had for dinner. Midst rain, but with undamped spirits, we proceeded to Winford, a six in a rather high tower. After this it was on to Chew Magna, a regal sounding ring. Wroughton's must be one of the fastest moving tens for their weight in the country, and the Cambridge Royal clocked along in 20 cwt. style. Banwell's sound very well outside the tower, but not inside.

## A 'CHEWTON MENDIP' OF SIXES

Next day saw us at Axbridge, a 'Chewton Mendip' of sixes. So much were we enamoured by these bells that we overshot the time of ringing, making us late at Cheddar—our most sincere apologies to the local. The church at Axbridge is fully worth a visit, a glorious pile. Wedmore church, cruciform in plan, stands on a grassy plateau; the bells sound grand in the tower, but rather light for their weight outside. At Glastonbury St. John's we found a rough going eight in a wildly oscillating tower, a rather ill-kept belfry.

On Friday morning we bade goodbye to Joy Whitehead, who had to make a solitary journey back to Bristol to catch the Leicester train. The next day saw us at Butleigh and a rather pleasant old six. At Charlton Mackerel we found a light noisy six, steep stairs and a floor which humps towards the middle. Huish Episcopi, with its beautiful church and good light eight, followed. At Curry Rivel we found that the seventh was obscured from the eighth by a clock case. Curry Mallett proved to have an ideal six for spliced ringing. Here we were met by the Vicar.

Saturday saw our numbers considerably strengthened by the arrival of the Midlands contingent. We had hoped to ring on the twelve at Taunton, but as this was not possible at this time of day we rang on the eight at St. James'. The oscillating tower at Bishop's Lydeard produced some quite reasonable spliced six. At Crowcombe our ringing was poor, considering the capabilities of the assembled throng. Stogumber was found to be a pretty village nestling in the fold of the hills. The ringing here showed a considerable improvement. At Dunsler, Bristol just would not go.

## UPHILL CLIMB

Sunday saw us at Minchhead's beautiful light ring of ten, remembered also by an excellent course of London Royal. At Timberscombe all the ringing on the eight was of a high standard. Then the grind started, four miles of unrelenting uphill climb. A very kindly Vicar met us at Cutcombe, who afterwards took some of the cyclists in his car to the rather quaint five at Luxborough. Evensong ringing took place at Dulverton, and was much enjoyed. In the evening the half-yearly meeting took place. After several proposals the Norfolk and Suffolk area was decided upon for next year's tour.

Monday saw us, early for once, at Washfield. This was followed by the pleasant light six at Uffculme, and several Minor methods. Thence on to Culloington, where we rang three leads of Bedminster Royal, a method modelled on the Bristol plan. The last tower of the day contained an odd-struck 8, rehung in 1959, at Bradninch. Cannot anything be done to offset this when bells are being rehung?

## AT EXETER

Our application to ring at Exeter Cathedral was unsuccessful, but thanks to the kindness of the Vicar, we were able to ring on the noble eight at Heavitree. Here we rang our first course of Glasgow. After lunch we rang at St. Thomas', Exeter, and Pinhoe, before arriv-

ing at Broadclyst (a call change tower and a very fine eight). The night was spent at Ottery St. Mary.

The following morning we rang at the church, a fine building, which we were told was a scale model of Exeter Cathedral. After negotiating a congested main road we rang on the fine old six at Honiton Old Church. Next came the fine eight at Axminster. On the way to Whitchurch Canonicon, we encountered a road which would just take a car and nothing else. Some of the cyclists tried to disprove this with rather alarming results. The last tower was Beaminster (a majestic old eight fully in keeping with the ancient tower in which its stands).

Next day was marked for its rain; it never stopped. The party arrived in bits and pieces at the first tower, Honiton St. George (a rather heavy going six). Thence followed the sixes at Kingstone and Puckington and the wildly oscillating tower at Shepton Beauchamp. It was here that we said goodbye to the Master, who was going off on a week's peal ringing tour. Martock was our last tower, and also our place of rest for the night.

## CAMBRIDGE MINOR AT QUEEN CAMEL

The following morning saw us at West Camel (a light five), with entry to belfry via an unsafe ladder. Then came Queen Camel, quite rightly named for both church and bells. Here we rang a magnificent course of Cambridge Minor and this was commented upon by one of the locals. On the fine ten at Yeovil we rang London and Cambridge Royal.

Ringling at Sherborne was highlighted by a well struck touch of six spliced. The heavy six at Henstridge completed the 'weight day' of the tour. Saturday saw us ringing at Timberscombe and Wincanton. The mid-day meal was followed by ringing on the fine heavy six at Bruton. At the 'time signal' tower of Evercreech, London Royal just would not go. At Ditchet we rang a touch of 10 spliced for the local bride and bridegroom. It was then over the hills to Pilton's fine six. The church stands in a hollow and the glorious tones of the bells reverberate from the sides of the hills.

Ringling for Matins at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, proved to be rather a 'packed' affair as we coincided with a visit by ringers on tour from Slough. The first tower in the afternoon was one of the highlights of the tour, Chewton Mendip, a most magnificent eight. Here we were again joined by Ralph Edwards and some of his friends from Bristol. On then to Chilcompton (a slow moving six, made for good striking). Evensong ringing took place on the heavy eight at Frome.

## THE LAST WEEK

Numbers had thinned somewhat when we began the last week of tour, although the ringing at Warminster was still of a good standard. The next tower, Westbury—a heavy eight, and how fine the bells sound from both within and without. Unfortunately for Trowbridge we had not a 12 bell band, so we had to content ourselves by ringing Cambridge Royal. On then to Bradford-on-Avon, where we pulled the bells up in peal, the tenor wrong side, of course! Thence to Bathford, for ringing on the handy, light little six.

On Tuesday, after a night at Bath Youth Hostel, we had the long pull out of Bath, via a straight Roman road to Coleridge. After this came the rather rough going six at Grittleton. A rather meagre lunch followed at Malmesbury, and a ring in the detached campanile. The final ring of the day was on the twelve in the much buttressed tower at Cirencester.

Wednesday saw us at the lovely old village at Meysey Hampton. Then followed the fine old ring at Colne St. Aldwyn, and a disappointment, for we were unable to ring at Burford, Leafeld, with its octagonal tower, was the last of the day.

The next day saw us in the Cotswolds, and yet another disappointment, for no one was there to meet us at Shipton-under-Wychwood, and entrance to the tower could not be

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obtained. The eight at Bourton-on-the-Water go very well, as they should, only recently being rehung. Stow-on-the-Wolds has an old eight, which does not sound its weight outside the tower. Brailes heavy six were difficult to ring owing to the oscillation of the tower. After this we visited Chipping Campden, an eight with (so half the party thought) a cracked seventh. Is this true?

Friday saw us first at Great Hampden, and then on the six at Stoulton. Then came one of the plums of the tour, Worcester Cathedral, and here with the aid of some of the Roving Ringers, our sadly depleted numbers were able to ring a semblance of a course of Cambridge Maximus.

Saturday, our last and final day, greeted with a mixture of sadness and, dare I say, a slight touch of relief. Our first tower was Cuckley, the entrance to which is rather peculiar and varied. At Stourbridge we made rather a mistake in the churches, and subsequently had to ring on the light eight.

Halesowen was the last official tower of the tour, although some did manage to 'grab' another tower or two.

Methods rung were:

Maximus.—Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Cinques.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Royal.—Bedminster, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Kent and Plain.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—Glasgow, Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Rutland, Eastcote, Pudsey, Wembley, Lincolnshire, Oswald, Kent, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Little, Plain and Original, and also Soliced Surprise in up to 10 methods. Many Minor methods were also rung.

J. E. C.

**Bell Broadcast**

Radio Eireann (530m.). Sunday, November 26th, 4.35 to 5.05 p.m.: St. Peter's, Drogheda, bells and ringers will be heard.

Last Sunday afternoon on Ulster T.V. B.B.C. Shankill (Lurgan) bells and ringers were heard and seen.

**Reading and Southampton Universities Tour Devon**

**T**HIS year's tour broke new ground—in Devon, and the party had two native guides who were ever ready to act as interpreters and also vied with each other to produce the longest and most arduous routes between towers.

The tour started at Exeter on Sunday, July 9th, where we were to join the Cathedral band to ring for Evensong. Unfortunately the clapper of the sixth had just broken and we were unable to appreciate fully the bells which should have been the highlight of the tour.

After a night at Exeter Youth Hostel, the tour started in earnest with the ride to Dawlish. The ringing here provided us with the problem which was to beset us throughout the week—bad striking due to inexperience of many of the band. At Babbacombe we renewed acquaintance with Mr. Bill Simmonds, a former ringer at Reading University. The pleasant eight at Upton provided the best ringing of the day. At Brixham we were fascinated to find the Anglican answer to the one-armed bandit—a scale model of the church which, on the insertion of a penny, played chimes almost as unrecognisable as some of our ringing.

Tuesday provided the best cycling of the week—a two-mile descent to Dartmouth, after which we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the eight at St. Saviour's. Three sixes completed the day's ringing—Stoke Fleming, Chivelstone and East Portlemouth.

**RARE DOSE OF CULTURE**

Wednesday saw the first puncture of the tour, and the Land Rover acted as an ambulance for disabled bicycles and their riders. The day's highlights were a good course of London on the excellent eight at Totnes and the best ringing of the tour at Berry Pomeroy. The evening cider-sampling produced a rare dose of culture: for once the saloon became a salon as we were subjected to the declamation of a poem which was certainly epic in length if not in substance.

Amid drizzling rain, Thursday produced one of the most gruelling rides of the tour. At Buckfastleigh the myth of the weaker sex was finally destroyed by one of its members shattering a stay, which turned out to be solid oak. Most of the band were fascinated at Buckfast Abbey in watching the bells from the gallery above the belfry. Unfortunately we did not possess a strong enough band to make a good job of Cinques, but by restricting our efforts to the back ten we were able to hear these bells reasonably well struck.

At Ashburton we were somewhat surprised to see a figure in full Elizabethan costume appear in the ringing chamber. But it was not the shade of an enraged bellfounder, only a member of Exeter University Dramatic Society intent on advertising their Shakespearian production. In the evening a splinter group and the Land Rover made a pilgrimage to Devon's most famous monument, Dartmouth. Seen in the moonlight in a drizzling rain it gained a suitably horrific atmosphere, and the howls of the hounds from the local kennels made us feel as though we had come straight of the 'Hound of the Baskervilles.'

Friday's towers were all eights—Ipplepen, Wolborough, Kingsteignton and Bovey Tracey. On Saturday we worked up a good appetite for lunch on the heavy and difficult bells at Crediton. On arriving at Newton St. Cyres we excelled ourselves by ringing the bells up with the tenor leading! It was only when we found the seventh covering to Grandsire Triples that we managed to work out why the rise had sounded so strange.

We had now returned to end the tour at Exeter, and after ringing at St. David's, the much-praised eight at Heavitree proved a fitting point to end the tour. We must congratulate Fred Sage on his efficient organisation, and sincerely thank all incumbents and tower captains for their co-operation.

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Fourteen-year-old Nicholas Simon, who conducted a handbell peal at Llandaff on November 8th, is the son of the Bishop of Llandaff. He is the youngest member to conduct a peal for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

On November 9th the bells of All Saints' Church, Asfordby, Leics, rang out as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, the tower's veteran ringer.

An old favourite—'Doubles Methods' is now on sale with Central Council publications. Price 2s. (post free) from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, Warwicks.

A band with a strong Chester Guild representation rang a peal of Belgrave Surprise Maximus at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on November 4th. The peal was Mr. Edward Jenkins' 101st peal of Surprise.

Odd Fellows are invited to ring previous to the service to be held at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, on Sunday, January 28th, at 3 p.m. Ringers are asked to contact Sister F. A. Humphrey, 15, High Street, Southgate.

A record, which has stood for over 30 years in the Kent County Association, was broken on Saturday, November 11th, when 27 Spliced Surprise Minor methods were rung to a peal at Newington-next-Hythe. Congratulations to the conductor, Mr. I. H. Oram, and his band.

Lympe, Kent, is in the news with a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on Remembrance Day. This was not only the first quarter by all the band, but in over 100 years a local band has not rung a quarter on the bells. Enthusiasm runs high for the future.

To the memory of Preb. R. D. R. Greene, a peal was rung at Blaydon, where his father was Rector for 27 years. Through the efforts of the Greene family the bells were installed in 1876 and one of the Prebendary's earliest recollection was, when five years old, riding astride the tenor bell when it was conveyed upon a trolley from Blaydon Station to the Church.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

For the 86th birthday of Mr. W. T. Clark, a peal of Kent T.B. Major was rung at Broughton-in-Furness. Mr. Clark joined this tower in 1901 when the bells were installed and only gave up two years ago under doctor's orders. From 1921 to 1936 he was secretary of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association. The peal band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Clark and some of the ringing was afterwards relayed by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Briggs) with a tape recorder.

A peal of Snowdon Treble Bob Minor was rung for the royal birth at Warsaw, conducted by Mr. Douglas H. Rooke.

The correct weight of Gretton (Northants) tenor, as given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who restored these bells in 1924, is 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. not 9½ cwt., as stated in the report of a peal published on page 759. The correction is sent by Mr. Percy Amos.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, who is now 86, rang a peal of Minor in four methods at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, on November 12th. For his age it is a wonderful achievement. It was 60 years ago that he called the first peal on the bells.

After the congratulatory peal at Acle, Norfolk, for the 89th birthday of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter, the band and other friends were entertained at 'Holly Croft.' They were glad to find Mr. Lidbetter in good health and Doris making steady recovery from a broken leg.

E. H. S., of Shipley, Yorks, writes questioning the time (2 hours 37 minutes) of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Bradford Cathedral on October 27th. He writes: 'The time is wrong or the peal had a 720 short. I do not think that company could do it in the time stated.'

The ringers of St. Michael's, Blewbury, Berks, are sorry to lose the services of Jim Blond, who has taken up an appointment at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. His colleagues wish him well and hope he will make himself known to local ringers.

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BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. Treble	*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
MURIEL REAY .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 10
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 11
*ALAN J. GRIFFIN .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 35½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT .. .. Treble	DONALD NIBLETT .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. 8
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. .. 9
WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 10
*JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 5	*JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 6	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

**A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
*CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	*BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 8
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 9
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 11
JOHN WORTH .. .. 6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Belgrave Maximus.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 7
A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 8
A. MAXWELL LINDSAY .. .. 3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 9
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 10
JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

200th peal on the bells.

Rung to welcome the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

JOHN WALDEN .. .. Treble	*EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 7
*BERYL N. REED .. .. 2	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 3	*COLIN W. REED .. .. 9
†DENIS A. FRITH .. .. 4	†JAMES W. RAITHBY .. .. 10
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 11
WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cambridge Maximus. D. A. Frith and J. W. Raithby have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Tenor 24 cwt.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Aug. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 8
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 4	†ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.  
\* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' ‡ Completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

PETER BORDER .. .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 9
H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 5	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

No. 3 version.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 6
*FRANK E. HAYNES .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

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

WILLIAM J. LEACH .. .. Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. .. 2	BRIAN DAWSON .. .. 7
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 8
JOHN K. SMITH .. .. 4	JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 9
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. .. 5	GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

Rung for Remembrance Day.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 7
PETER SCHOFIELD .. 3	*BARRY SULLIVAN .. 8
RITA M. JOWETT .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 5	FRED HODGSON .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

In memory of the fallen, 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Nov. 14, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

DAVID RHODES .. .. Treble	†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 2	†B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*MRS. E. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
RITA M. JOWETT .. 5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, and first attempt. † 25th peal together.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the enthronement (November 10th) of the Rt. Rev. Clement George St. Michael Parker as the fourth Bishop of Bradford.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Cave's variation.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. Treble	†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
DON C. EXELL .. .. 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6
*HENRY TAYSON .. .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 7
D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.

\* First peal of Stedman. † Completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.



## CLAVERTLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

FRANK W. PERRENS .. .. Treble	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. .. 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 6
*COLIN SWEENEY .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 7
*PERCY STONE .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal in the method.

## KIRKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS .. .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 6
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

## PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor (reputed) 27 cwt in D.

JEAN M. ADDICOTT .. .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. .. 2	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 6
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 7
ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. 4	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6
JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. 7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

## WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CURFEW TOWER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

J. J. Parker's One-Part.		
JAMES BROOKS .. .. Treble	GLYN F. JENKINS .. .. 5	
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 2	A. JAMES GLASS .. .. 6	
D. KENVYN WALTERS .. .. 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR .. .. 7	
KENNETH BUCKINGHAM .. .. 4	REGINALD RENN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD S. T. FARR.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Thurstans' (Brooks).		
*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. Treble	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. .. 5	
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD .. .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS .. .. 6	
*JOHN M. BLAIE .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 7	
G. ANGUS DIXON .. .. 4	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BLACKBURN .. .. Treble	JOHN BAGNALL .. .. 5
*W. THOMAS TURNER .. .. 2	THOMAS F. METCALFE .. .. 6
*WILLIAM WALL .. .. 3	ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 7
JAMES E. BURLS .. .. 4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by B. THORP.

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

Rung for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also for the 86th birthday of William T. Clark.

## COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ANGELA V. GRAINGER .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. .. 5
*BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. .. 6
*JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	† L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. 2	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. 6
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. .. 3	* M. L. J. JORDAN (Trin. H.) .. 7
* J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. .. 4	* H. C. LEWIS (Fitz.) .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

A thanksgiving for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon (Jesus College).

## ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans.)

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. Treble	HAROLD V. FROST .. .. 5
STEPHEN P. DARVILL .. .. 2	REGINALD W. DARVILL .. .. 6
JOYCE DODDS .. .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. .. 7
KENNETH J. DARVILL .. .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

Believed to be the 100th peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. M. Salisbury, curate of this parish.

## SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

H. Hubbard's.		
*TESS BURNS .. .. Treble	† BARRY COUZINS .. .. 5	
† KATHLEEN WATKINS .. .. 2	† MICHAEL R. THOMAS .. .. 6	
† BRIAN EVANS .. .. 3	† J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 7	
† MICHAEL LARCHER .. .. 4	† GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. ARTHUR HOARE.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples. § First on eight bells.

Rung for the commissioning service of the Mission to Swansea.

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WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.  
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JANE FOSTER .. .. Treble	JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 5
FELICITY WEBBER .. .. 2	A. BRIAN SHINGLER .. .. 6
JANET K. SECKER .. .. 3	PETER M. WILKINSON .. .. 7
†JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. .. 4	JOHN MANLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.  
\* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PYRTON IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	DAVID P. HILLING .. .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 6
JAMES R. A. MULLER .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
First peal in the method (Collection of Plain Major Methods, No. 254).

Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.  
**A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

KEITH WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 5
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 6
PETER BARKER .. .. 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. .. 4	*HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.  
\* 100th peal together.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN McDONALD .. .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*VERONICA REES .. .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 5
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. .. 6
J. RICHARD WILSON .. .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 7
HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 4	ROBERT WAKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

\* First peal.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CARSHALTON BOB TRIPLES**  
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*DAVID CUBITT .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 4	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method, and on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Anna Martin-Jones, daughter of the Rev. T. B. Martin-Jones, Vicar of Kintbury.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JOHN HALL .. .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. .. 2	HARRY HALL .. .. 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. 7
RONALD CHAFER .. .. 4	*PETER PUGSLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

CROSS STONE, TODEMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.  
**A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods, comprising 1,600 each London and Rutland, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire: with 150 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

RITA M. JOWETT .. .. Treble	†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. .. 5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 6
PETER SCHOFIELD .. .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. .. 7
†JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. .. 4	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 6-Spliced. First of 6-Spliced as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JEAN F. BARNETT .. .. Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 5
†ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	†FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 6
†TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 3	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal on this bell.

In memoriam Leonard H. Baybutt, Richard A. Jenkins, and the fallen of two world wars.

ADDERBURY, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 5
*BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 2	HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 6
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 3	ROBERT A. REEVES .. .. 7
JAMES LINNELL .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.  
**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 5
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 2	*W. JOHN KINCHIN .. .. 6
PATRICIA A. MORRIS .. .. 3	†DAVID STAPLES .. .. 7
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS .. .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. .. 3	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 7
COLIN CONWAY .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.  
Rung in memoriam Frederick W. Burnett.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.  
**A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*EDGAR G. SWIFT .. .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
*HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 2	*RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 6
GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 7
†GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First peal in two Major methods. † First of Treble Bob.

In grateful memory of those who fell in the two world wars.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.  
**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F sharp.

PETER BERESFORD .. .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.



**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In five methods, being 1,920 London, 1,088 Bristol, 928 Cambridge, 640 Yorkshire and 512 Superlative; with 120 changes of method.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 6
JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 7
*JOHN WARNER .. .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.  
\* First peal of 5-Spliced. First of 5-Spliced as conductor.

**HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's .. .. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Treble	JAMES CUNLIFFE .. .. 5
GEORFREY FOTHERGILL .. 2	FRED W. BROWNLOW .. 6
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. D. R. Michell, who leaves Lancashire for Leicestershire at the end of this month.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE BUTTON .. .. Treble	*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
*ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 2	*JAMES TOWLER .. .. 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. .. 7
*ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.  
\* First peal of Rutland. First of Rutland on the bells.

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.*

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

On the Stelfox eight.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*JOHN WORTH .. .. 6
*BASIL JONES .. .. 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* 300th peal together.

Rung on St. Martin's Day before thanksgiving service for the success of the Cathedral Appeal Fund.

**MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
.. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. .. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.	
*MICHAEL H. GREGORY .. Treble	RONALD G. BECK .. .. 5
REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL .. 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 6
ERIC C. WADMAN .. .. 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 7
DON C. EXELL .. .. 4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

\* First peal (aged 15). First peal on the bells since rehanging.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.*

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. Treble	T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. 5
WILFRED BOLTON .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 3	ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 7
MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' Fourt-Part transposed. .. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.	
*ANDREW J. CORBY .. .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 5
*JANET H. BUSS .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	DORIS E. COLGATE .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method.

**ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

*On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*KEITH RICHARDS .. .. Treble	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5
DEREK P. JONES .. .. 2	†GORDON H. LANE .. .. 6
†CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 4	†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.  
\* First peal on eight bells, and of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**DERBY.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten extents and 11 240's Grandsire, six April Day and four Plain Bob. .. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in A sharp.	
DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Treble	ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 4
MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. .. 2	JOSEPH C. WOOLLEY .. 5
GEORFREY BRIDGES .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Upton.

**SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents April Day, two Plain Bob and 36 Grandsire.

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

*WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Treble	ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 4
GEORFREY BRIDGES (12) .. 2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
†KEVIN BETESTA (12) .. 3	†WILLIAM ALLSOP (12) .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal. First peal by a St. Andrew's, Derby, band for over 20 years.

**HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Oct. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. .. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROY FOSTER .. .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
CECIL RADDON .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. Hornby (a ringer at this church for many years) and Mrs. Hornby.

**BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., Oct. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. .. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

LESLIE EVANS .. .. Treble	ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. 4
AVRIL IVIN .. .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

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## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.  
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Norwich, York, Surfleet, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. Treble	DEREK E. SIBSON .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. 2	† PAUL. CATIERMOLE .. 5
* JOHN C. EISEL .. 3	GEOFFREY PRAET .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of seven Surprise Minor.  
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Gay Williams.

## SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. Treble	TREVOR TARBATT .. 4
* TOM CROSSLEY .. 2	ERIC STAINROD .. 5
DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in three methods.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 25 methods, being seven 720's, as follows: (1) London, Wells and Cuncastre Surprise; (2) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B.; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Chidwall and Thelwall Bob; (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN A. WARNER .. Treble	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4
ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

## BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-TH-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PETER W. HORN .. Treble	ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 4
VICTOR NEAL .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
HILARY L. HORN .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

J. EDWARD BROWN .. Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
* JOHN WOOLLEY .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	KEITH H. MILDRED .. 4
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	JOHN VERNON .. 5
J. HEDLEY WALE .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Princess Margaret.

## HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of April Day and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

R. HUMPHRIES .. Treble	F. W. BOX .. 4
D. STILMAN .. 2	R. J. PURNELL .. 5
P. GAISFORD .. 3	* M. WILMOT .. Tenor

Conducted by R. J. PURNELL.

\* First peal. First in five methods for all the band.

Rung as a compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of their son.

## HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Hathern Surprise, Double Oxford and Hereward, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

JUDY EXON .. Treble	DAVID SWIFT .. 4
VALERIE LACEY .. 2	JOHN TICKLE .. 5
CELIA CONLEY .. 3	TOM HARRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

## HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

* THOMAS E. DARLEY .. Treble	JOHN POTTS .. 4
ALAN EVANS .. 2	G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 5
RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3	ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

\* First peal.

## HYDE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

* MARGARET BOOTH .. Treble	* JOHN A. BOOTH .. 4
* PHILIP N. SPROSON .. 2	COLIN H. DEWSNAP .. 5
* ALAN SCHOLFIELD .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

\* First peal.

To mark the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.

## LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. 4
HUBERT A. MITSON .. 2	RAYMOND F. TAYLOR .. 5
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

In honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the fifth.

## MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 19 methods, being 14 extents of Rev. Canterbury, four each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, three each of Dedworth and Norfolk, and one each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, St. Columb, Marchington, April Day, Kennington, Clifford's, Southrepps and Old Doubles; 30 changes of method.

* ANDREW J. DUNKLEY .. Treble	ROY H. JONES .. 3
JOHN S. WALKER .. 2	NOEL D. DEAM .. 4
ALEC GAMMON .. 3	.. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

\* First peal away from tenor. First in 19 methods by all the band.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also for the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon. Tenor 9 cwt.

## NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ANN HANCOCK .. Treble	ROBERT BRIDGES .. 4
WENDY BOWAK .. 2	JOHN MCPHAIL .. 5
LEWIS CORDELL .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

First peal in five methods by all.

Rung as a farewell to Lewis Cordell, who is moving to Felixstowe.

## PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. Treble	S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. 4
* CHRISTINE COLLETT .. 2	DEREK M. SAWYER .. 5
* EDWARD G. MOULD .. 3	ANTONY R. KENCH .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY R. KENCH.

\* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. Believed to be the first of Minor ever rung on the bells.

Rung in thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells.



WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in ten methods: Clifford's Pleasure, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*KEITH WEST .. .. Treble	MICHAEL KING .. .. 4
†ANDREW KING .. .. 2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. 5
M. ALEC BEAUMONT .. 3	*ALEC BEAUMONT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

\*First peal. †First 'inside.' First in ten methods by all the band. First peal ever by an all-Wentworth Sunday service band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*TERENCE E. TRICKETT .. Treble	FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 4
JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 2	MICHAEL E. ALLMAN .. 5
R. ANTHONY TRICKETT .. 3	FRANK R. MORTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

\*First peal of Minor.  
Rung for the christening of Christina Dorothy Anne, daughter of the Rector (Rev. W. S. Walker) and Mrs. Walker.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Bourne and Netherseale, 12 changes of method; (2) Cambridge and Primrose, 12 changes; (3) London and Wells, 12 changes; (4) York and Durham, 12 changes; (5) Beverley and Surfleet, 12 changes; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, 12 changes; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DIANA M. KENCH .. .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2	REGINALD E. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\*First peal and first attempt.  
A compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon on the birth of a son.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MARGARET S. BARTRAM .. Treble	CHARLES PERKINS .. .. 4
*JOAN CROSS .. .. 2	JOHN G. AMES .. .. 5
KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

\*First peal.  
Rung in honour of the Royal birth.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*DAVID PERRY (14) .. .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. .. 4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 5
WILLIAM A. CURSON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\*First peal attempt.  
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 4
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 2	C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung for the marriage of Miss G. Burrows, of Wenhaston, to Mr. F. Hunt; also for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the fifth.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
*On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Tues., Nov. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD W. WORRALL .. Treble	JOHN RYDER .. .. 4
DAVID GODFREY .. .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

FARNWORTH AND KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-TH-ANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

JOHN F. WOOD .. .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 4
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 2	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 5
SIDNEY OSBORNE .. .. 3	JACK ASHCROFT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK ASHCROFT.

Rung to welcome John Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Wood (ringers of St. Peter's, Smithills, Bolton) and grandson of the treble ringer.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK COOKE .. .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4
BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. 5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

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

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. .. 4
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 5
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. R. D. R. Greene, prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Thrapston Branch.)

*On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK COALES .. .. Treble	VESTA HEADLAND .. .. 4
DICK EDWARDS .. .. 2	PETER FLECKNEY .. .. 5
HARRY RICHARDSON .. 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

\*First peal. In memoriam George W. Jeffs, general secretary and treasurer of the Guild and a loyal friend of members of the Branch.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 3 Hours.*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In four methods, being one extent of York and two each of Beverley, London and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 4
JAMES LINNELL .. .. 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung in memoriam George W. Jeffs (Guild secretary) and Major John Hesketh (honorary member, Towcester Branch).



## ACLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edmund.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 4
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 5
BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 89th birthday.

## BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of College, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*† MARTIN J. KIRK .. .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 4
† ALAN JEWITT .. .. 2	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 5
DONALD A. KIRK .. .. 3	JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

## BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,

## A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of R. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, four each of Southrepps, Plain Bob, Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire (all callings different).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

KEVIN BETESTA .. .. Treble	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 2	ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 5
EDWARD H. WILLOWS .. .. 3	JAMES ROBINSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Bridges, father of the ringers of 2 and 5.

## HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

CHRIS. L. BELL .. .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 4
RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 3	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

\* 25th peal of Surprise Minor.

## KILDOWN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MICHAEL R. T. LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. .. 4
*JUNE M. LAMBERT .. .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 5
EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal.

Rung as a 54th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden, of Kildown.

## STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Netherscale, Annab's London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge; (2) Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge; (3) Berwick, Hexham, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (4) Cambridge; (5) Surfleet and Cambridge; (6) Beverley and Cambridge; (7) Cambridge; with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MARGARET GIBSON .. .. Treble	*PAUL BRAND (14) .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. .. 2	DOUGLAS M. BONIFACE .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES .. .. 3	DAVID G. PICKETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

\* First peal. First of Spliced Surprise by all, and for the tower. The conductor is the first to ring two tower bells to a peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung for Remembrance Day; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who has recently come of age.

## WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2 and 3) Plain Bob, (4 and 5) April Day, (6 and 7) Kennington, (8 to 11) St. Simon's, (12 to 15) St. Martin, (16 to 19) St. Leonard, (20 to 23) St. Paul, (24) Plain Bob, (25 to 28) Southrepps, (29 to 31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32 to 34) Reverse Canterbury, (35) St. Giles, (36) St. Andrew, (37) St. Nicholas, (38) St. Miles, (39) St. John, (40) Winchendon Place, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. Treble	KEITH H. MILDRES .. .. 4
†ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	J. HEDLEY WALE .. .. 5
BRIAN C. LAW .. .. 3	†FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* 400th tower bell peal as conductor. † 100th peal together. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: One of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor approx. 9 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. Treble	ROY DUESBURY .. .. 4
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 2	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 5
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 3	LEONARD E. LAST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* 450th peal (now 86).

Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal of Minor on the bells, conducted by G. E. Symonds from the tenor, on November 9th, 1901.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## DERBY.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,  
In the East Wing of St. Andrew's Vicarage.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents Grandsire, four each Plain Bob, R. Canterbury, R. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Southrepps, six of Old and two each of Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure and St. Colum. Tenor size 5 in F.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4
GEOFFREY BRIDGES .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

## EAST RUNTON, NORFOLK.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1961, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,  
In a 'Bell Tent' in 'Postman's Field.'

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 5 in F.

ALAN H. BRIDGES .. .. 1—2	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. .. 3—4
*HAROLD BRIDGES .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
At GLEBELAND.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 1—2	*JACK BRAY .. .. 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3—4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7—8

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* 636th peal for the Lincoln Guild.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,  
At 54, ASHFORD ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ten methods in the following seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob; (2) College Bob, Wavertree and Rodbourne College Bob; (3) Plain Bob; (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (5) Kent; (6) Oxford; (7) Plain Bob.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. 1—2	BRIAN BLADON .. .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

## LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,  
At LLYS ESGOB.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID S. BISHOP (14) .. .. 1—2	†NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON (15) 3—4
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

\* First peal. † First of Minor in the method, and first as conductor. First handbell peal by all the band, and first 'in hand' for the Association since the war.

## RODBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MINOR

\* x 16 x 123 x 3. 6ths place l.e.



## More Quarter Peals for Royal Birth

**Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.**

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Farrar 1, Christine Saunders 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, J. Kinchin 5, T. Roper 6, D. Staples 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Gwen Reeves 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, R. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. Also for the Patronal Festival.

**BIRSTALL, LEICS.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Holling 1, M. W. Brown (first of Minor as cond.) 2, R. A. Clarke 3, D. F. Moore 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk 6.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. B. Cooper 1, Mrs. B. Holmes 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, S. Slaney 4, M. E. Phipps 5, D. Cooper 6, A. Keller 7, K. Rutland (first in method as cond.) 8.

**BUNNY, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (eight methods): R. Mills 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, B. Mills 4, E. Hotine 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in eight methods by all. Also a farewell to E. Hotine, who is leaving the district.

**CRADLEY, WORCS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Valender (first quarter) 1, A. G. Hall 2, L. R. Hall 3, Yvonne Edwards 4, Martin Fellows (cond.) 5, H. J. Shuck 6, M. Fellows 7, G. J. Westwood 8.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, F. J. Lewis sen. 2, H. L. Cooke 3, P. Rothera 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 6, P. Morgans 7, W. Wrigley 8. Also for the 140th Dedication Festival evening service.

**COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. M. Jelly (cond.) 1, R. K. Mason (first of Surprise Minor) 2, J. A. Acres 3, B. S. Chapman 4, B. Brown 5, A. J. Poyner 6.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: R. A. Finch 1, R. H. Mills 2, W. W. Wright 3, G. S. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, P. J. Joyce (first as cond.) 6.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,224 Little Bob Royal: Beryl Stannage 1, Patricia Simpson 2, C. Wright 3, C. Macartney 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, C. Noakes 6, J. Watson 7, J. E. Cook 8, J. M. Simpson 9, H. R. Woods 10.

**HANLEY, STAFFS.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Ballard 1, D. J. Danby 2, M. Whithaw 3, M. K. Swingewood 4, D. J. Williams (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Powell 1, Rosemary Jarret 2, M. V. Powell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, W. F. Seudamore (cond.) 6, F. Reed 7, G. Cousins 8.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Friend 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walllett 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. C. Jones 5.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. John-the-Divine, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Starbuck (first quarter) 1, R. Hardy 2, M. Wade (aged 13, first quarter) 3, P. Atkins 4, I. Fraser 5, P. Chilton 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Also at the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Nov. 5th, 1,128 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Mason 1, T. H. Bent 2, T. G. Still (first of Surprise) 3, E. Morris (cond.) 4, G. H. Bray 5, R. K. Mason 6.

**LONDON.**—On Nov. 4th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss D. M. Lawless 2, Miss M. Erik 3, F. E. Roberts 4, G. Pratt 5, J. M. Lakin 6, R. J. Trebblecock 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of six spliced for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

**LUPPITT, DEVON.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss F. M. Sage 1, E. W. Hroom 2, F. J. Sage (cond.) 3, C. Churchill 4, T. J. Thorne 5, J. Sage 6. First for all in three methods.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): E. Parsons 1, R. Trebblecock 2, Cherry Witheil 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Bruce 6.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Rowson (first quarter) 1, A. Rowson (first quarter) 2, Anne Rowson 3, Angela G. Wakefield (first 'inside' in method) 4, Susan Alexander 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Beard 1, F. Gorrings 2, B. Aldridge (cond.) 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, A. Trigg 6. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Beard.

**SELSTON, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Southrepps Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob): N. D. Kirk 1, B. T. Cook 2, E. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (first as cond in three methods) 4, B. Hinchliffe (first in three methods) 5, J. A. Harrison 6.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cherriman 1, Miss J. Horton 2, C. B. Skinner 3, F. Brooks 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: V. Fox 1, G. McIlhorne 2, Barbara Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, R. Dyke (first of Major 'inside') 5, R. Howes (first of Major) 6, Susan Howes 7, A. Howes (first as cond.) 8. Average age, 17 years.

**WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, Jennifer Coombs 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

## Other Quarter Peals

**ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, R. Hatcher 2, J. Hughes 3, A. Williams 4, J. Hope (cond.) 5, Kathleen Goodwin 6, Rung in memory of Rev. C. E. Sidebotham and Mrs. Mary Jenkins.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: T. G. Phillips 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Hooper 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, C. J. Richards 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. C. Exell 8. First of Painswick by all except 2nd. For Feast of All Saints.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (8 methods): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes 2, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 3, M. W. Brown 4, R. D. Flowers 5, D. M. Barrett 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. James.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, Miss M. Witney 3, Mrs. D. K. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher (first in three methods as cond.) 5. For parish Communion.

**BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.**—At St. Botolph's, on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Shepherd 1, Miss Y. Porter 2, C. Wood 3, P. Cattermole 4, M. Barton 5, D. Martin 6, M. Harbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Armstrong 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. A. E. Bowker.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, A. H. Webb 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Following the wedding of Miss Dawn Johnson-Houghton and Capt. T. W. Riison.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, Jas. W. Kay 2, Jack Kay 3, T. Bratby 4, Peter Crook jun. 5, W. Tyson 6, Peter Crook sen. (cond.) 7, J. W. Hame 8. In memoriam Bertha Stewart, wife of Arthur Stewart, a ringer at this church. She died 5th inst.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss M. R. Page 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams (first in the method) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, Rev. R. Kealey 4, H. H. Abrahams (first of London as cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clubbs 1, Miss V. Holtby 2, B. Forsyth 3, C. Forsyth 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Arthur Sykes.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hanning 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, R. Talbot 3, K. Game 4, J. Perrett 5, A. Skelton 6, M. Harbot 7, E. Talbot 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CLAVERIEY, SALOP.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, C. Jones 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, E. Drew

(cond.) 7, J. Courtman (8). Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Stokes, wife of Mr. C. C. Stokes, former churchwarden, who died on November 1st.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Prockson 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Joan Beresford 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, T. H. Francis 6, D. Taylor 7, P. Beresford 8. For Evensong, attended by the Bishop of Stepney.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, M. Armstrong 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**DENHOLME, YORKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, V. Bairstow 2, J. Windle 3, A. J. Smallbones 4, A. Bairstow 5, L. Thompson 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, W. Proctor 8. For Evensong, also to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (Nov. 4th, 1876), and 50 years' service as ringer, conductor and chorister by Mrs. V. Bairstow.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. A. Page 1, Miss Y. Eloie (first in method) 2, R. N. Marlow 3, Mrs. H. Abrahams 4, R. Haines 5, H. Abrahams 6, J. E. Daniels 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8.

**ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Rolfe 1, H. Fuller 2, M. Rose 3, D. M. Reeve 4, L. Nice 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, L. Wright 7, J. Paul 8. First in method by all the band. A birthday compliment to L. Nice.

**ELY, CAMBS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Pearson (cond.) 1, D. F. Murfet 2, Clare Dillamore 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, T. R. Dennis 5, M. L. J. Jordan 6, J. G. Gipson 7, S. Brown 8.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Phillips (first quarter) 1, R. N. Marlow 2, C. J. Redwood 3, J. Miles 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, J. O. Coleman 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**GREAT GRANDSEN, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, Miss B. Foster 2, A. Smith 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of Lucy Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jefferies.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: M. V. Copping 1, S. M. Moulds 2, P. Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. N. Parkin 5, R. E. Moulds 6, J. H. Fielden 7, J. F. Bryant 8. Rung for the departure of Archdeacon Tracey.

**HARLAXTON, Lincs.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Leatherbarrow 1, J. E. Cook 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, H. Grocock 4, P. A. Slight (cond.) 5, C. J. N. Dolton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**HARLINGTON, MIDDx.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. James 1, Miss W. Smith 2, C. Stevenson (cond.) 3, T. Dunn 4, L. Grice 5, D. Durston 6. For morning service, and to celebrate the Harlington 356th November 5th 'leg of pork' supper.

**HAWKLEY, HANTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Johnstone 1, Jill M. Lanc 2, D. A. May 3, S. G. Pouting 4, J. P. McDermott 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Clark 1, C. Johnstone 2, Angela Martin 3, I. Vaughan 4, P. Smart 5, A. V. Queen (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Maureen Smith to David Arnold.

**HEAVITREE, EXETER.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Wooders 1, J. Woolford 2, B. H. Thompson 3, J. Glanvill 4, F. Wills 5, J. Carter 6, A. Truman 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, C. L. Bell 2, A. Smith 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. Levens 2, C. L. Bell 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Levens 1, F. R. Nichols 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Bell 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. E. A. Bawtree, as Rector. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, H. Levens 2, F. R. Nichols 3, A. J. Davey 4, V. Chamberlain 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HESTON, MIDDx.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Baresel (first quarter) 1, P. Ruch 2, A. Gram 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, M. Hawkins 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. A tribute to Mr. W. W. Webb.



# Remembrance Day Quarter Peals

Sunday, November 12th (mostly half-muffled).

**HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. C. Timms 1, D. Lesley (cond.) 2, Miss S. Cantwell (first 'inside') 3, A. Cantwell 4, N. Lesley 5, J. Rooney 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. Newman 4, J. A. Hales 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. W. Bullock 7, C. M. Meyer 8. For Evensong, and birthday compliments to W. D. Grainger and J. A. Hales.

**HOLYWELL, HUNTS.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, E. Whiting 2, Mrs. J. Wells (first 'inside') 3, W. Papworth 4, P. E. Wells 5, A. J. Davey (first as cond.) 6.

**HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Ankers (first quarter) 1, Dr. E. V. Woodcock (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 3, H. A. Price 4, S. J. Lewis 5, C. Williamson 6, Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. D. C. Davies (Rector, 1940 to 1949).

**HUNTINGDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. Levens 2, C. L. Bell 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. B. Jefferies 1, C. M. Smith 2, V. Chamberlain 3, C. L. Bell 4, Miss L. Allen 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the Festival of All Saints.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Hood 1, H. W. Brown 2, N. Wright 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge (first as cond.) 5, J. Nulty 6. Rung for Evensong.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. Plain Bob): J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Stacey 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. S. Smith, a chorister at this church for 60 years, and Mrs. Smith.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Longhurst (first of Minor) 1, P. W. Harper (first of Minor 'inside') 2, K. D. Waples 3, R. J. Picton 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Rung for wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Miss Katherine Worsley. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. M. Toms (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman 2, P. W. Harper 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. D. Waples (cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6. For Evensong.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. V. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, C. Phillips 3, T. J. Gundy 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, A. J. Williams 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bevan, after many years' service to Kingstone Church.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Mrs. F. Seager 1, Dorothy Hogg 2, R. H. Dove (cond.) 3, D. Niblett 4, A. E. Stamp 5, A. Cole 6, C. B. Dove 7, S. J. Corson 8. First quarter of Grandsire by 5, 7 and 8. A farewell to the Rev. T. H. Bone, senior curate and belfry chaplain, on his departure to become Vicar of Hebden Bridge. Also at the Church of St. Matthias, Burley, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gee (first quarter) 1, W. W. Bradbury 2, J. Clark 3, Miss E. Adams 4, J. Hervey (first quarter) 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LILLINGTON, DORSET.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. F. Godley 1, Miss I. E. Down 2, W. P. Lambert 3, D. Reed 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A welcome to Brian, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cooper, of Holm Bushes Farm, Lillington. The ringing of the second was bridesmaid to Mrs. Cooper.

**LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tei 1, H. Baldwin 2, F. Onions 3, S. Orchard 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Peck 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Brian Hessian. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Tei 1, Dina Payne 2, Ann Seymour (first quarter) 3, B. Collins (cond.) 4, H. Baldwin 5, A. Peck 6. For silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of Little Kingshill.

**LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Alison H. Ince 1, M. L. Jordan 2, D. J. Munly 3, A. S. Hudson 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, H. C. Lewis 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (cond.) 7, H. E. Bishop 8.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: Susan E. Waterfield 1, Christine Morris 2, Celia M. Cowley 3, Shirley M. Beck 4, L. W. Stevens 5, E. Weaver 6, M. Stevens 7, R. A. Shekelton 8, W. D. Ward 9, R. B. Smith 10. First quarter of Royal for all except ringers of 3, 5, 9 and 10. For the Patronal Festival, prior to the 'Parish Supper.'

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes 2, Ann Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. D. Flowers 5, R. Kirby and D. M. Barnett 6.

**BARMING, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Crice 1, R. Phippen 2, H. Usborn 3, L. Colvin 4, W. R. Manser (cond.) 5, T. Crocker 6.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. Bryant 5, J. Edmunds 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, T. Froley 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Michael's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Evans 1, Judith Atkinson (first as cond.) 2, T. Samuelson 3, Jane Tiffin 4, A. R. Kench 5, J. W. Scarrott 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

**RUSHEY, HERTS.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Clarke 1, Jennifer Green 2, E. T. Ashby 3, V. Green 4, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, S. E. Darmon 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Packer 1, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, Yvonne Hughes 4, E. J. Holloway 5, W. Kerr 6, M. Allman 7, C. Thomas 8.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pearson 1, M. Armstrong 2, J. G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson (cond.) 5, R. G. Skelton 6, N. Errington 7, R. Oliver 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.**—At St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. R. Cooper 1, Mikaela Erik 2, E. R. Rapley 3, P. Beresford 4, A. R. Ling 5, D. Beresford (cond.) 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. H. Francis 8.

**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—1,260 Doubles (in three methods) (4), 6, 8 covering: Mrs. Y. M. Gibson 1, W. H. Minnear 2, C. C. Clarke 3, B. J. Sykes 4, W. Ivings 5, R. G. A. West 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. W. Honour 8.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Jane Smart 1, G. F. Tizzard 2, R. Jean Osborn 3, M. P. Howard 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, C. A. Osborn (first quarter) 8.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Drury (first in method) 1, H. Colcombe 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. H. Chinnery (first in method) 4, J. King 5, J. Martin 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Olga L. Critchlow (first of Minor) 1, T. Evans 2, Mary F. Carr 3, M. D. Ling 4, Jennifer Sceney (15, first as cond.) 5, H. Oglesby 6.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. C. W. Hunter 1, C. W. Denyer 2, S. Meadows 3, E. L. Box 4, R. North 5, D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. E. Hunter 8.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—At St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, W. Webb 3, Miss J. Real 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, M. Squire 6.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Kirk ('circle' completed to quarter peals) 1, Miss T. E. Staples 2, N. D. Kirk (first 'inside') 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

**MARLOW, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Avery 1, R. Blackler 2, E. Silvey 3, J. Young 4, P. R. Dean 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, A. Boarder 8. On the eve of Patronal Festival.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Nov. 3rd, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. O. Soden 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Miss P. F. Curtis 3, G. F. Roome 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, S. F. Earl 6, K. D. Perkins 7, E. Billings (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George W. Jeffs, Peterborough Diocesan Guild general secretary and treasurer.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mew 1, M. Uphill (aged 13, first as cond.) 2, A. Millidge 3, L. Allen 4, B. Bull 5, J. Wallace 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hutton (first quarter) 1, Betty Sagers 2, D. West 3, Judith Weeks (first of Doubles) 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. For Evensong.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 12th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Royal: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, J. Kershaw 5, D. Armstrong 6, J. Seager 7, B. Holland 8, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 9, G. K. Chaddock 10. For Evensong, and a compliment to Canon H. P. Rawlins, precentor, on attaining his 70th birthday.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. M. Goodchild 1, S. J. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. G. Hazell 4, W. H. Avery 5, C. Hargger 6.

**LONDON.**—On Nov. 11th, at St. Anne's, Highgate West Hill, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. Bevan 1, Rachel Snell 2, P. Foote 3, A. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Payton 5, M. Lewis 6, Hilary Griffiths (first quarter) 7.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Uden 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. First quarter for all the band.

**MANCETTER, WARWICKS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth 1, J. Wilson 2, G. Bull (first quarter) 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Broadbridge 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Smith 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, H. Colcombe 5, Mrs. A. Smith 6, J. Martin 7, V. Smith 8.

**ORSETT, ESSEX.**—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. F. Palfrey (first in the method) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, J. Venn 2, A. E. Ivings 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, R. H. Allworth 5, R. Benstead 6. Also in memoriam Mr. W. B. Scoles, verger of this church for many years.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol I. V. Corton (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, E. Morris 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, D. W. Stenson 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, N. R. May 8.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Barbara Stephens 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, M. D. Fellows 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, P. J. Brown 8.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—1,320 Minor (Little Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain) (7 covering): Katharine Burchnell 1, Lavina Mumford 2, J. Read 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnell (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, R. Mumford 7.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Chidgey 1, R. Beale 2, J. Brewer 3, N. Maggs 4, F. Mattravers 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Cigg (cond.) 7, T. Jeanes 8.

**THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cherriman 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall 5, J. Chacksfield 6. Also in memory of the Rev. John Kingdon.

**TUNSTALL, STAFFS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hand (19) 1, M. Wilshaw (14, first as cond.) 2, R. J. Ballard (15) 3, D. J. Danby (14) 4, P. J. Atkins (15, first quarter) 5, D. F. Gray (16, first quarter) 6.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDD.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Impey 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, P. Phillips 4, F. H. Corke (cond.) 5, Jennifer Reeve 6, V. Mitchell 7, P. Bedford 8.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Miss J. Tidey 1, Miss S. Shackell 2, R. Verrall 3, C. Longhurst 4, J. Howard 5, F. Hicks (cond.) 6.

**WHITLEYFURY, NORTHANTS.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Burbidge 1, G. Linnell 2, D. Burbidge (cond.) 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman 5.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDD.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, P. Phillips 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, Jennifer Reeve 4, H. W. Impey (cond.) 5, F. Bedford 6. For Matins, on the Patronal Festival and ninth year of the ministry of the Vicar.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Isma Parc (first quarter) 1, Margaret Brighton (first 'inside') 2, Linda Gott 3, J. Kirby 4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, G. Dale 7, T. Crossley 8.

**WENTWORTH, YORKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (in six methods): K. West 1, Rev. Canon A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. West, former captain.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. W. Winstanley 1, J. B. Perkins 2, A. T. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Butler (first quarter) 6. By the Sunday service band, as a welcome to Rev. F. E. Worwood and his family.

**WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Middleditch (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, J. Y. Parker 4, H. Ivings 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. H. Bayburt and Mr. A. Footer.



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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Aldershot, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 9268

**GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.**—Saturday, November 25th. 3 p.m., St. Clement Danes'; 4.30, St. John the Baptist, Hackney; 5.45 p.m., St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Dinner, The Mitre, Chancery Lane. Names to D. L. Gullick, Stevenage, Herts. 9253

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Beds and Northants.—Meeting, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing at Higham Ferrers (8) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. at Rushden (8), followed by ringing. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. A. Rivett. 9242

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at East Harling on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo. 9246

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Beaconsfield, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9237

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Sat., November 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Stanford bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 9267

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Practice meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m. 9244

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Wetherden (6), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 6-9 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 9243

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton St. Mary's, December 2nd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bishop's Hull (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosas,' George Street, Taunton. 9262

**BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Annual general meeting, Long Ashton, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 29th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 9217

**BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Martock (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by November 29th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9285

**BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, November 25th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 9312

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitestone on Saturday, December 2nd. 6.30-9 p.m.—G. Skinner, 28, Manston Road, Exeter. 9295

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Skelton (8) on Saturday, December 2nd at 3 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9313

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to the secretary. No names no tea.—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Hunts District at Over on December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9298

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Cirencester, December 2nd. Watermoor bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential to Mr. Lewis, 31, Chester Street, Cirencester, Parish Church (12) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9290

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, December 2nd. St. Mary Redcliffe (12). 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Redcliffe Hall, Guinea Street. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 9315

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Stevenage on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9281

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—December 2nd. Rickmansworth (10). 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 6755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9303

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (instead of as shown in programme), Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6, 6½ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Pile, Mill Cottage, Little Chart, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 9286

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—John Pilkington. 9283

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hornby on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 9310

**LADIES' GUILD.**—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, at St. James', Shirley, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. V. Hemming, 143, Welford Road, Shirley. Everyone welcome. 9265

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. R. Blackman, Ratby Vicarage, Leicester.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 9292

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Gresley, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9296

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 29th, to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 9284

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon, Saturday, December 2nd. Names by Tuesday previous to J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9301



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Langham (6 bells). Saturday, December 2nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark. Middle Street, Wing. 9305

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, December 2nd. Please note alteration of date. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. R. Moore. 107, Station Road, Cogenhoe, by November 30th.—T. M. Haines. 9272

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham (8) on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Townsend. Well Street, Buckingham.—R. W. Sear. Hon. Sec. 9316

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridport on December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Symondsburys and Bradpole towers open from 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by November 28th.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 9238

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Meze, Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names please for tea by Wednesday, November 29th.—Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham (Bourton 316). 9277

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**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Barlborough, Saturday, December 2nd, starting 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield, by November 29th.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager. Secs. 9309

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea by November 25th to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Land, North Mimms, Herts, or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbeldon Park Road, S.W.18.

**SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. Everybody welcome.—R. D. Tomlin. Hon. Sec. 9311

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Aspley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham, by November 30th.—S. Adams. 9308

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15, conducted by the Archdeacon of Lewes. Tea 5 p.m., only to those who notify by Wednesday, November 29th.—E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9300

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 9287

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting. Hordle, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing after meeting at Lymington (8). Names for tea by November 30th, please.—W. T. Godfrey, 'Pinehurst', Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 9294

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Bishop's Waltham, December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 9306

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Everyone welcome. Visitors will be entertained to coffee in the Parish Lounge after Evensong. 9184

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Club Room, 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, December 4th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 9297

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Great Yarmouth, December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, December 6th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, December 9th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. G. H. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 9299

**SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.**—Annual reunion, Nottingham, December 9th, at the Albert Hotel. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. Ringing: Attenborough 11-noon; Nottingham, St. Mary's 3.30-4.45. St. Peter's 5-6.15 p.m. Tickets from the Secretary, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leicester, before December 1st, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec. 9210

**SOUTH WALES NOMADS.**—Meeting at Rumney (Mon.) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 3.30-6.30 p.m. All members please note this date. Visitors welcome. 9241

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting, Limsfield, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limsfield, by December 6th. Chart bells also after business meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9282

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.**—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 9th. 11 a.m.-12 noon Immanuel, Streatham (8): 1.45 p.m.-2.45 St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey (10): 3.15-4.15 St. Peter's, South Croydon (10): 6-7 St. Leonard's, Streatham (8). All welcome.

## OUTING GREASLEY

A journey of 335 miles, into North Wales and back, was accomplished by seven young ringers in Mr. D. P. Jones' big Riley for a November outing. Mr. Lewis Griffiths, of Llandudno, arranged for six towers and with Mrs. Griffiths accompanied the party with Mr. Jack Evans (Rhyl) and Mr. John Allenby (Rhuddlan).

The first visited was the marble tower of Bodalwyddan, and, despite recent correspondence, the bells went well, only needing adjustments to ropes and the treble stay. Other towers visited were Rhuddlan, Llandudno, the newly rehung six at Llandegai, Beaumaris (after a peal of Cambridge Major by the University of Wales Society), St. David's, Glynadda (where Dr. Marshall and Mr. Window helped to ring the good eight).

After thanking Mr. Griffiths and other friends, Guy Fawkes was remembered during the 150 mile journey through the night and fireworks were let off en route.

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The new ring of six at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, East Yorkshire, augmented from the original three and dedicated in April this year, has presented a problem to the Beverley and Selby District Societies, as the tower lies midway between their respective areas. A happy compromise was reached on November 11th, when the two Societies held a joint meeting, at which 49 ringers were present to enjoy the good tone and easy 'go' of the bells.

The Vicar (Rev. D. B. Haseler) welcomed both Societies at the service, when the lesson was read by Mr. L. M. Woodhead, secretary of the Selby Society. An excellent tea was served by the local ladies in the Old School and was thoroughly enjoyed. The vote of thanks was proposed on behalf of the two Societies by Mr. Ducker and was responded to by the local captain (Mr. E. Dove) and the Vicar. Both paid tribute to the efforts of the Sutton-on-Hull ringers in their coaching of the local company.

The Vicar expressed his wish that the tower should remain a 'borderline' case, and it seems certain that both Societies will make return visits.

## LATE NEWS

We regret to report the deaths, during the past week, of two former members of Sheffield Cathedral Company—Mr. Haydn Thorpe and Mr. Sidney F. Palmer.

## SALISBURY BRANCH OUTING

A pleasant afternoon was spent on October 7th in the nearer parts of Hampshire by members from Salisbury and Wilton. Leaving Salisbury and the rain-belt at 2.15 we found the sun shining at Broughton, where the Vicar and captain of the ringers met us and three quarters of an hour was spent on the light and sweet toned six. Through winding lanes in the Test Valley we came to King's Somborne, with its fine church, set in a large well kept churchyard. Here Mr. W. Perry met us and we were joined by a carload of our newest members from Ludgershall, who had first rung for a wedding at their own church.

On to Winchester for tea and a quick glimpse of the Cathedral, and then we found our way to Bishopstoke, where two of Mr. George Pullinger's former learners met a third, who was with us. Lastly, we called at Sheffield English, where ringing came to an abrupt end ten minutes before it was due, by a rope breaking. Our handyman put on a spare rope so as to leave all ready for the local ringers next day, and we still had time for a quick visit to the Hatchet, before leaving for Salisbury. We thank the incumbents and ringers at all the churches we visited, and Mrs. Abrahams, who made all the arrangements.

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**QUARTER PEALS**

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Caters: W. T. Grice 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Mannering 3, G. F. Cantrill 4, T. E. Sone (comp. and cond.) 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, J. C. Wallis 7, M. L. Howe 8, T. Cullingworth 9, F. A. Hogan 10. Longest touch in the method for all the band. For Evensong.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gordon 1, W. White 2, Mrs. M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. L. Bishop 3, M. Bishop 4, C. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. H. Napper (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Both rung for Ringers' Sunday.

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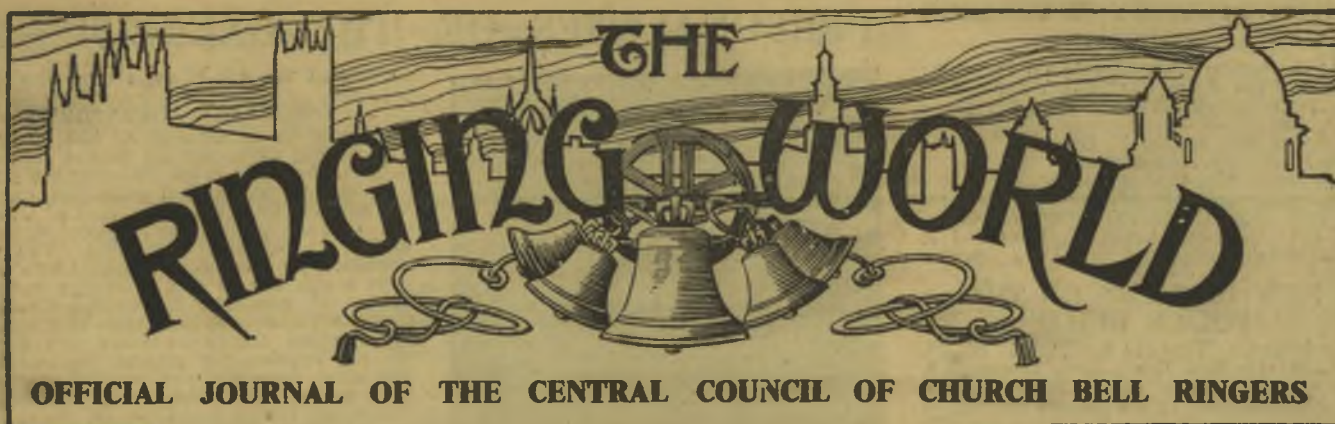
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## AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND, 1961

**T**HIS is not yet another apologia for the departed 'Ashes,' but records another sort of Australian invasion which has received rather less publicity. Many ringers up and down the country must have had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with one or other of the Australian ringers who have come here this year, and it will have been obvious to them that ringing in Australia is now well past the infancy stage.

First to arrive, in February, was Bill Lampard, from Adelaide. Wanting to get in as much ringing as possible, he naturally selected the greatest concentration of bells in the country (where else but Bristol?) for his residence. In England it can be definitely stated that Bill is not his twin brother, which must be a great simplification to Rita Webb, of Warmley, to whom he has recently become engaged. It looks as if Bill will be staying with us for a bit.

In April, Ken Minchinton, of Melbourne, paid an all-too-brief, business-packed visit, which left him very little time for ringing. This is a pity, for Ken is a fine ringer, and we hope his next visit will be better organised.

In June, Brian Cox, from Adelaide, arrived in the process of a year's intensive round-the-world course of ringing, opera and concert-going. Brian's stamina has been as admirable as his charm as he has sped from La Scala to Pipe's Pilgrims, from the U.A. tour to the Edinburgh Festival, and from Bayreuth to the S.F.E. tour in Cornwall. In August he rang his first peal, and has since added seven more, including Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples (twice).

Harvey Bagot, also from Adelaide (how are you getting on in Adelaide?), did not arrive until September, but by the end of October had already 'conquered' over 60 English towers and had become known to many ringers in London. Harvey is a fine striker and is rapidly making up for the lack of opportunity in method ringing in Adelaide. He is here to improve his physics for a year or two, and should be a credit to any band he rings with over here.

All those so far mentioned are Australians born and bred and have never before been out of Australia. We have also been able to welcome back some English-born ringers who now live in Australia. In April, George and Diana Pipe (and Sarah) came over for a few months on business, and they need no introduction. They have been a tremendous help in Melbourne during the five or so years they have been there, and many people besides this chronicler must have enjoyed hearing at first hand all about it.

Two old Leicestershire ringers also paid a welcome return visit in 1961. Bill Smith, from Turramurra, Sydney, has been back once before since he first went to Australia before the first war. During the time he has lived in Sydney ringing there has progressed a very long way, and this is in no small measure due to his efforts. Jack Spencer also left Leicestershire just before the first war, and this is his first return visit. Jack was a stalwart of the Melbourne Cathedral band up until a few years ago when poor health forced him to give up. He rang in the peals of Grandsire Cinques and Bob Royal with the English Tourists in 1934 and was captain of the Cathedral band for a while after the last war.

In recording the history of Australian ringing in England in 1961, two other events should be mentioned. At Stoke-on-Trent the Central Council elected George Pipe an honorary member, for they felt that as ringing in Australia has now come of age it should have a representative resident in Australia. George's fascinating account of Australian ringing given after the meeting was listened to with interest and applause for a very satisfactory story. In April eight members of the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Society visiting or resident in England attempted a peal at Withyham, in Sussex, but lost it due to the inattentiveness of the conductor, who clearly needs a refresher course in Melbourne.

Finally, one very important event in the history of Australian ringing which occurred this year in Australia should be mentioned. The old New South Wales Association has been re-formed as the Australia and New Zealand Association, and this at long last fulfils the wishes of many that all Australasian ringers should be united in one Association affiliated to the Central Council. The best wishes of all ringers will go out to this new Association.

P. M. J. G.



## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting held on November 11th, at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., the following officers were elected for the year, 1961/62:—

Master: Mr. William T. Cook;  
Secretary: Mr. John Chilcott;  
Treasurer: Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts;  
Senior steward: Mr. Michael V. Chilcott;  
Junior steward: Mr. John Phillips;  
Trustees: Messrs. Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

## NEW OFFICERS OF THE POLICE GUILD

Ex-Inspector Thomas R. Butler, of 27, Lynwood Gardens, Orrell Park, Liverpool 9, was elected president of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the annual meeting of the Guild at Grantham on September 30th. He succeeds Ex-Sergeant E. Charles Turner (Leicester City Police).

Constable Arthur Pearce, of 197, Wythen-shawe Road, Manchester 23, was elected to the office of honorary secretary/treasurer in place of Constable John A. Smith (Leics and Rutland).

The new honorary auditor is Constable Richard Benson, of the Manchester City Police. He succeeds Sergeant Jack Rawson (Leics and Rutland).

The two vacancies on the committee, caused by the election of Messrs. Butler and Pearce to higher office, were filled by the retiring president and secretary.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on October 28th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Higgins), and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett. Ringing before and after tea was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

During the business meeting, at which Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair, Mrs. E. A. Barnett was appointed a District representative in place of Miss I. Inman, who did not wish to be considered for re-election. The other officers were all re-elected.

## MY MINOR TROUBLES

Grandsire Doubles. Plain Bob too  
Peals of these I've struggled through.  
But at Minor I'm no good,  
Seems my head is made of wood.  
Harry, Francis, Bert, or Laurie  
Start me off on Cambridge. 'Sorry!  
Missed the dodge in making places.'  
Sad dismay on all their faces.  
Now a dodge and lead they cry.  
We struggle 'till rounds are nigh,  
Oh, take me back to ringing five,  
My mind is buzzing like a hive.

I go to meetings, dare I ring?  
Kent, Cambridge, Oxford are the thing.  
But bobs they do confuse me so  
Till Charlie shouts 'You're on the slow.'  
'Watch the treble,' says the Master,  
'Pull your backstrokes in much faster.  
Open up your handstrokes now.'  
Then in shame my head I bow.  
Miss the dodge that's in three four  
And feel like sinking through the floor.  
Tho' fellow ringers kind of heart,  
Take all my clanging in good part.

Triples, Major, Cinques, the lot  
That marvellous brains these folks have got.  
Tho' peals of these do come to grief  
Through lack of concentration brief,  
Bells shifting course and out of place  
Blank concern on every face.  
In all lost peals it is the same,  
Cinques or Doubles, who's to blame?  
Fred, Lorna, Albert, Ron or Jack  
Hold inquests on the last lead back.  
I think I'll minimize my troubles  
By ringing only Grandsire Doubles.

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MRS. R. RICHARDSON,  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

When Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire, started ringing in 1914, lady ringers were a curiosity in the county. At one meeting in the early twenties, which she attended with her fiancé, the late Rupert Richardson, whom she married on July 3rd, 1923, the president, Canon Nicholas, invited her to sit at his table for lunch. He did not seem to think she was safe with the rest of the ringers! On another occasion, Rupert was invited to take some lady ringers to a meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Guild, as no one there had ever seen a lady ring! Miss Phyllis Hare, later Mrs. H. J. Poole, who learnt to ring with Mrs. Richardson, went along to the meeting, and they had to ring in every touch during the afternoon and evening, so that all the men had a chance to ring with them! It was a record meeting, and they were certainly on show!

Mrs. Richardson (née Annie Parkins) was born on May 5th, 1895, at Woodston, near Peterborough. She was educated at the Woodston C. of E. School, and at the County School, Peterborough, and before her marriage she was in the teaching profession. She was taught to ring by Herbert Hoare at St. Augustine's, Woodston. The bells had been dedicated in June, 1914, and as nearly all the ringers had joined the Forces a band of ladies helped to ring the bells, so Miss Parkins and Miss Hare started together. Mrs. Richardson rang her first peal at Woodston on May 10th, 1919 (Bob Minor), and she has now rung 270 peals, of which she has conducted two. The first of these was seven Minor methods at Woodston on February 23rd, 1923, and the other was a ladies' peal of Minor in three methods at Gamston, Notts, on March 8th, 1930. In the early twenties the Ladies' Guild had only been in existence for a decade, and Mrs. Richardson joined the newly-formed Northants Branch on February 19th, 1921, and later formed the Lincolnshire District on July 9th, 1927. She has been its secretary ever since—some 34 years—and has served on the Central Council as one of the Ladies' Guild representatives since 1932.

During the thirties Mrs. Richardson and her husband frequently joined William Pve's and Frank Bennett's peal tours, thus enabling them to ring peals in many parts of the country. She has rung peals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as Australia, and has also scored handbell peals on the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, and the Pacific and Indian Oceans. She has rung peals in 18 different twelve bell towers. Since her marriage Mrs. Richardson has been engaged in bulb growing and farming, and once took part in a farmers' peal of Bob Major at Walesby on February 18th, 1950. When the famous Boston bells were broadcast to Boston, U.S.A., Mrs.

Richardson was one of the ringers who took part.

## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Undoubtedly the highlight of Mrs. Richardson's ringing career was the tour to Australia in 1934. She rang in all the tower bell peals, and four of the handbell peals, and one of her proudest memories is the peal of Grand-sire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 11th, 1934. This was conducted by John S. Goldsmith, who rose from a sick bed to ring. She also had the honour of presenting the Central Council's illuminated address to the ringers of Australia. The handbell ringing on board ship during the trip required the greatest concentration. The noise, movement and inability to find a quiet spot was not conducive to peal ringing. The people milling round towards the end of the first peal, and the remarks and explanations going on at the back, had to be seen and heard to be believed! She also rang handbells in the Oasis of Sheikh Othman, near Aden, one of the hottest places in the world.

After Mrs. Richardson's marriage to Rupert, their home became a rendezvous for many ringers. Their leisure hours were also all given to ringing, so that besides taking as the first consideration their duty to the church, it was their social life as well. Their generous hospitality was never spared, and many well known ringers have spent weeks or week-ends at Glyn Garth. Handbell peals were very popular, and have been rung in all kinds of places in the house and on the farm. The names in the visitors' book are far too numerous to mention—ringers were always welcome and made to feel at home. Since 1947, Mrs. Richardson has been captain of the ringers at Surfleet, the lightest 12 in the country, and has been a member of the Church Council for many years, through being a representative at the Ruri-decanal Conferences. For twelve years she has been the enrolling member of the Mothers' Union, and arranges for the cleaning of the brasses and flower decoration in her church.

Mrs. Richardson's generosity, friendship and hospitality have been much appreciated by the many ringers who have visited Surfleet. Both she and her late husband were extremely popular, and helped to build up the social side of ringing, which is so important for the continuance of the art. Although she does only a little ringing now, Mrs. Richardson much enjoys attending Central Council meetings, and chatting with old friends, and the conversation must often be of the happy times spent on tour, and at Glyn Garth.

APACE.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A Monmouth Branch meeting was held at Blaenavon on October 28th and some 40 ringers attended. Ringing on this light eight was ably arranged by the Branch Master, Mr. T. Stephens. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. E. Davies, and the lesson read by the Rev. J. A. Rogers.

Tea was served in a nearby hall, and Mr. J. Pryor thanked the ladies and Blaenavon ringers, who had so kindly provided and prepared it.

At the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Charles Greedy, a life member of the Association. Three new members were elected from St. Woolos', two from Blaenavon and one from Caerleon.

St. Mellons was chosen for the annual Branch meeting, early in 1962.

## LATE NEWS

The many ringing friends of Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, will be pleased to learn he is making good progress, following his recent serious illness. After nine weeks in Chester City Hospital he has been transferred to Ward 2, Barrowmore Hospital, Great Barrow, Chester, for convalescence, and hopes to return to his home and family in about three weeks.



# Central Africa's First Ring of Bells



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
SALISBURY, RHODESIA.

THE consecration of Central Africa's first ring of bells at the Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints, Salisbury, by the Lord Bishop of Mashonaland on November 5th, was marked by the pageantry of massed choirs, a military band and processions, as well as by the ringing of the bells.

The bells, ten from the Whitechapel Foundry (tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E. flat), have been housed in the newly built tower for less than a month; and as all but a very few of the local band had seen a bell rope before then, it says a lot for them and their instructors that all the ten bells were rung for the consecration.

After the service all ten bells were rung again, and there were some well struck rounds on eight. An attempt to ring Grandsire Doubles on the front six was unsuccessful. The quality of some handbell ringing, in the afternoon, which included touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, suggests that it will not be very many weeks before the new ring will be heard in changes.

Apart from the local ringers, and a party of regular practisers from Marandellas, 50 miles away, ringers were present from the Umvukwes (65 miles), and Umtali (170 miles).

Fifteen ringers and friends sat down to lunch at the Meikles Hotel, where the experienced ringers brought memories of towers in Kent, Gloucestershire, Oxford and Cheshire, Suffolk, Somerset and Scotland.

A business meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild was in the afternoon, in the Parish Hall. Mr. Peter Raynor, Master of the Guild presiding, assisted by Mr. Ken Cross, honorary secretary/treasurer. Mr. George Collins was elected Ringing Master of the Salisbury tower, and Mr. Mike Baker as the steeple-keeper. It was agreed that Wednesday should be kept as practice night, and to divide the practice into beginners at 5.30 p.m. and more advanced ringers at 7.30 p.m. Handbells ringing is to be continued as before; but it was recognised that top priority is to be given to the training of enough ringers for service ringing, in changes, as soon as possible.

The ringers included: Miss Joan Winter (Salisbury), Mr. Harry Wright (Umtali), Mr. Mike Baker (Salisbury), Mr. Bruce Berrington (Marandellas), Miss Frankie Pellatt (Salisbury), Father French (Salisbury), Mr. Ekins (Salisbury), Mr. James Milford (Marandellas), Mrs. Val Grossmith (Umvukwes), Mr. Peter Raynor (Marandellas) and Mr. George Collins (Salisbury).  
K. S. C.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Saturday, October 28th, saw the Society in Tamworth once again. The weather was fine and the trip through the leafy lanes from the industrial areas of the Archdeaconry was indeed pleasant. This historical town is dominated by its ancient castle, looking most impressive in the autumn sunlight. A number of members took the opportunity of looking round the castle, now a museum, in addition to their ringing activities.

The fine Norman church of St. Editha was the venue for the meeting. Last year the bells of this tower were augmented to a ring of ten by the addition of two new treble bells. It was generally agreed that the 'splice' had been carried out well and that the Archdeaconry now possesses another excellent 'ten,' with a tenor of 21 cwt. Ringing during the afternoon was organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. James Eastwood, and all tastes were catered for. Methods ranged from rounds for the learners to Surprise Royal for the skilful and ambitious.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Jones (Vicar). There was no formal address, but the Vicar welcomed the Society to Tamworth and gave some interesting historical facts about the church, tower and bells. After service the congregation made their way to the new Church Hall for tea. There an excellent fare awaited and more than 70 members and friends sat down to a meal provided by the Tamworth ringers. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. George H. Peers junior and his willing helpers, for providing tea. At the business meeting, following tea, 21 new members were elected into the Society, including six from the village of Shenstone, where a ring of five bells has recently been installed.

Ringing continued until almost 8.30 p.m. and many members and late-comers availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing on these fine bells. A most successful meeting and we look forward to coming to Tamworth for a meeting, in, we hope, the not too distant future.  
D. J. T.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch at St. Olaf's, Poughill, on November 11th, was one of the most successful to be held.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. P. L. Ashford), who is this year's president, and he also gave the address. The collection for Guild Funds amounted to just over £2.

Over 50 sat down to a grand tea in the Parish Hall, prepared by the ringers' wives and friends. The Vicar thanked all who had helped in any way to make the festival a success, and was pleased to welcome a party from Truro, which included the Guild president (Mr. A. Carveth) and Ringing Master (Mr. R. Burnett).

At the annual meeting, which followed, Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. A. J. Hambly, both of Marhamchurch, were re-elected as secretary and treasurer and Mr. H. Stacey, Branch Ringing Master. Subject to permission, it was decided to hold next year's festival at Week St. Mary, and that the Rev. W. T. Simpson be next year's president.  
R. J. H.

## SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Various methods, including London, Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob, were rung when the Sherwood Youths rang on the good six bells at Wollaton on November 18th. The visitors were made most welcome and Derby members were well represented. A free tea was provided in the Church Hall.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I send figures of Spliced Cambridge and London, No. 3, which should interest ringers of Spliced Surprise Royal. It contains 2,560 Cambridge and 2,600 London and all work each bell.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,160					Methods	
23456	M	W	H			
43652	—	—	—	—	LLC	
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42563	—	—	—	—	LLC	
54263	—	—	—	—	LLC	
25463	—	—	—	—	LLC	
34562	—	—	—	—	LLC	
53462	—	—	—	—	LLC	
24365	—	—	—	—	*LCCCCC	
32465	—	—	—	—	LCCCCC	
43265	—	—	—	—	LCCCCC	
23564	—	—	—	—	LLC	
45362	—	—	—	—	LLC	
26354	—	—	—	—	LCL	
52364	—	—	—	—	CLCCCC	
36524	—	—	—	—	LCL	
53624	—	—	—	—	LCL	
65324	—	—	—	—	LCL	
32654	—	—	—	—	LCL	
62453	—	—	—	—	LCL	
42356	—	—	—	—	LCL	
63254	—	—	—	—	CCCCCL	
45236	—	—	—	—	LCL	
34256	—	—	—	—	CLL	
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32546	—	—	—	—	CCCCCL	
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO LYPMPNE

Dear Sir,—You will, I believe, be publishing details of the first quarter peal to be rung by the newly-formed band at Lypmpne, Kent. I am told that this is the first quarter peal to have been rung on these bells by a local band, and I would like to add my congratulations to the many that I am sure the band will have already received.

Lypmpne is an out-of-the-way village, making it all the more difficult for outside help to be called upon, and the fact that the ringers have thus, for the most part, taught themselves, coupled with the fact that Lypmpne bells are not, generally speaking, considered the easiest of sixes to ring, makes this a performance of some merit.

Lypmpne ringers have shown that success will come with perseverance; I hope they may be an example to other struggling bands, and I shall look forward to their recording a local hand peal in the not-too-distant future.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

## THE NEW METHOD

Look to now all you tenors,  
Take note, two, three, four, five,  
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Right from the first struck blow,  
The treble shouts at every lead  
In double forte: 'BINGO!'

R. C.

Armitage, Rugeley, Staffs.

## MILTON MALSOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was with great pleasure that I read on page 749 of 'The Ringing World' about the work of rehanging the above bells being near completion. These bells have been of special interest to me since my early boyhood, when I helped to chime them and 'ring in' for Sunday services.

Prior to World War I, they were seldom rung except at Christmas time and for the New Year. On the three last Mondays in Advent the bells were rung for about fifteen minutes, commencing at 5 a.m. Method ringing was not known at Milton in the early 1900's, but the village band could ring a well struck six-score of Grandsire Doubles by numbers, and also, much to the delight of the local inhabitants, 'The Shepherd's Hey'!

In the spring of 1921, a new band was formed and learnt the art of method ringing. Progress was rapid and within a few years several methods were rung, including Stedman and Carter's, and striking was of a high standard in spite of the 'go' of the bells.

I think I am correct in stating that only two peals and 21 quarter peals have been rung at Milton, the first peal being for the Central Northamptonshire Association on March 8th, 1923, viz., Plain Bob and Grandsire, in 3 hours 16 minutes: A. W. Turner 1, C. S. Yates 2, R. F. Asplin 3, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 4. P. C. Asplin 5. First by a local band—all natives of Milton. The second peal, also Plain Bob and Grandsire, was for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in 3 hours and 18 minutes, on November 24th, 1924: A. W. Turner 1, C. S. Yates 2, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 3, J. M. Gray 4, Tom Tebbutt 5. In those days Tom Tebbutt, now living at Moulton, was one of Northampton's leading ringers. J. M. Gray was from the Towcester district. Of the quarter peals, Tom Tebbutt conducted two and I eighteen. One was non-conducted.

Unfortunately, after ten years of regular Sunday service ringing, the band was split up. Philip Asplin, it is sad to relate, died in early manhood. Raymond Asplin moved to the South of England, and I left the village. The 'go' of the bells became worse, and very little ringing was done. From time to time I have kept in touch with my Milton friends, and I feel sure no long ringing attempts were made after 1931.

About ten years ago, after attending a meeting at Collingtree, my son (Bernard) and I walked the pleasant mile to Milton. This piece of countryside, by the way, has been somewhat altered since then by the M.1 cutting through between the two villages. At Milton church we met (by arrangement) my old friends, Albert Turner, Charles Yates and Willie Stockford. We managed a few short touches on the bells, with fairly good results—but five minutes at a time was enough!! Several Milton people remarked, 'How nice to hear the bells again.' A. Turner and C. Yates still live at Milton, but I am not sure about W. Stockford.

The late Rev. B. E. Evans, M.A., who became Rector of Milton in 1917, wrote 'The Story of Milton Malsor,' which was published in 1924. One chapter in the book was devoted to 'The Bells.' Another chapter, 'The Name of Milton' explains the changes that have taken place in the naming of the village, and states that in 'Domesday Book' it is referred to as Molitone, Mideltone and Mideltone. The village has been known as Middleton, Middleton Malesour, Middleton Malsor, Milton and Milton Malsor.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

## WEST COUNTRY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday evening, November 15th, I had the privilege to take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, 'Holt's Ten-Part,' at the Church of St. Bridget, Bridgerule. This was Tom Myers' 200th and what a glorious peal it was, despite the fact that some of us were nearly frozen by the bitter N.E. wind, which was cutting through the ground floor ringing chamber.

Tom has been the stalwart of method ringing down this end of the country for many years, where, at times in the past, peals were very hard to come by. I first met him when I was demobbed from the Army in 1919; he was then a boy wearing short trousers, and we have been great friends ever since. I don't expect to have much hope to be in when his 300th arrives, but still we never know. The evening finished in great style, before a blazing fire in the village inn, a very happy party.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

St. Maurice, Plympton.

## FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—It has been verified that a composition of 5,088 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, by E. A. Barnett, as printed in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild Report for 1949, page 43, is false. To correct the composition as shown, the thirteenth course should read—

M W R

26543 — RCR

The substitution of one method for another is all that is involved, but holders of this report are requested to make the necessary correction.

Apologies for this printed error are extended to the composer and to any conductor who has rung the composition as printed.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mimms, Herts.

## 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. N. W. H. Simons' request in 'Belfry Gossip' of November 17th, for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, I enclose the following composition (from Troyte's 'Change Ringing'):

23456 46325

—65243	—52436
S43625	S36542
—52463	*S42356
S63542	Five times repeated.
—24653	Binstead *S at half-
—35264	way and end.
—46325	

I wish Mr. Simons every success in ringing Grandsire Minor, as, musically, I find it very refreshing, in that one finds familiar changes appearing in all sorts of unexpected places.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE.

St. David's College,  
Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

## NUTFIELD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I would like to clear up some doubt about Nutfield Treble Bob—

Nutfield: 34-16-12-16-34-36 L.E. 12. 165324.  
College Exercise: 34-16-12-16-34-56. L.E. 12. 164523.

If Wentworth has been rung to a peal I would like to know when and where.—Yours faithfully,

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## LETTERS—Continued

## 'RINGING FIRST, SERVICE TO CHURCH SECONDARY'

Dear Sir,—After a father had shown his little boy around the churchyard, the perplexed youngster asked: 'But, Daddy, where are all the bad people?'

Ever since the enthronement correspondence began, I have been asking myself the same question. There has been so much patting on the back, and extolling the virtues of ringers, with their selfless service to the Church, that I began to think that the ringing world is a celestial one, inhabited only by angels. Hence my small protest, which has shown that even angels can have vitriolic pens. (See P. A. Corby's letter 'R.W.' November 10th. How different from the quiet, reasoned argument of T. J. Lock, November 24th!)

I rejoice that there are so many ringers who are active Christians. I have met some of them in various towers while on holiday and when acting as visiting preacher. One of my happiest memories is ringing before service in a small country church in Somerset, on the first day of my honeymoon!

But, alas, I have also met a strong hard core of ringers who seldom attend service, and who see no reason why they should do so, whether clergy visit the ringing chamber or not. It is to these my remarks are addressed.

However much we enjoy ringing, the main purpose of the bells is not to see how many towers we can grab, how many peals records we can make, how many strange combinations or ringers we can find—but to call people to worship.

This is surely our duty, as P. Amos said so admirably last week.

Perhaps I am wrong (I hope I am), but many ringers I have met have left me with the impression that the enjoyment of their ringing comes first, and service to the Church is secondary, or incidental. (I am aware, of course, that this equally applies to choirs.) Even 'Rural Ringer' in last week's cover article gives himself away in his second paragraph. If the majority of ringers feel like him that their interest in ringing is the main reason for being in the tower at all, then would it not be better to build towers that have no connection with the Church; or if that is impracticable, then perhaps some churches should consider charging a hire fee for the use of the tower by such ringers, in the way we let church halls to outside organisations?

I would be the first to admit that there are many clergy who fail miserably in their duty to encourage their ringers by visiting the tower and showing an interest in them. But it is sometimes difficult to say whether their attitude is the cause or the result of non-attendance ringers.

Few reasonable clergy would complain at ringers who attended at least once on a Sunday, although in that case many of us would prefer the bells to be rung just for the one service.

We thank God that there are thousands upon thousands of Christians, ringers, singers, churchwardens, and members of the congregation, who do not find attendance at three services 'unreasonable' or 'out of the question,' like 'Rural Ringer' does.

In these days, if it is true that 90 per cent of the people stay at home, then the witness of those who do come is of tremendous importance.

So I hope that the good work of the Central Council and the Associations will continue, by condemning and discouraging non-attending ringers, so that in time ringers who leave before service will be as rare as choirs who retire before the sermon, or parsons who send 'inaccurate and uncharitable' contributions to 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

D. G. BRUNNING (Rev.).

Usk, Mon.

P.S.—I don't know why two correspondents should think I was criticising the Usk ringers. Four of them attend church with great regularity.—D. G. B.

## EXPERIMENTING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read David G. Smith's article on 'Little Treble Bob,' as I, too, have been experimenting with Treble Bob methods. Working on the principle of having both treble and tenor in the hunt, I arrived at the following, from Kent T.B. Major:

## Bob

53718264	12345678	85236741
35172846	21345687	58236714
31527486	12436578	85327641
13527468	21436587	58327614
31254786	24163857	53872164
13254768	42618375	35781246
12354678	42163875	35872146
21354687	24618357	53781264
12536478	26481537	57318624
21536487	62845173	75136842
25163847	62481573	75318642
52618374	26845137	57136824
	28654317	51763284
	82654371	15763248
	28563417	51672384
	82563471	15672348
		16527438

## Royal Bob

5371920486
3517294068
3152749608
1352479680
3125746908
1325476980
1235746890
2135476809
1253748690
2153478609
2514387069
5241830796

It will be found that whereas the plain courses of Major and Maximus contain three and five leads respectively, the royal comes round in two leads. The bobs can, of course, be called at the half leads as well as at the lead ends. On six bells, only a plain course of 24 changes can be rung as it is false at the bobs.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

Thurso, Caithness.

Found at the Bridge House, on the occasion of the College Youths' dinner, one cheque book (unsullied) from Barclays Bank Ltd., Southall. Will the owner please contact John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey.

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## OUTING

## BOLSOVER, DERBYS

The second outing this year of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends was centred in and around Grantham on October 28th. Unfortunately, the date was not convenient to the normal contingent of friends from Warsop, but ringers from Chesterfield, Creswell and Staveley made up a party of approximately 25, which left Bolsover at 1 p.m.

The first call was at the fine church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bottesford, and Mr. Box very kindly offered to assist in raising the heavy bells in peal. By contrast, at the next tower, Heydour, the light ring of eight was more in keeping with conditions at the home tower. Considerable interest was taken in a peal board recording a record length of London Surprise Major. The church is rather isolated and very cold, and ringing was limited to approximately 35 minutes.

The tour had been suggested by Cyril Wright, a former ringer at Bolsover, who is now mine host of the Chequers Inn at Grantham, and he was waiting to join the party for ringing at the majestic Church of St. Wulfram. The very fine ten were raised in peal and several members of the band had their first venture at Stedman Caters. The local representatives were of the opinion that the general performance of the ringing was of reasonable standard for bells much heavier than usual for most of the ringers.

Methods rung during the tour included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

It is customary on the annual half-day outing to arrange an evening meal and this was taken at the Angel and Royal Hotel, Grantham. Most of the party afterwards adjourned to join Cyril Wright at the Chequers Inn.

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# BELLS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY

## BOW BELLS OF LONDON

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE famous 'Bow Bells of London' have ever been notorious, both on account of the 'Dick Whittington' legend, and also from the supposition that to be a true 'Cockney' one must be born within their sound.

With regard to their history we find that in very early times John Downe, a worthy citizen, left two tenements in Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane), 'for the maintenance of the great bell.' In 1469, by an order of the Common Council, a bell was to be rung every night at 9 o'clock, and lights were to be exhibited in the steeple during the night to direct travellers to the Metropolis.

According to Stow, William Copland, tailor, the King's merchant, being churchwarden in 1515, gave the great bell, which was to be rung nightly at 9 o'clock. He adds that this bell was first rung as a knell for the death of the donor.

Weever states she was inscribed 'Dudum fundabur Bowbel campana vocabar: Sexta sonat, bis sexta sonat, ter tertia pulsat' (I was cast recently and was called Bowbell; The sixth sounds, the sixth sounds twice, the third strikes thrice). It is supposed the latter refers to some custom as to the number of strokes given for knells. There appears to have been six bells here at this time, though Stow only mentions five.

### WHITTINGTON

In the story of Dick Whittington they were supposed to have been ringing in the following order, when he heard them and returned to London: 531246 'Turn a-gain-Whit-ting-ton.'

By adding two bells in front of this the present well known Whittington row on eight bells has been produced—12753468—though this does not fit to the original words. We must remember that in Whittington's time not only was half-pull change ringing unknown, but bells were not rung up as in the present day. They were only swung to stock level, so we must suppose that on this occasion they were rung in this manner in the order above mentioned.

### PERISHED IN GREAT FIRE

Both steeple and bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666. After the church and steeple were rebuilt by Wren, an order for a ring of eight was given to John and Christopher Hodson, the funds to pay for same being derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire. In due course the bells were cast and hung.

In 1738 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Phelps died the same year, and the foundry was carried on by

Lester, later by Lester and Pack, who in 1762 recast the other seven bells and added two trebles, thus making a ring of ten, which were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, to celebrate King George III's birthday.

In 1881, two more trebles were added by Mears and Slainbank to make them twelve. On the tenor its weight was engraved 'Wt. 53-0-22.' In 1819 the steeple was repaired and strengthened with iron ties. In 1905 the bells were rehung and new chimes added to the clock, which played as follows: First quarter 5123; second 512-314; third 789-x84-534; fourth 512-314-579-x8E. The hour striking on tenor.

On these bells the present writer had the great pleasure of taking part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on February 27th, 1926, conducted by the late William Pye.

### B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

In 'Radio Pictorial' (December 14th, 1934) I wrote an article on 'Bow Bells and the Message they Broadcast,' and stated therein:

'The B.B.C. recently treated listeners to a gramophone reproduction of these famous bells in lieu of the metronome hitherto used as an "interval signal." This innovation "tells the world" that these bells have been made pealable after several years' silence, and such news is welcomed throughout the country, for their fame is more than Metropolitan—it is National.'

This 'interval signal' has been used ever since at specified times and the ringing thus broadcast is worthy of the emulation of every ringer throughout the land as a fine example of perfect striking.

In 1933 several of the bells were recast and all rehung on ball-bearings, with new headstocks, etc., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, this restoration being in the gift of Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

### AGAIN IN WORLD WAR II

During the Great War II the church and bells were destroyed during an air-raid over the City in 1941 and the majority of the bells fell to the ground. One or two remained on the floor above, but all were broken.

Now with the restoration of the church and steeple, a new ring of twelve has been erected, the bells having been cast in 1956 in readiness for the time when the tower and bell frame would be completed.

The bells are now inscribed as follows, and it will be noted that in addition to each individual name the passages from the Psalms inscribed on them make (with the initial letter of each text) an acrostic spelling, 'D. Whittington.'

Treble.—Katharine.

Declare His glory among the brethren, His wonders among all people.

Second.—Fabian.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.

Third.—Christopher.

His name alone is excellent, His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Fourth.—Margaret.

In His temple doth everyone speak of His glory.

Fifth.—Mildred.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever.

Sixth.—Faith.

They shall sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Seventh.—Augustine.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy Majesty and of Thy wondrous works.

Eighth.—John.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.

Ninth.—Timothy.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name, Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.

Tenth.—Pancras.

Thy saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power.

Eleventh.—Cuthbert.

O Lord my God, I will glorify Thy name for evermore.

Tenor.—Bow.

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

(on the waist):—

'The bell of the parish of St. Mary-le-Bow

Rung for Curfew 1334 Destroyed by fire 1666

Recast 1669 Recast 1738

Destroyed by Enemy action 1941

Recast 1956.'

Hugh Evan Hopkins, O.B.E., M.A., Rector.

Howard George Hickleton.

Julien Frederick Charles Bennett, D.L.,

Churchwardens.

John H. L. Trustram, M.B.E., M.A.,

Vestry Clerk.

Named me

'Bow.'

Round the sound bow: A decorative border of London Pride.

## CALL CHANGE FESTIVAL AT BIDEFORD

Nine towers competed in the eight bell ringing festival for the Pilton Shield, held at St. Mary's Church, Bideford, on November 11th. Among the competitors was Mr. Norman Mallett, from Exeter, who stood in as third man for Pilton, who were one short.

The judges were Messrs. J. Harris (Wrafton), W. Tuck (Bideford) and L. Hookway (Croyde). The first team to ring tolled the signal bell to warn the judges. The competition was followed by a service in the church, and then came tea and the declaration of the result, as follows:

Shield and 1st certificate: Barnstaple 65 faults, Torrington 85, Witheridge 95½, Kings-teignton 102, Pilton 121, Tawstock 123½, Chittlehampton 132, Georgeham 145, Kilkhampton 182.

The competition was organised by Mr. L. N. Passmore, secretary of Pilton tower, who received great assistance from Mr. F. Parsons, captain of Bideford tower.

### A NEW ZEALAND APOLOGY

Amongst those who sent apologies for absence on the occasion of the College Youths' dinner was Mr. G. Nelson Sloan, of Christchurch, N.Z. Unfortunately, Mr. Sloan's letter reached the secretary too late to be included in his list of apologies.

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**TWO SHEFFIELD VETERANS****MR. H. THORPE**

It is with deep regret that the Sheffield Cathedral Company of Change Ringers record the passing of two very loyal members of the company.

On November 13th, at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, Haydn Thorpe passed away. Mr. Thorpe, brother of the late John Thorpe, also of Sheffield Cathedral, became a member of the company in 1917 and continued to be an active member till 1951, when an unfortunate accident at work caused him to resign from active membership. Haydn was never one to push himself to the front, or one to seek publicity, but in spite of that he was a sound ringer, being a first rate striker and a sound method ringer. His quiet, cheerful manner and sound common sense, coupled with an air of imperturbability, endeared him in the hearts of all who knew him. He was 76.

**MR. S. F. PALMER**

On November 18th, Mr. Sydney F. Palmer was taken from us. Mr. Palmer, a native of Lincolnshire, went to Sheffield in 1904. During his long sojourn with us, he held many important offices in the Exercise. Four 25 years he was secretary of the Sheffield Cathedral Company, besides being a member of the Central Council, a trustee of the Yorkshire Association, and during the last year secretary of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association.

Sydney had the happy knack of rarely becoming ruffled. He was a stickler for things being done according to rule and precedent. Whatever he himself undertook to do, one could always be sure that it would be done properly and to the best of his ability. He was an active ringer at the Cathedral till last year, attending twice every Sunday to ring his favourite method, Siedman. He was 87.

On Tuesday, November 21st, a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in their memory. B.H.

**OBITUARY****MR. W. W. WEBB**

As briefly reported recently, we regret to announce the death of William Walter Webb, which took place in the West Middlesex Hospital on November 3rd. He spent his 72nd birthday in hospital, a few days before his death. Two years ago he had serious heart trouble, from which he made a miraculous recovery and even rang again. Bill hated inactivity and it was a good thing, perhaps, that his last illness was short.

'Bill' Webb had been a ringer at Heston for many years, and will be sadly missed. Not a ringer of many peals or methods, his joy was found in the making of many friends in the Exercise. Conscientious to a degree, 'Bill' was always in the tower on Sundays and practice nights, and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Association, where his cheery presence, and that of his wife, was always a joy. We were proud to have both of them as honorary members.

For the greater part of his working life, 'Bill' had been a policeman, first at Chelsea and later at Norwood Green. After his retirement from the force, he joined the Civil Service and up to the time of his first illness was at the Board of Trade at Eastcote.

He had always wished to return to his native village of Broadwell, near Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. and it was due to the determination of his wife that he was buried there on November 9th, in the presence of his relatives and friends, many of whom were from the village. The Middlesex Association was represented by Messrs. W. N. Genna (late assistant general secretary) and F. W. Goodfellow (treasurer), who were joined by Bill's brother, Jack, from Ross-on-Wye, to ring a simple but impressive touch on handbells over the grave. The Heston ringers and the Middlesex Association sent wreaths, of which there were many. It was a beautiful autumn day and with the church set

in such lovely countryside, together with the charm and peacefulness of the village, we felt that Bill had indeed had his wish and returned home.

A memorial service was held in Heston Parish Church on November 18th, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Roundhill). Mrs. Webb was accompanied by her daughter and also her mother. Among the ringing friends who attended to pay tribute to an old friend were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Mr. A. W. Coles (North Myms), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, F. T. Blagrove, L. Grice, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sansom, P. Ruch and other members of the Heston band. The bells were rung in different methods both before and after the service.

**MR. J. A. ROBERTSHAW**

A member of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. John A. Robertshaw, of Scarborough, died on November 21st, after an illness of 16 months, aged 65.

His ringing career started over 50 years ago at St. Thomas a Becket, Heptonstall, where his father, Francis Robertshaw, was tower captain for many years. John first joined the Yorkshire Association in 1923; he went to Scarborough in 1951, when he joined the St. Mary's Parish Church company.

On November 22nd, the normal practice night, half-muffled changes were rung for one whose cheerful personality will be missed by his fellow ringers.

He leaves a widow and a son.

The funeral service was held on November 24th at the Parish Church, when, in addition to relatives and neighbours, representatives from the Scarborough and Bridlington towers were present. B.S.

**LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.**—On Nov. 18th, 1.260 Minor (Single Oxford, Oxford T.B.): M. Maughan 1, J. I. Booth 2, Miss D. Killengly 3, M. Armstrong 4, J. Pladdys 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6. The band would like to express their gratitude to Mr. H. Thompson, of Lanchester, for providing an excellent tea, in spite of their losing a peal.

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In the forefront of our ringing veterans of today is Mr. Henry Sharpe, of Haddenham, Ely. Now 87 years of age, he took part in a quarter peal at St. Peter's, Wilburton, on November 16th, to commemorate his first peal rung there 65 years ago! Despite his age, he regularly rings for Evensong and always attends the midweek practice, which consists of seven or eight different Surprise methods. He is now dabbling with four Spliced Surprise methods, including Alnwick and Kelso.

A novelty from Bishopstoke—a peal of Major on tower bells in which there were two double-handed peals.

With the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on November 20th, Mr. George J. Hawkins has 'circled' Dunkerton tower and called a peal off every bell in the tower.

One of the ringers in the quarter peal of Cambridge at Abingdon was locked in the belfry after taking the mufflers off the bells in the morning. The quarter peal itself was rung by candlelight, because all the fuses were blown. Someone suggests that the two events are not unconnected!

Mr. H. Denman, District secretary for North Notts, is the first in Nottinghamshire to ring 100 peals in one tower (St. Peter's, Gamston). They were all Minor, the longest being 7.200 Treble Bob. He would like to thank all ringers who have helped him to achieve this.

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers honoured the memory of their former secretary, Mr. Ernest James Taylor, with a memorial peal at Chittlehampton on November 18th. Afterwards the president of the Guild and Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) entertained the band to tea. For this thoughtful act the band express their thanks.

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, reappears in the peal columns with a peal of Surprise Maximus, rung by several local ringers. The evergreen George E. Symonds, at 87, rang his 97th peal of Maximus. He hopes to reach 100. Peals or years, or both? We hope both. It was the first peal on 12 bells by Miss Clare Webster, of Cambridge University Guild, and she rang almost faultlessly.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Paul L. Taylor performed the opening ceremony at a church bazaar at Sapcote, Leics, on November 4th, to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell by Newcombe, of Leicester (November 9th, 1611). The bazaar was a great success, £270 being raised towards a new belfry screen in oak.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild hope to hold a striking competition at Aston on May 26th.

The band who rang in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Brant Broughton would like to congratulate F. G. Hooper on his fine performance on the tenor, from which he also conducted the peal.

The B.B.C. T.V. programme 'Viewpoint' of November 16th showed a short excerpt of ringing in the Quantock Hills area of Somerset. The ringing was rounds on six. Close-ups of the ringers and a peal board were also shown.

One's first peal of Siedman is always a milestone, but has anyone left it so late as Mr. Philip H. Avey, of Rayleigh, Essex, who has just accomplished this, at the age of 73! Also in the band was another youngster of 75!

The ringers in the peal at Hemsworth on November 18th wish to congratulate Mr. James Thorley upon ringing his 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Well done! May you ring many more!!

His many friends, and particularly the members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, extend hearty congratulations to Mr. T. G. Myers, of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on ringing his 200th peal. This was Grandsire Triples, and was rung at Bridgerule on November 15th. Tom has conducted 83 of his peals, which have ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus at Croydon. His brother Will has rung about 65 peals, and brother Fred has rung about 49, and all their peals have been rung with Tom, who conducted practically all of them. Mr. T. G. Myers, in addition to being captain of St. Andrew's, is the honorary secretary and Ringing Master of the Branch.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. Treble	†ANTHONY E. COX .. .. 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 8
†REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 9
†ERIC J. HITCHINS .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
†CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 11
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

### A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES BENNETT .. .. Treble	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 7
*†ROGER K. WHITTELL .. .. 2	*TERRY EARLE .. .. 8
†JAMES B. MORLEY .. .. 3	†JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. .. 10
†CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 6	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 25th peal together. ‡ First on 12 bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In six methods, being 1,320 Rutland, 1,280 Selby, 1,160 London No. 3, 480 Yorkshire, 400 Cambridge and 360 Pudsey; with 100 changes of method.

Tenor 34 cwt. in D flat.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 9
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in six methods by all, and for the Association. The conductor's 800th peal.

A compliment to John N. D. Chaddock on the eve of his 21st birthday.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. Treble	*PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 7
*A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. 3	ERIC SUTTON .. .. 8
†IVOR GOULTER .. .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Caters. † First of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the eighth bell has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*TOM CROSSLEY .. .. Treble	*JOHN WHITE .. .. 6
*LINDA GOTT .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
*MARGARET BRIGHTON .. 3	JOHN E. KIRBY .. .. 8
DAVID CUBITT .. .. 4	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 9
*GERALD DALE .. .. 5	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on ten bells.

A farewell peal to the Provost of Wakefield (the Very Rev. Noël T. Hopkins) and Mrs. Hopkins.

SELBY SURPRISE ROYAL

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

—70—14.70.56—36,14—70.58—56.14.70—14—10

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 63 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON .. .. 5
*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 4	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Eileen Westgarth (a former ringer at this church) and William Stephenson, who were married here immediately prior to the peal.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

### A PEAL OF 5184 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. .. 5
ANN M. COX .. .. 2	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 3	DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 7
NORMAN HAYES .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEVEN IVIN.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

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

Rung without previous practice.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

DONALD T. YOUNG .. .. Treble	REGINALD A. BLEWITT .. 5
GEORGE J. GIBBS .. .. 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING .. 6
E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. .. 3	RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. 7
JOHN W. BLACKWOOD .. .. 4	ARTHUR BOARDER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. DEAN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN .. .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method.

In honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon; also Robert George, son of the Rev. G. N. Heath (one-time curate at Spalding, now Vicar of St. Alban's, Acton Green) and Mrs. Heath.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Treble	BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. SODEN .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON .. .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ERNEST H. MASTIN .. .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
RONALD C. NOON .. .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.



# HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

## OFFICERS' PEAL

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

HARRY RICHARDSON, Thrapston Branch Guild Committee and Auditor .. Treble

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN, Guild Ringing Master .. 2  
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE, Thrapston Branch Guild Committee .. 3  
HUGH M. JOHNSON, Daventry Branch Guild Committee .. 4  
ERIC BILLINGS, Northampton Branch Treasurer .. 5  
JOHN E. SKERRITT, Wellingborough Branch Secretary and Treasurer .. 6  
WILLIAM A. YATES, Towcester Branch Secretary and Treasurer .. 7  
JOHN H. BLUFF, Peterborough Branch President .. .. Tenor  
Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

This peal has 4.5.6. each 15 times Wrong and 12 times Right in 56.  
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. W. Jeffs, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

# BRIDGERULE, DEVON. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.  
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. Treble D. ROY BOULD .. .. 5  
\*THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 2 HARRY STACEY .. .. 6  
CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. .. 3 WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. 7  
REGINALD G. PEARCE .. .. 4 WALTER H. MARKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* 200th peal.

# JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 80 lb. in F.

CHARLES N. LEA .. .. Treble † ANDREW C. BOLTON .. .. 5  
\*WENDY PHILLIPS .. .. 2 ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 6  
M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. .. 3 ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 7  
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 4 GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ROLAND PARK. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

# MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

MARGARET A. LADD .. .. Treble \* MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5  
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 2 ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 6  
ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 3 BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 7  
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4 TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Birthday compliments to Mr. C. T. G. Sone and Master Richard Carter. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

# CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.  
LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR .. Treble \* CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. .. 5  
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 2 HAROLD L. PARFREY .. .. 6  
WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. .. 3 \* ALAN F. LEE .. .. 7  
THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 4 WALTER H. MARKS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

\* 25th peal together.

Rung in memoriam Ernest James Taylor.

# CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 14 cwt.  
\*THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. Treble JOHN C. SLATER .. .. 5  
† CATHEEN S. HEANEY .. .. 2 DAVID BEACHAM .. .. 6  
† JOHN E. WHITTALL .. .. 3 REGINALD WOODYATT .. .. 7  
ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 4 JOHN J. STANIER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

\* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal.

# DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL .. .. Treble † LESLIE A. PAGE .. .. 5  
\* I. ANN ABRAHAMS .. .. 2 JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 6  
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. .. 3 LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 7  
RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 4 RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.  
\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

# ESHER, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

FRANK OAKSHOTT .. .. Treble STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 5  
\*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT .. .. 2 KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. 6  
\*JOHN F. M. MAYBRY .. .. 3 WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7  
\*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. .. 4 A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.  
\* First course of Lincolnshire. 250th peal of Major as conductor.  
First of Lincolnshire for the Association.

# FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, being 576 London, 480 each Ealing, Watford, Wembley and Knebworth, 384 each Rutland, Bristol and Rochester, 288 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Painswick; 140 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. .. Treble STANLEY JENNER .. .. 5  
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 2 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. 6  
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3 JOHN R. COOPER .. .. 7  
\*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 4 PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
\* 350th peal. First of 13-Spliced by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

# HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

\*DAVID SHEPPARD .. .. Treble RONALD R. WARFORD .. .. 5  
ALAN EVANS .. .. 2 JOHN POTTS .. .. 6  
RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. .. 3 † JAMES THORLEY .. .. 7  
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 4 KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.  
\* First peal of Major. † 100th for the Association.  
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

# LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN MARJORAM .. .. Treble JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 5  
RAYMOND PECK .. .. 2 C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 6  
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3 H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 7  
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 4 JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.  
Rung as a last token of respect to George Wilson, a member of the Leiston company, who passed to higher service on November 6th.

# LEYTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS .. .. Treble CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. .. 5  
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK .. .. 2 MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. .. 6  
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. .. 3 ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7  
\*PHILIP H. AVEY .. .. 4 ROY D. TOMLIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.  
\* First peal of Stedman.  
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

# LONDON, S.W.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PUTNEY.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. .. 5  
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. .. 2 G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. .. 6  
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 3 JACK S. DEAR .. .. 7  
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 4 FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.  
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

# MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (second observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE .. .. Treble TREVOR E. MARKS .. .. 5  
ARTHUR H. REED .. .. 2 ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 6  
\*JAMES E. BREWER .. .. 3 WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. 7  
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 4 † MICHAEL STRICKLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.  
Rung as a tribute to Frederick Strickland on completing 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church.



## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. . 5
JOHN H. NAPPER .. .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS .. . 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR .. .. 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. . 7
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 4	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* 60th peal together.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK .. .. Treble	*CYRIL LOW .. . 5
*VICTOR DRAPER .. .. 2	*ERIC COOK .. . 6
*PATRICIA BUSS .. .. 3	*FRED PEARSON .. . 7
*MRS. FRANCES LOW .. . 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. . Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method.

## WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

Heywood's transposition.	
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH Treble	JACK O. BERRY .. . 5
JAMES E. GODMAN .. . 2	ERIC O. DAVIES .. . 6
FRANK E. GODDEN .. . 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. . 7
*ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. 4	WILLIAM E. FULKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
HARRY PURCHASE .. .. Treble	FRED CASELEY .. . 5
GEORGE SPARKES .. . 2	*WILLIAM J. NURCOMBE .. 6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. . 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
EDWARD H. LANGLEY .. . 4	ARCHIE GALE .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID J. FORDER .. .. Treble	DEREK C. JACKSON .. . 6
*TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 2-3	NORMAN HAYES .. . 7
FRANK C. PRICE .. .. 4-5	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. . Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* First double-handed peal. First of 'Major rung in this fashion.

## HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*R. IAN VAUGHAN .. .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. . 5
†JILL M. LANE .. .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 6
†ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. . 3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. . 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. . Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Yorkshire Major. Mr. S. G. Ponting's 175th peal. Miss Winifred Keys' 100th of Surprise.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	
ROLAND REED .. .. Treble	JOHN E. FOX .. . 4
WALLACE COUSINS .. . 2	CLAUDE COUSINS .. . 5
FRED WIGMORE .. .. 3	TONY PRICE .. . Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

## SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(Hinckley District.)

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*DOROTHY PAGE .. .. Treble	CHRISTINE J. SIRATFORD .. 4
†LAWRENCE WATKINS .. . 2	†MICHAEL E. BROWN .. . 5
†JOHN WATKINS .. .. 3	V. THOMAS COOPER .. . Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal on the bells. Rung by the local band to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the casting of the tenor (cast November 9th, 1611, by Thomas Newcombe, of Leicester).

## BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*ELEANOR ROSE .. .. Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4
J. EDWARD BROWN .. . 2	†FREDERICK DERRY .. . 5
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † 50th peal.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

## GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 120's.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ANTHONY TALBOT .. .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY .. . 4
*PAMELA E. KEY .. . 2	IAN FRIEND .. . 5
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. . Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to David W. Friend.

## LANGFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. Treble	MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. . 4
†E. WILLIAM FORD .. . 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. . 5
†GORDON W. LAND .. . 3	BRIAN BLADON .. . Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods.

## NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Annable's London, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; (7) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Treble	*IAN H. ORAM .. . 4
ANDREW M. MACVE .. . 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. . 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	RALPH BIRD .. . Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* 200th peal for the Association. The most methods rung to a peal for the Association.

## LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Treble	FRANK BIRKETT .. . 4
ALAN CAPSTICK .. . 2	ERIC BIRKETT .. . 5
BRAITHWAITE RIGG .. . 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. R. R. Saville) to the parish.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CHEVIOT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH .. . 4
FRANK C. PRICE .. . 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . 5
JOHN HILL .. .. 3	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the conductor.



BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	*PETER WILKINSON .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS .. 5
*JOHN MANLEY .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of St. Machutus.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. Treble	JOHN F. W. READ .. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	RAYMOND FANTHORPE .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	*HAROLD DENMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* 100th peal in this tower.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeks, of Gamston (November 15th).

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent T.B., two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ROBERT PEPPER .. Treble	FRANK CHAMBERS .. 4
KENNETH BURDETT .. 2	C. WILLIAM HALL .. 5
JOHN WARDLE .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. H. Food to this parish with Stanton-under-Bardon, wishing him every success with us.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. Treble	VERONICA E. DUPRE .. 4
ELIZABETH A. NEGUS .. 2	*ALAN R. MILLIDGE .. 5
*MICHAEL J. UPHILL .. 3	JOHN H. LOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

\* First peal.

CROPREDY, OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*MARK W. SAYERS .. Treble	RONALD K. RUSS .. 4
BARRY J. DAVIES .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 5
ROBERT A. REEVES .. 3	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. COLEMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 4
*FRANK COOKE .. 2	*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 5
MALCOLM FOSTER .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods. First peal on the bells since rehanging on ball-bearings by J. Taylor and Co.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,920 Plain Bob and 3,120 Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ANN SEYMOUR .. Treble	BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 4
†ROSALIND K. HICKS .. 2	EDGAR G. SWIFT .. 5
†DAVID ROWLANDS .. 3	*HAROLD CHADWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR G. SWIFT.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

A compliment to the Rev. Ian Russell, curate and ringer at Iver, on his marriage this day to Miss Barbara Dixon at All Saints', Childwall, Liverpool.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents Single Court, four of Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

KEVIN BARNES .. Treble	GEOFFREY W. MAYES .. 4
*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	MARTIN MAJOR .. 5
ALEX SIMPSON .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN MAJOR.

\* First peal in three Minor methods 'inside.' First as conductor.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in B.

*V. MICHAEL COX .. Treble	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 4
WILLIAM J. H. PARKER .. 2	*PETER J. JOYCE .. 5
*D. PAUL TREBLE .. 3	RAYMOND E. FINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND E. FINCH.

\* First peal in five methods.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*HAROLD L. PARFREY .. Treble	*ALAN F. LEE .. 4
*CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. 2	S. ARTHUR READ .. 5
GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

\* First peal of Kent Minor.

Rung for the sixth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Evans as Rector.

HANDBELL PEALS

EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,  
AT 62, LEIGH ROAD,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 1-2	DAVID J. FORDER .. 5-6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 3-4	TOM CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1961, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. 1-2	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5-6
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3-4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7-8

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
\* First peal of Surprise 'in hand.' † First of Surprise Major 'in hand.' First of Surprise 'in hand' as conductor.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Berry 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon (first of Cambridge) 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, J. A. Constant 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth A. Buckley (first quarter) 1, D. F. Roberts 2, R. I. Gosling 3, E. D. Thomas (cond.) 4, B. R. Manning 5, A. R. Coldwell (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley P. Hydys 1, Bernice A. Manning 2, B. R. Manning (cond.) 3, R. I. Gosling 4, E. D. Thomas 5, R. Lawrence 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Hydes, mother of the treble ringer. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,270 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lawrence 1, B. R. Manning 2, S. K. A. Huson 3, R. I. Gosling (first as cond.) 4, E. D. Thomas 5, A. F. Hall (first away from treble) 6. Rung for the dedication of a new lectern and pulpit, by the Bishop of Derby.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Cynthia M. Clayton 1, Christine B. Clayton 2, P. J. Malloch (first quarter) 3, N. Bennett (cond.) 4, C. J. Clegg 5, D. J. Marshall 6, D. F. Yates 7, R. M. Edwards 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service.

**AUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, J. Lunham 2, W. Dowler 3, L. J. Clarke (first quarter) 4, D. Jones 5, J. Rothwell 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, Elizabeth Farrow 2, H. N. Pittow (cond.) 3, A. F. Spooner (first of Stedman) 4, G. Huxley 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. A. Reece 8. For the Patronal Festival.

**BELGRAVE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, M. Pole 2, A. W. Skinner 3, A. G. Skinner (first of Stedman) 4, O. Castleman 5, N. O. Abell 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, C. D. Lynch 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire, St. Martin's and Plain Bob): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss E. Pryke 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. First quarter in five methods by all. For Matins.

**BLABY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Cobley (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, B. C. Law 3, K. H. Mildred 4, J. H. Wale (first as cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

**BOURTON, DORSET.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Hill (first in method) 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, Miss I. E. Down 3, H. J. Ralph 4, H. P. Sparks 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Sandra Elaine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller, Blackwater Farm, West Bourton, and niece of the ringer of the third.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Charlton 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, H. Parsons 4, W. F. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, A. J. Bull 4, G. Charlton (first as cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**BURWOOD, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Paul's, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Battishill (first quarter) 1, G. F. Kerr (first 'inside') 2, L. Bruce 3, L. R. Langshaw 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, A. Hicks (first quarter) 6. First quarter in 3 methods for all except conductor. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Allsopp (first quarter) 1, G. F. Kerr 2, P. Davis 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, L. Bruce 5, W. F. Kerr (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire for all except conductor. First quarter by father and son for Australian and New Zealand Association. Both rung for 90th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At Great St. Mary's, on Nov. 14th, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: Miss H. Muirhead 1, Miss B. C. Webster 2, P. H. Pigg 3, M. J. L. Gordon 4, H. Muncey 5, H. F. Brown 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Foster 10, W. J. Quinney 11, H. C. Lewis 12. First on 12 for 2, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12. Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Charles.

**CHARMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Barnett 1, F. Symonds 2, R. Sturmy 3, F. Stedman 4, E. H. Amey 5, R. H. Duke 6, J. Rose (cond.) 7, V. Furnage 8. First on eight, 1, 3 and 8. First on bells since being augmented to eight. A tribute to the fallen in two world wars.

**FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Woolf (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, J. A. H. Betts 3, L. Hall 4, P. Toocock (cond.) 5, E. C. Stanford 6.

**GREAT TEW, OXON.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Stretton 1, W. Moreley 2, W. Cross 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Lloyd 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, A. Leach 8. First of Stedman for 2, 5 and 8.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Sawtell 1, D. Nibbs 2, G. Humphries 3, R. Humphries (cond.) 4, D. Stillman 5, J. Stillman 6. First in the method for all the band. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKs.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Gibson (first quarter) 1, D. I. Cowman 2, D. M. Robersshaw 3, D. J. Barrow 4, M. S. Bruce 5, D. P. J. Bruce (cond.) 6. By Sunday service band for Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to ringer of fifth, who is leaving for Cambridge.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Wretham (first quarter) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, A. Duggan 3, D. A. Bedford 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung at Evensong for the birth of a son to Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 720 Durham): J. Fray 1, R. G. Beck (cond.) 2, E. C. Wadman 3, E. J. Chivers 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6. First in method for 1, 5 and 6.

**KINGSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, A. Callow 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. A Bown 6. For the wedding this day at Somerton of Miss Sheila Carol Gratton, daughter of the treble ringer, to Mr. Leslie Neal, of Evershot, Dorset.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): Josephine D. Hardy 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, J. Richards (first in two methods) 4, C. T. Hillis 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Oxford T. B. Minor: Anne P. Smith 1, Margaret Mackay 2, E. Shuttleworth 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. Smith 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. Alun F. Davies and Marion Davies.

**NETHER COMPTON, DORSET.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis (first on five) 1, Miss P. A. Bond (first on five and 'inside') 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

**NEWENT, GLOS.**—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banks 1, May Stevens 2, W. Jenkins 3, M. Banks 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. First quarter by a local band.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas' Church on Oct. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Thomson 1, D. Bennett 2, Alison Macfarlane (first in method) 3, R. Crawford (first in method) 4, B. Wakefield 5, J. Camp (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Crawford 1, Brenda Collins 2, Marion Phillips (first of Minor) 3, M. Atfield 4, J. Cawood 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

**PARAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (1,020 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Elaine Graves (first quarter) 1, G. A. J. Langshaw 2, P. B. Gates 3, R. L. Clark (cond.) 4, R. W. Ferris 5, D. Langdon 6. To mark the visit of the Archbishop of Sydney.

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss P. Drury 1, J. King 2, A. D. Leach 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Cherryman, on his 75th birthday.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Nov. 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, H. W. Perkins 2, H. W. Milford 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. F. Myers 5, W. G. Lavers 6, F. E. Day (first as cond. on 10) 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to Miss R. J. Marks.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKs.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Chaddock 1, R. Lindsay (first quarter) 2, N. Donaven 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, S. Armeson 5, G. Lee 6, N. Chaddock 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On Nov. 5th, at St. Thomas' Church: 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela J. Williams (first of Triples) 1, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, Margaret R. Page 3, I. Ann Abrahams 4, Yvonne L. Elole 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, E. J. Doel 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the birth of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brand 1, Miss J. Wiggins 2, M. Bartlett 3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, D. Boniface (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,296 Spliced 10 Surprise: M. Bartlett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Also 1,296 Spliced 10 Surprise: Miss M. Gibson 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Jewitt 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Barton 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Rea 5, K. Cherill 6, M. Barton 7, Miss C. White 8. For Matins. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Sanders 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, Miss M. Taylor 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, M. P. Barton 5, J. C. Eisel 6, P. Cattermole 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 3 and 6. For Matins. Also for Evensong: 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Shepherd 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Chapman 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, K. Cherwill 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Wright 8. Also at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Williamson 1, R. Talbot 2, K. Cherill 3, G. Parsons 4, E. Talbot 5, C. Wood 6, M. Harbut 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**SWITHLAND, LEICS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (in eight methods): M. W. Brown (cond.) 1, J. Clark 2, R. Clark (first 'inside' in eight methods) 3, R. Lloyd 4, M. J. Copson 5, N. R. Ellway 6. First in eight methods by 2, 4, 5 and 6.

**SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, G. A. J. Langshaw 4, L. R. A. Curran 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to His Holiness the Pope. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob): Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. H. Fryer 2, G. A. J. Langshaw (first as cond.) 3, L. R. A. Curran 4, W. D. Watson 5. For evening Mass.

**TENBY, PEMBS.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: Stella Lewis 1, Gladys Richardson 2, Dorothy Saunders 3, J. Webb 4, A. Richardson 5, W. G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins 7, N. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong as a farewell and with the best wishes of the band to Miss Dorothy Saunders, in her forthcoming marriage.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Marshall (first quarter) 1, T. Price (first quarter) 2, R. Rex 3, A. Stacey (first quarter) 4, Pat Woodward-Smith 5, D. Muttram 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. For Sunday Service. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: T. Price 1, R. Christopher 2, Pat Woodward-Smith 3, W. Hunt 4, R. Rex 5, R. Pike 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, A. C. Christopher 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**TINTINHULL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. D. Munday 1, P. Cox 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tavener, of Tintinhull, on their recent marriage.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, B. Nulty 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lampard (first of Minor) 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, H. Taysom 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, I. G. Smith (first as cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**WARWICK.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, H. G. Summers 3, R. Harris 4, I. W. T. Taylor 5, L. M. Callow 6, P. Stone 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

**WIGTOFT, LINCs.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Elkington (first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Morris 2, F. Elkington 3, J. W. Bailey 4, L. H. Taylor 5, J. P. Morris (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): G. Markwell 1, H. Sharp (age 87) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, D. Mureft 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung to mark the 65th anniversary of Mr. H. Sharpe's first peal at Wilburton on November 17th, 1896.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (4 methods): D. Mureft 1, S. Shipp 2, G. Crisp 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, G. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung for Sung Eucharist.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margie Ness (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne Garnett 3, R. Mayes (first of Minor) 4, A. Bagworth 5, K. Newman (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of Viscount Linley, son of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, and for Evensong.



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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Netherton on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to the secretary. No names no tea.—M. D. Fellows, 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9278

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Hunts District at Over on December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9298

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6) on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon, Hamlet, Harrow. 9252

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 9258

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Stevenage on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9281

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—December 2nd. Rickmansworth (10). 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 6755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9303

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (instead of as shown in programme), Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6, 6½ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Pile, Mill Cottage, Little Chart, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 9286

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Gresley, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9296

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Langham (6 bells), Saturday, December 2nd. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing. 9305

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. St. Giles's, Cripplegate (12). 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., 142, Bishopsgate, 5, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8), afterwards. Names for tea to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts, or F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, S.W.18. 9233

**SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea afterwards. Everybody welcome.—R. D. Tomlin, Hon. Sec. 9311

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 2nd, Aspley. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 9308

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15, conducted by the Archdeacon of Lewes. Tea 5 p.m. only to those who notify E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, T.N. 438. 9300

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 9287

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 4th. 7 p.m. 9320

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, December 9th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9332

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, December 9th. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea early to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 9336

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 9330

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 9th, at Potton. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Hull Surprise. Please note change of tower.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9333

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 9319

**COVENTRY GUILD.**—Joint meeting, North and Southern Districts, Saturday, December 9th, at Kenilworth. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Royal (captain), 33, Waverly Road, Kenilworth, Warwick. 9339

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Heavytrees 7-8 p.m., also St. Thomas'. Names for tea to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9293

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting, Saturday, December 9th, at Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Frost, 122, Main Road, Morton, Derbyshire, by Thursday, please.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9334

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, December 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Henry VIII. Names by 7th to W. J. Bunch, Hillcrest, Chiddingstone Heath, Edenbridge, Kent. Annual dinner at Tunbridge Wells, February 20th, tickets 15s., available at this meeting or from Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. Please try and support.—C. A. Bassett. 9345

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Chesterton, on December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 9341

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), December 9th. 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important business following tea. Names by December 5th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9335

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Swindon, December 9th. Ringing 2-5 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting and social evening. Names for tea by Wednesday.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9347

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting, Minchinhampton, December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names essential by December 6th to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9342

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stow Branch.—Annual meeting, Stow-on-Wold, Saturday, December 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. Names for tea by Wednesday December 6th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 9337



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Meeting, December 9th, 3 p.m., Widford.—T. J. Southam. 9349

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, London Road, King's Langley. No name no tea. 9344

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne (please note change of tower) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend.

**LADIES' GUILD**—Eastern District.—Meeting at Long Stratton on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Dickleburgh (6) from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. E. J. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, by Wednesday, December 6th. Everyone welcome. 9342

**LADIES' GUILD**—Western District.—Meeting at Twerton, Bath, Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. Alan Lee, 3, Fernley Terrace, High Street, Twerton, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, December 9th, at Newhey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations required for new secretary. Evening ringing at Milnrow.—Hudson, Sec. 9358

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Names to J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 9360

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. A. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool 19. 9357

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church (St. Laurence), Saturday, December 9th. No tea arrangements, cafes nearby. Meeting in church 5.45 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9356

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish on Saturday, December 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers, etc.—L. Kenrick, Sec. 9354

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Loughborough District.—Ibstock (6), December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock.—W. W. Hall. 9314

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-upon-Soor, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m., for those who notify by December 7th Mrs. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow. (Tel. Quorn 2813.) 9340

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, White Hart Club Room, 5 p.m. For tea please notify me by Monday, December 4th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 9297

**NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES**—Meeting at Leeds, Saturday, December 9th. St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) 2-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 3-5; Parish Church (12) 6-7 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. Couperthwaite. 9355

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Great Yarmouth, December 9th (note change of date). Bells (12) from 1.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Very essential names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, December 6th, at 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 9275

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winslow (8), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Choral Evensong 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cowley, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 6th, to Mr. W. F. Holloway, 30, Marsh Road, Cowley, Oxford. 9343

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham postponed until December 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Townsend, Well Street, Buckingham, by December 6th. Please note change of date.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 9316

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Meeting at Shifnal, on December 9th. Bells available from 3 till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Salter, 15, Church Street, Shifnal, by previous Wednesday. Nominations for officers for 1962 to be given in. 9352

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, December 9th. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 9350

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**SUFFOLK GUILD**—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 9325

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting, Limpsfield, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield, by December 6th. Chart bells also after business meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 9282

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Washington (6) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 9346

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 9th, 11 a.m.-12 noon Immanuel, Streatham (8); 1.45 p.m.-2.45 St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey (10); 3.15-4.15 St. Peter's, South Croydon (10); 6-7 St. Leonard's, Streatham (8). All welcome. 9329

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 13th to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester.—E. Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9329

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Combined meeting with SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY at Goole on December 16th. (Beverley not available.) Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.15. Christmas tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before Thursday, December 14th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9324

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Western District.—Meeting at Drighlington, December 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Briggs' Cafe, followed by business meeting in Sunday School. Names for tea by Friday, December 15th, to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Drighlington, near Bradford, Yorkshire.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9351

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—The A.G.M. will take place at Shardlow, on January 13th, 1962, at 3 p.m. Nomination forms for officers and committee to be returned by December 20th, 1961.—R. S. Barker, Hon. Sec. 9321

#### UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The annual dinner for the present session (1961-62) will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 1962. Details later. 9318

### 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 1st, 1911.—

A serious accident happened in the belfry at Southover, Lewes, on Sunday afternoon. The steeple keeper (Mr. A. S. Langridge) went up among the bells while they were up to adjust the muffies, which had been put on owing to the death of the Rev. E. D. Stead, when he got in the way of the tenor, which was being tolled, and was knocked into the pit. Fortunately the bell did not strike him, but the slide bar hit him on the knee, and, as was afterwards ascertained, fractured his knee cap.

Only two ringers were in the ringing chamber below. On finding something wrong they hurried to the bell floor, where they found Mr. Langridge in the pit. With difficulty they extricated him from the perilous position, and got him down the steep ladder and stairs to the church below. Thence he was taken home, afterwards to hospital, where he will have to remain for some time.

The accident again illustrates the danger of going among bells when they are up, and particularly when any of them are being rung. Too much care cannot be exercised both by those who find it necessary to go up among the bells and by those who may at the time be in the belfry below.

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**STAMFORD, Lincs.**—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, P. D. Baldock 3 C. Matthews 4, G. S. Bush 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For Evensong, on the Patronal Festival.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Ashman (first quarter) 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, Miss A. O'Flaherty 4, A. R. Peake 5, Miss J. Cooke 6.

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**DEDDINGTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Minnear 1, Mrs. Y. M. Gibson 2, E. W. Honour 3, W. H. Minnear 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, B. J. Sykes 6. A farewell to Yvonne M. Gibson, who is leaving Deddington to join her husband in the Persian Gulf.

**DERBY.**—On Nov. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire) (7, 6, 8 cover): K. Betesta 1, D. Astridge (cond.) 2, G. Bridges 3, A. Bridges 4, H. Bridges 5, J. Kettle 6, D. K. Walklate 7, W. Allsop 8. For Evensong.

**DORKING, SURREY.**—On Nov. 13th, 720 Cambridge Minor: B. Read 1, Olive Boulden 2, Ethel Clear 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6. First of Surprise by 1, 3 and 6, and first ever by Dorking local band.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Leigh 1, D. E. Leigh 2, Ann George 3, E. J. Jenner 4, J. E. Warner 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6, S. Jenner 7, L. J. Fox 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

**EXHALL, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hammond (first quarter) 1, K. Gardner (first quarter) 2, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 3, A. K. Fortin 4, D. J. Allen 5, S. Woodward 6. For Evensong.

**EYNSHAM, OXON.**—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew): A. Hicks 1, H. Miles 2, C. Hale (first 'inside') 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. On St. Leonard's Day, for Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. Whelan (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Stopp 1, Miss C. Stobart 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, G. Riglar (first as cond.) 5, R. Curry 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Bob Doubles by all.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bruce 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Cherry Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): B. Hudson 1, G. L. Lovett (cond.) 2, M. E. White 3, T. Dexter 4, W. Swan 5, J. Preston 6, W. W. Draper 7, M. Briggs 8. Rung before the bell ringers' annual service.

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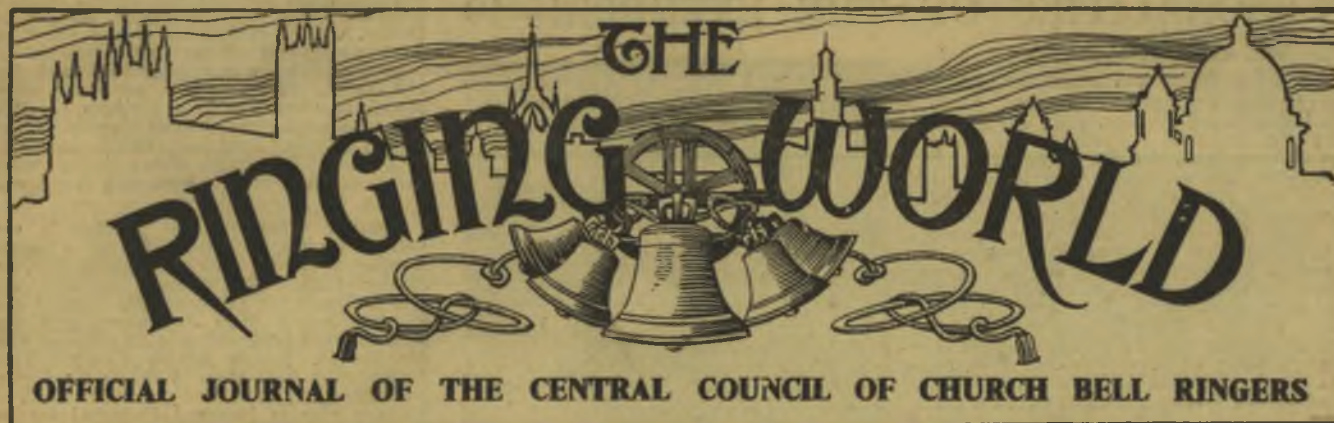
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## QUESTION AND ANSWER

**J**UDGING from the result of the survey made not long ago, ringing for Sunday services holds a prominent and encouraging place in most dioceses. Now some correspondence hints at the existence of an unhappy attitude of ringers towards the worship of the Church. It might be interesting to have an additional survey giving some countrywide statistics to prove, or disprove, the supposed facts.

Meanwhile these few observations are humbly offered.

(1) Some may have become ringers by direct attraction to the art, finding it a pleasurable recreation without being in any way inclined towards religion. If that is so it must, of course, be questionable that they should frequent church towers, especially on Sundays, just for their own enjoyment, with no intention of ever sharing in the services of the church. An incumbent might rightly object to such being members of the band for service ringing, but much tact would be called for if he is to avoid giving offence or, possibly, alienating other ringers.

(2) Where the ringers are paid—if any such cases exist—the incumbent might feel justified in claiming that they should attend services for which they ring. But it is doubtful if he would keep a band together by so doing or that sincerity of worship would be assured.

(3) Apart from extreme cases like the above, one is not prepared to endorse the opinion that any ringers are 'making a mockery of the bells' by walking away from the particular service following the ringing. That could be an unfair condemnation, for some indeed may have been present at an early Communion service unnoticed by those who, only attending a later service, are quick to remark upon the ringers' absence.

(4) It will be borne in mind that numbers of ringers in these days act also as members of the choir, as servers, churchwardens and sidesmen. These probably attend regularly the services for which they ring, and they understand perfectly well from the outset that their duties will involve attendance *in addition* to the time given in the belfry.

(5) Certainly ringers who regard themselves as church workers can be trusted to recognise their obligation to share in worship, but reason forbids that any ringer should come under compulsion to attend any particular service for which the bells have been rung. Principles and personal circumstances are involved which need to be respected, and sympathetic understanding is called for before any arbitrary rules are threatened or imposed.

(6) Most parishes have a sufficient recruiting ground for the belfry, and it rests largely with the clergy to see that

their bells are manned by those who are, or are likely to be, regular worshippers.

(7) It is still possible to hear preachers (even bishops) at ringers' meetings reiterating that those who ring for Sunday services should attend the service to which they call other people; some, too, who seem to have in mind belfry conditions which have long ago ceased to exist. To perpetuate the assumption that ringers as a whole are a non-churchgoing crowd is wrong. And it must be stressed that to force a rule upon the belfry that ringing for a service carries with it the obligation to attend that service can be the worst possible policy. One may well ask why ringers who have already given time in sounding the bells should be regimented in some such way while (as 'Rural Ringer' pointed out in the issue of November 24th) the comparatively small percentage of churchgoers among the parishioners are not. Under present day habits, the majority of churchpeople seem to satisfy their consciences with one only service on a Sunday. It is, after all, a matter of conscience, and doubtless there are consciences which need awakening: but the Church is not likely to gain by regarding churchgoing, or indeed any expression of religion, as anything but voluntary, and it is not logical to wag the finger at the ringers as setting a poor example.

(8) The clergy may affect disappointment, and even give way to wrath, if the bells are rung and the ringers are not seen at the service following. But they will, one ventures to say, in most cases be wrong to assume that the ringers are indifferent to worship. The latter may not be so much at fault after all, for in how many belfries where the bells are consistently rung are the clergy rarely, if ever, seen? In how many do they foster any comradeship between themselves and their ringers? One or two of the ringers may be more patently recognised as ardent church workers, but the remainder may be no less religiously minded. Obviously the incumbent will only discover the truth by personal contact with them, though he may not be ready to handle a bell himself. He can make a huge mistake by letting the belfry become as a foreign land to him. He needs to be aware that ringers are not just a gang of rope pullers but that there is something quite scientific going on in the belfry calling for intelligence and mental concentration worthy of educated recognition and encouragement.

Nevertheless, we can be thankful today that so many of the clergy are themselves ringers and know what to say, and what not to say, when they are addressing Guild meetings. Also, not least, can we be thankful for the numbers of belfries where both clergy and ringers have complete confidence in one another and are working steadily together for the greater glory of God.

C. C. C.



# PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—49

## MR. ARTHUR V. DAVIS,

### Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The famous Bournemouth handbell band, which began during the war, when tower bell ringing was restricted, was mainly the result of the enthusiasm of Mr. Arthur V. Davis, of Southbourne, Bournemouth. The initial instruction was provided by the late Fred W. Townsend, and from 1940-49 over 100 peals were rung. During this period Arthur Davis had the satisfaction of calling the first handbell peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters Cinques, and also Plain Bob Minor, Major and Royal ever recorded in Bournemouth and district. The peal of which he is most proud is undoubtedly the Grandsire Cinques, rung in St. Peter's belfry on September 3rd, 1946, as it was the first peal on 12 handbells rung in Hampshire, and first by a resident band for the Guild.

Arthur Davis was born on May 26th, 1900, and lived as a boy for two or three years in East London with his aunt, who was vergeress at the famous Red Church, Bethnal Green. He well remembers hearing the bells of St. Matthew's every Sunday morning during this time. Later moving to Bournemouth, he won a scholarship to Bournemouth Grammar School in 1912. On leaving school he had a short period in a solicitor's office in 1917, and was then called up in 1918 to serve in the Hampshire Regiment for 2½ years, being demobbed with the rank of sergeant. He then joined his father in the decorating business, and is now a master decorator in a small way of business.

Arthur began his long association with St. Peter's, Bournemouth, during the First World War, when he joined the choir as an alto-chorister, a post he held for 40 years. He became interested in other activities, and joined the St. Peter's servers, and was also elected a member of the Parochial Church Council. This latter appointment was to be succeeded in later years by election to the Rural Decanal Conference, and also the Winchester Diocesan Conference, on which he served for nine years. In 1936 he was appointed honorary assistant sacristan, and during the second war he was in sole charge of St. Peter's as verger and sacristan, doing the work in a part time capacity with the help of volunteers.

Arthur learnt to ring at St. Peter's in 1925, being taught to handle a bell by Stanley E. Andrews, a ringer and chorister, who joined the band on coming to live in Bournemouth from Wisbech, Cambs. His first peal was Bob Major on April 9th, 1928, conducted by Fred G. Cole, who was unfortunately killed during the war, while on a test flight. He scored his first peal as conductor with Grandsire Triples at Poole on December 26th, 1932, and rang his first peal of Cambridge Major at Romsey on November 28th, 1938, conducted by George Williams. During this early period methods practised in Bournemouth and district were mainly Triples, with perhaps some Major at St. John's, Surrey Road. Double Norwich at a District meeting was a luxury! All Arthur's early Surprise peals were scored by looking up the blue line, and attempting peals with the Southampton and Portsmouth ringers, and he scored Yorkshire, Bristol and London without previous practice. His present total of peals is about 212, of which half have been rung on handbells, and he has conducted about 50.

### SAVED TOWER FROM INCENDIARY BOMB

In 1935 Arthur was elected captain of St. Peter's, and was immediately fortunate enough to persuade the new Vicar (then Canon Hedley Burrows, later Dean of Hereford) that some bell restoration was necessary. He was successful beyond his wildest dreams, because the bells were not only rehung in modern fittings, but were all recast, thanks to the generosity of Mr. E. Dennison Taylor himself. During the war, while leading a band of voluntary fire-watchers and Royal Canadian Air Force personnel, under the supervision of the same Vicar (himself a fire officer), Arthur had the satisfaction of saving the bells and tower from destruction by fire on May 23rd, 1943, when the Germans made a severe daylight raid on Bournemouth.



During the three or four years immediately prior to the war, Arthur organised special practices for Surprise ringing, in conjunction with Mrs. Marshallsay, H. A. Mitchell (of St. John's), W. E. Cheater (Ringwood), F. F. Rigby and others. Several quarter peals were rung, and the first attempt by a local company for a peal of Cambridge Major was lost only after 2½ hours' ringing. When tower bell ringing was restricted during the war, Arthur, with the co-operation of the Rev. C. A. Phillips and George Preston, organised quarterly meetings between the local Districts of the Salisbury and Winchester Guilds, which were a great success. They were attended by upwards of 50 members, handbell ringing was available, and there was always a service at St. Peter's, followed by a tea and social in the hall, or in the Rev. C. A. Phillips' garden during the summer. A tune ringing band was formed and was in great demand to contribute to local concerts and entertainments arranged for the troops. Arthur has given numerous lectures on bells and bellringing to youth groups, clubs and local societies, etc., usually enjoying the help of the handbell ringers to give practical demonstrations and some tunes. With the arrival of Mr. Daniel T. Matkin in Bournemouth, the handbell peal ringing developed even more, into Spliced Plain Major ringing and two record lengths of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

### BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY AND DINNER

After the war, in company with Mrs. Marshallsay, Rev. C. A. Phillips and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart as the organising committee, Arthur inaugurated the Bournemouth ringers' rally and dinner in 1947. This function lasted for nine years, and all of them were most enjoyable, though attendances varied. Perhaps the most successful was during the visit of the Central Council in 1953, when Arthur had the privilege of organising the local arrangements to welcome the Council on behalf of the Guild. He has held the office of peal recorder for the Guild for 10 years, acted as District secretary for the same period, and in 1960 was elected a representative to the Central Council, which he feels to be a great honour and privilege.

Arthur was first married in 1922, and his first wife, Grace, was a great help to him in all his ringing activities. She was his 'right-hand man,' especially in organising the rallies, assisting with peal record writing, and District secretarial work. They had two children, who both became ringers. John, who gained his London B.Sc., and is now mathematics master at Bournemouth Grammar School, has two children, and Mary, married and living at

Southport, has three in her family, including twin daughters. Unfortunately, Mrs. Grace Davies died in 1955, after a very short and most unexpected illness had required an operation. This was a great loss to Arthur, and he was forced to give up much of his organising work, because of her help. In 1958, Arthur remarried, and he and his wife, Gillian, have a daughter aged two, who is quite used to visiting Christchurch Priory belfry, where her father and mother both ring for Sunday service.

Amongst other activities, Arthur is very keen on amateur dramatics. He was a founder member of the St. Peter's Players in 1926, one of the leading Bournemouth societies, and was chairman for 12 years. He directed over 40 full length plays for them, and also produced and presented over 25 religious plays for the St. Peter's Drama Group. These presentations took place in St. Peter's Church and other churches, and he took the York Nativity play to Hereford Cathedral for two performances in 1953. He is now a vice-president of the society. Arthur has also played cricket for 45 years, and was secretary for most of that time. His first club was the St. Peter's Cricket Club, which disbanded during the war, and afterwards joined the Old Bournemouthians Cricket Club, now one of the leading clubs in the district. He took over 100 wickets each season for 12 consecutive seasons for the St. Peter's Club.

During the period that Arthur was captain at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, a large number of ringers visited the tower, while on holiday. Joining the local company for service ringing and practices, they were usually impressed by the high standard of striking which Arthur insisted upon. In the past he was most happy when teaching beginners, and arranging a peal attempt for a first pealer. Although Arthur is having a lull in teaching and organising activities at present, he is still always willing to help in any way to further the cause of the art.

APACE.

## LUTON DISTRICT RINGING CONTEST

By kind permission of Canon C. Elliot Wigg the annual ringing contest of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Wavendon on November 18th. It was held here because some members thought that a neutral tower should be used. Only four teams entered: several more were expected, but some of those present were more than suspicious of the absence of certain teams when it was known that a 'local' football team were playing at home and that a very well known player was going to be present.

Nevertheless, there still remained an air of keenness and expectation around 3.45 p.m., when captains drew lots for their positions in the contest.

Each band rang rounds for half a minute to get the feel of the bells and then stood. They then rang rounds for five minutes. Somewhere around the church and out of sight were Mr. Stephen Ivins and Mr. A. E. Rushton listening for any bad blows that were made and giving a mark for each one.

After tea, held at the 'Plough,' the judges gave their remarks and scores for each band, known to them only by number. Once again, Westoning were the winners with 135 faults. Woburn were 2nd with 145, Leighton Buzzard 3rd with 180, and Husbourn Crawley 4th with 206.

The trophy was presented to the winners by Rev. Robin Osborne, priest-in-charge and a ringer at Woburn. This was followed by handbell ringing, with Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, now nearly 87 and as keen as ever, taking part. There was then further ringing in the tower, which included London, Cambridge, Woodbine and Plain Bob Minor. Grandsire and Steadman Doubles. The Rev. Elliot Wigg was not able to be present, as he was at Oxford being installed an honorary canon at the Cathedral. Our sincere thanks are offered to him for allowing us to use his bells.

F. S.



# BRIAN PRICE WITH HIS RINGING MACHINE

By ARTHUR SHUTTLEWOOD

ONE of the electronic marvels of our age has been invented and painstakingly assembled by Mr. Brian Price, maths master at the 254-year-old Lord Weymouth School, Warminster, where the father of English education, the immortal Dr. Arnold, enjoyed his early schooling. The machine created by Mr. Price can faithfully reproduce any complicated method, or any peal in any method, that a total complement of up to 10 church bells can perform. Working off the main on 24 volts direct current, it can, in fact, run for 90 days, non-stop, without any repetition—a remarkable feat! It uses but 200 units of electricity in the melodious process and emulates the tuneful effect of no less than 3,628,800 bells being rung from a bell tower!

It can, in brief, accomplish anything that can be done in a church belfry by six, eight or 10 bells set in motion, and is the first electrically operated change ringing machine ever devised. The intricate mechanism took bell ringing enthusiast Brian 18 months to construct: his inventive genius and mathematical aptitude were fully tested in bringing about absolute perfection, with electrical impulses corresponding to notes used in every method imaginable in the sphere of ringing. The apparatus is so wired and geared that it will eventually accommodate handbells to simulate the larger church bells; but at the moment it connects to an ordinary toy xylophone!

The machine stands 4 ft. 6 ins. high, is 2 ft. wide, 1 ft. deep and weighs 3 cwt. It is a veritable labyrinth of wires, condensers, coils, relays, push-buttons, light bulbs, differential gears, magnet-operated clutches, camshafts, cable, pinions, uniselectors and sundry other components of electrical equipment, at which the lay mind can only boggle in awe and wonder. Yet, with a remote control unit clasped in one hand, fingers of the other deftly depressing certain of the 228 metallic buttons in the steel-faced surface of the machine, determining whether the delicately-balanced mechanism should take instruction in ringing rounds, singles or grouped sequences in the thousands of methods which it is capable of reproducing, Brian makes it all look so very simple with its sensitively attuned accuracy.

## THE BLUE LINE

In addition to the extensive change ringing potential of this amazing machine, it is also fitted with another ingenious device that is of immense value to ringers. At the base of the complicated structure is an ordinary pen which records the bell impulses in diagrammatic form, transcribing each peal, each method rung by the electronic body of the apparatus on to paper in the traditional 'blue line' calligraphy synonymous with arrangements published in bell ringing books of instruction.

Here, the inventor has utilised clever employment of meccano mechanism to provide a camshaft and differential gears that work in conjunction with magnet-operated clutches to get the predetermined desired effect and result. It is a technically brilliant piece of machinery matched only by the flawless structure of the main unit. One boy at the school, fifth former David Lane, evolved his own original ringing method, which was subsequently 'fed' to the electrical brain of the machine, assimilated, then 'played back' correctly. Experiments in new tune patterns and sequences can therefore be facilitated by the use of this apparatus, recorded and kept for posterity or temporary filing only.

The first change ringing machine was invented by John Carter, of Birmingham, in the 19th century. Mechanically operated, it



is now housed in the Kensington Science Museum. Carter called it a campanamutaphone. Brian's modern electrical counterpart is far easier to manipulate and is adaptable to any peal any method.

The latest invention can be adapted to 6, 8 or 10 bells, with a three-way selector switch accommodating each number group. If cancellations are wanted (such as a 'single bob,' or according to a conductor's call) they can speedily be done by depressing certain buttons. Adjustment mechanism prevents any 'getting out of phase.' In action, the machine is practically noiseless apart from the ringing: only a low burr is heard as the uniselectors and 250 telephone relays whirl into being. It is rather like the distant crackle of a machine-gun. The steel framework was made from a window frame. When metal was in short supply, a bell ringing friend of Brian's, working at a metal window factory, placed an 'urgently required' label on one and it was immediately sent to Mr. Price post haste as a priority shipment!

The facing is of welded steel, with raised aluminium girder buttons protruding. Inside is a vast network of bell wire. Most of the equipment is telephonic. All the buttons correspond to some method, with light bulbs showing the operator which row is currently being activated in the elaborate circuit. Mr. Price stresses that the machine is not meant to supplant church bells. It is primarily designed for the interest of bell ringers and the practising of different methods by the Minster Church Band of Ringers, to which he belongs. Will he patent the invention and launch it on the commercial market? He smiled ruefully, shrugged his shoulders as he revealed:

'When I bought the various components several years ago, I managed to get them pretty cheaply. Nowadays, to construct the machine from scratch would definitely cost a small fortune. I doubt whether anyone, except perhaps for ringing guilds and bands, would be really interested in purchase of such a piece of apparatus. Frankly, I could easily make it actually ring church bells themselves, which might prove helpful in case of emergency—if several ringers were taken ill at the same time, for example. But I built it mainly for my own pleasure and to help fellow ringers in their practice.'

Mr. Price, who is 37 years of age and extremely modest, started teaching at the Lord Weymouth School only this term, coming from Marlow, Bucks. He has invented a number of comparatively minor gadgets in the past and is now concentrating upon the invention of an automatic school bell ringing mechanism, which should be welcome news for prefects who usually carry out this task.

His change ringing machine has aroused much interest and curiosity among those privileged few who have so far seen it in tuneful action, locally.

**BLOXHAM, OXON.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Peglar 1, B. J. Davies 2, M. W. Coleman 3, E. G. Jones 4, C. C. Clarke 5, L. A. Busby 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8.

**BROMLEY, KENT.**—On Nov. 15th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Newman 1, Miss R. M. Jenkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. M. Claridge 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. G. Foster 5, D. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE LADIES' PEAL AT BRADFORD

Dear Sir,—I listened to the whole of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Bradford Cathedral by some of the stronger members of the weaker sex which is the subject of comment by my old friend 'E.H.S.', of Shipley.

I am able to confirm that:

- (a) Seven extents were rung;
- (b) Despite the brisk speed they were rung very well; and
- (c) That my wife is not standing over me with a rolling pin dictating this letter.

—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Northowram, Halifax.

### WHEN THE INCUMBENT IS UNACCEPTABLE

Dear Sir.—I have read with interest the letters about ringers not attending the services for which they ring. May I express a view which, I believe, is widely held, though rarely heard?

If the incumbent has a really poor churchman among his ringers, he can do one of two things:

(1) He can reason with the ringer, and find out why he does not attend church. As some of your previous correspondents have shown, he may have very good reasons for not being able to attend. If he has no good reason for not staying, the incumbent should strive to convert him.

(2) He can forbid the ringer to ring: if he wishes, he can close the tower altogether, and it has been done before.

The incumbent himself may be unacceptable to the parish, but the laity have no power to remove him. How many ringers fail to stay to the service, because they find the spirit lacking? It takes a strong personality to reason with an incumbent, and to strive to find understanding together.

In most cases non-attendance is the only way of showing disapproval, and unfortunately it does no good to either party.

In nearly all the churches I have known, I have found a good, sincere incumbent has no difficulty in getting his ringers to stay for the service. Perhaps someone can tell me whether it is morally wrong to ring for a service which one no longer has the heart to attend or should one keep ringing for the sake of the band and for the church in general? At present I am a regular attender, but I have my doubts as to whether I am a 'good churchman.'—Yours faithfully,

W. M. ELLIOTT (Miss).

Kelvedon, Colchester.

### The Pleasures Of Learning

The learner stands expectant,  
Prepared to do or die.  
The tuft rears up remonstrant,  
Defying hand and eye.  
A hairsbreadth off the balance,  
It hobs—shoots out of sight.  
Removing one lamp standard  
In its destructive flight.  
And down it slaps elusive  
Delighted to be free.  
Delighted? Oh not he!  
Our hero ducks and weaves unsure,  
The rest 'stand,' and gaze silent  
As the 'rebel's' brought to heel,  
For maybe they remember  
When that contrary wheel  
Brought on their own misfortune  
While winging on its way  
—Propelled them to the ceiling.  
On snapping off a stay.

R.C.

### BADGE DIFFICULTIES

Dear Sir.—For many years the Guildford Diocesan Guild has purchased badges from an Aldershot firm; now, however, the firm has been taken over by a London firm, which is attempting to impose considerable increase in the prices. As an example our small plated brooches, which were 3s. each until last February, when they were increased to 4s., are now quoted at 7s. 6d. each, plus postage.

All other types of brooches and badges are quoted at similarly increased prices. Negotiations with the firm have produced no results, it being stated that the small quantities in which we buy, usually dozens or less, are uneconomic; the firm is interested in thousands.

Will any secretary, or other person who can help, please let me have details of their source of supply. The two dies used are our property. I would appreciate this information to the address below, as soon as possible, please.

On several occasions in the past I have referred secretaries to the Aldershot firm; there would appear to be a good reason for them to check their new prices.

Would Guildford Guild members please note our difficulties and bear with us if the supply of badges is short for a while.—Yours, etc.,

G. S. S. JOYCE.

Badge Secretary.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.

130, Ship Lane,  
Farnborough, Hants.

### GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—The statement made by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead at the last meeting of the Central Council was very misleading indeed. In my letter to him I put forward reasons why from a practical point of view the name should be retained, but I also said quite definitely that if the members of the Methods Committee could not agree to this, I was quite prepared to change the name. Both Mr. Felstead and Mr. Lewis (who had a copy of the letter) appear to have overlooked this. I have received no reply to my letter.

In the course of some correspondence with Mr. J. R. Mayne I raised the matter with him, and in a private capacity and not as a member of the Methods Committee he has gone into some detail to show why the Royal cannot be accepted as a true extension of the Major, there being at least one other extension with an equal claim. I am grateful to Mr. Mayne for the trouble he took to clear up the matter.

As the method is so closely related to Lincolnshire, I feel it should have a Lincolnshire name, and with the approval of the Boston ringers I have decided to rename it Boston. As the method has not previously appeared in 'The Ringing World' the place notation is:

30-4-50-16-70-18-16-7-1258-9 2nd's place.

—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

Lichfield, Staffs.

### FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir.—It is with a heavy heart that I write to withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on October 7th, 1961, due to internal falseness in the composition.

I offer apologies to the band, some of whom had travelled a long way, the Peals Analysis Committee, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, and any others whose records may have been confounded.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

JOHN M. JELLEY.

### VISITING GLASGOW

Dear Sir.—Once again, a ringer visiting Glasgow for the first time has been directed to the wrong church, consequently arriving at St. Mary's Cathedral almost too late for a ring.

The latest victim travelled from Greenock to Glasgow—a journey of 25 miles—and was directed to High Street (St. Mungo's) instead of to Great Western Road. By the time he found St. Mary's he was only able to have a course of Stedman Triples and a few moments in rounds on the ten.

Glasgow has three Cathedrals; St. Andrew's Roman Catholic, our own St. Mary's and the old Glasgow Cathedral, now St. Mungo's Church of Scotland, but always known as 'The Cathedral.' A visitor inquiring for the Cathedral will almost certainly be sent to St. Mungo's, which is two miles from St. Mary's.

If ringers who are likely to visit Glasgow would make a note in Dove to ask for St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Great Western Road, it would save both them and us from disappointment. If they are not travelling by private car they can take a trip on our underground railway, known locally as 'The Subway.' Alight at Kelvinbridge Station, which is only three minutes' walk from St. Mary's.

I need hardly add that there are no bells at either St. Andrew's or St. Mungo's.—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

60, Bearford Drive,  
Glasgow, S.W.2.

### LADIES AT ROCHESTER

Dear Sir.—Referring to the second part of M. Mitchell's letter, re 'Ladies at Rochester,' I would like to say that the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was formed nearly eight years ago, and, until the last two years, held their own meetings, but owing to the six Districts of the 'Kent County' it was not always possible to find a suitable date for everyone, so it was suggested that we try and combine with the various Districts, which, I may say, has worked very well.

Do I detect an element of jealousy among my Rochester District friends? I thought we had finished with that kind of thing way back in 1911!

Incidentally, all but two of the ladies at the Rochester meeting had every right to be there as they are members of the Rochester District, as well as the Ladies' Guild!—Yours faithfully,

E. M. MITCHELL (Mrs.)

Gravesend.

### HANDBELL PEALS IN LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH AREA

Dear Sir.—Congratulations to the young band who rang a handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor at Llandaff on November 8th, conducted by Nicholas Simon.

I should point out that theirs is not the first peal 'in hand' for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association since the war, as, to my knowledge, two handbell peals of Plain Bob Minor were rung in 1952. One of these, conducted by Mr. A. R. Price on May 24th, 1952, in which Mrs. A. R. Price and myself took part, was the first peal 'in hand' for the Association by a resident band.—Yours faithfully,

D. HULBERT (Miss)

Rumney, Cardiff.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 College Triples: H. King 1. R. Tomlin 2. M. Sinden 3. F. May 4. M. Hallitt 5. G. Sandwell 6. A. House (cond.) 7. W. Ward 8. Rung for Evensong.

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## FRANK SKIDMORE MEMORIAL DEDICATED

In the presence of about 70 members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association the credence table, given to St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, as a memorial to the late Mr. Frank Skidmore, was dedicated on November 18th by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Michael W. Hocking. At the same time two table cloths for use on the table and given by Mrs. Skidmore were dedicated.

It was a representative gathering of those who had known Frank Skidmore during the many years of his service to the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

In his address, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, of Stratton St. Margaret, said that he had known Frank Skidmore only as a ringer, but that was enough for him to be able to realise that Frank was far more than just a ringer, and that he was also a church man. Those who had not known him and were at the service would in years to come be able to say when the question, Did you know Frank Skidmore? was asked, answer No, but I was at the dedication of his memorial at St. Ambrose's, Bristol.

One might have expected, continued Mr. Bryant, the Association to have had something put in the belfry, perhaps a bookcase, but this table, which would be in a corner of the church to hold the bread and the wine before the consecration, had been chosen. It would be seen only by those who looked for it, or joined in the service of the church to the fullest as did Frank, and it was a very suitable memorial to such a man.

After the service tea was provided for all present by Mrs. Skidmore in the Church Hall and was greatly enjoyed. The Master of the Association (Mr. W. H. Truman) presided and said that this would be the last official occasion in which Mr. Hocking would take part as he was leaving for Guildford shortly.

The Vicar, in reply, said that he had met his new churchwarden at Guildford, who was a newspaper man, being a local editor, and also another paper of which they had all heard, 'The Ringing World.' When he came to St. Ambrose's he very soon met Frank Skidmore, who gave him some good advice about how to handle the ringers—the result was an excellent team.

There was ringing both before the service and after the tea on the eight bells, C.R.

## UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL SOCIETY

The fourth business meeting of the University of Liverpool Society was held on November 10th. This was the first meeting since the Society's recognition by the University's Guild of Undergraduates.

The Master said in his report that, during the past year, many advances had been made, such as the Society's first peal, and also the commencement of its own practices. He also welcomed the large number of ringing freshers who, he said, had already raised the standard of ringing.

The main business was the creating of an ordinary committee member, and also, the changing of the time of the annual general meeting to the beginning of the summer term. Mr. G. H. Pullin was re-elected president, and Mr. P. S. Bennett re-elected Ringing Master. Also Mr. C. K. Cooper was elected honorary secretary/treasurer, and Mr. J. H. Fielden was elected as the committee. C. K. C.

## PRESENTATIONS TO CANON G. DIXON

Chairman of the Central Bucks Branch for 25 years and a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Canon George Dixon recently received presentations to mark his 40 years as Rector of Waddesdon and 50 years in the ministry.

The presentations were made at a meeting of parishioners at Waddesdon Village Hall, and included a silver chalice, an armchair, a television set, a priest's cloak and a birthday cake. There was also a book containing the names of 614 subscribers.

Bishop Robert Hay, former Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham, in making the presentations said he thought that one of the reasons they had such a deep affection for Canon Dixon was because he was a countryman through and through. 'He can keep his own cow and milk it,' said the Bishop.

Another reason given by the Bishop of the Canon's popularity was fearlessness in speaking his mind. 'People dislike a mere yes-man. They like a man who can speak his piece and stand up for his views.'

In his thanks to the parishioners, Canon Dixon recalled that when he first spoke to them 40 years earlier he had said some pretty straightforward things, but they had shown, by their behaviour since then, that they could take it. While he was able to do the work he would continue as their Rector.

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## ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On November 11th the Guild met at Queensbury, said to be the highest ring of bells above sea level. Despite a very cold day, the meeting was really well attended, and it was felt that some good work had been done for the learners present. Our efforts at Surprise and Spliced Surprise are coming along well. We are grateful for the welcome we received from the Vicar and local company, and we are sure the day was one of the best. Our next meeting will be the annual of the Guild and will be held at Ripponden on February 3rd. Please note change of date. D. S.

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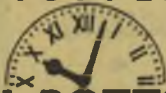
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## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 8th, 1911.—

The crowning glory of a fine peal of eight bells has been added to the new tower of Appledore Church, Devon, by the generosity of Mr. W. J. Tatem, a native of Appledore, and the present High Sheriff of Glamorgan-shire. The tenor of the new peal is about 104 cwt. in G. and everyone who has heard the bells has been struck with their sweetness and beauty of tone. They are from the foundry of John Warner and Sons, Ltd., bell founders to the King, who secured the Grand Prix at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, thus repeating the recognition they received at the same building when erected in Hyde Park in the great exhibition of 1851. The bells have been hung in their iron and steel frame, under the personal superintendence of Mr. Robert Warner, and the work of positioning them in the rather small space has been admirably carried out. A chiming apparatus has also been provided.....

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## DEDICATION

## SCALDWELL, NORTHANTS

The augmentation of the old ring of four bells at Scaldwell, Northants, by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. John Taylor, proves yet another example of the excellence of the work of the Loughborough foundry with which this diocese has been enriched.

The new treble joins four 17th century bells, which had been unsafe for many years, but which, with the bell founders' attention, combine to form a really first class, well balanced ring, in a new metal frame. The second, fourth and tenor are by Watts, 1621, and the third by Henry Bagley, 1682.

Details of the bells are as follows:

Treble	28½"	D	4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
2nd	31"	C	5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
3rd	32"	B	6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
4th	34½"	A	7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.
Tenor	38"	G	10 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

## INSCRIPTIONS

Treble: Holy Trinity, Northampton, 1961. H. J. Vaughan, H. R. Coleman.

2nd: IHS NAZARENVS REX IVDEORVM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI. 1621.

3rd: Henry Bagley made mee. 1682.

4th: CELORVM CHRSTE PLATIAT TIBI REX SONVS ISTE. 1621.

Tenor: CVM SONO SI NIN VIS VENIRE NVNQVAM AD PRECES CYPRIES IRE. 1621.

The treble incorporates the metal of a small bell given to Scaldwell by Holy Trinity, Northampton, and the inscription, as will be seen, records the name of that church, though one wonders what future bell historians will make of it!

The restored bells were rung for the first time after a brief dedicatory prayer by the priest-in-charge prior to Evensong on Sunday, November 19th, by an invited team from Daventry and Northampton towers.

The people of the tiny parish (population 190) are to be congratulated on their efforts to raise the £1,100 necessary for the work. This is only the first part of a major restoration, which is to cost over £3,000.

P. I. C.

## A NEW YORKSHIRE SIX

A new ring of six will be dedicated on Friday, December 15th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Scalby, near Scarborough. The service of dedication will commence at 7.30 p.m., and the ceremony will be performed by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Ven. F. E. Ford, who was formerly Vicar of St. Mary's, Scarborough.

The opening rounds will be rung by some of Scarborough's ringers. A team is being trained at Scalby, but they will not be ready much before the New Year.

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## Marlborough Branch

The annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Marlborough on November 25th, with an attendance of some 30 ringers. St. Mary's lovely ring of six was raised at 3 p.m. and was in constant use until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. F. Armand Smith, with Mr. J. A. Burns-Cox at the organ.

In his appropriate address, the Rev. Armand Smith gave reminiscences of the great Jasper Snowdon, whom he had known when a small boy at his home in the north. Prayers were also offered for the recovery of Jasper Snowdon's daughter, now lying ill in hospital.

Tea, in a nearby cafe, was followed by the business meeting. The honorary secretary (Mr. T. A. Palmer) in his report for 1961 was most encouraging. Membership had increased to 94, its highest figure for 40 years, and the average attendance at the monthly meetings had been 18, also a record. Pewsey had had their six bells returned, some recast and all rehung, and they were in excellent order. Aldbourne had turned their clock room into a ringing chamber, thus more than halving their previously very long draught. No peals had been scored, but a quarter of Grandsire Doubles had been rung at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on October 1st, on the occasion of its centenary service. The Branch outing in September was a great success.

Mr. Palmer paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Seward Archer, of Chiseldon, last founder member of the Branch, and its secretary for some years. He also expressed the thanks of the Branch to its many friends in providing transport, teas, etc., and to all incumbents and tower captains throughout the year.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. G. Newman (chairman), Mr. J. Fuller (vice-chairman), Mr. T. A. Palmer (honorary secretary) and Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson (Branch representative).

Subject to permission being granted, the first three monthly meetings in 1962 will be held at Ogbourne St. George, Ramsbury, and Pewsey.

New members elected included four ringing members from Collingbourne Kingston, two from Overton, and one from Aldbourne, and two honorary members from Aldbourne and one from Overton.

Ringing was then resumed.

## RINGERS' SERVICE AT SUSSEX TOWER

Organised by Mr. A. J. Butcher (secretary of the Danehill ringers), a most successful ringers' service was held at the Church of All Saints, Danehill, on Sunday, November 19th. For an hour before service time, the bells were very much in evidence, the tower being packed to capacity.

The very impressive service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. I. Paton-Hunter, who in his address said that if he were asked to describe a typical English scene, he would say—a village country church with bells sounding over the meadows and fields calling the people to worship. Artists, poets, and writers had all described that scene in one form or another.

After the 3rd Collect a course of Bob Major was rung by Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and, with the help of Mr. G. Francis (Warnham), a course of Grandsire Caters was rung immediately before the Blessing.

The first lesson was read by Mr. R. Johnson (Cuckfield) and the second by Mr. D. Slater (West Hothly).

The packed congregation consisted of local parishioners, visitors from adjoining villages and ringers from eleven towers in Sussex and Kent.

To the Rev. and Mrs. I. Paton-Hunter the ringers extend their most grateful thanks for their hospitality after the service and the local organiser is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts. E. L. H.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting was held in the Diocesan Board Room at Exeter, overshadowed by the massive south transeptal tower of the Cathedral on November 18th.

About one hundred representatives from towers from all over the county were present with the Association's president, Mr. T. Oatway, of Morchard Bishop, in the chair. The meeting opened with the customary prayer and after the usual formalities had been completed discussion was centred upon the choice of towers and dates for the 1962 festivals.

Accepting the offer received from Upton (St. Mary Magdalene), Torquay, the eight-bell competition was fixed for Saturday, April 14th. It was noted that this would be the first occasion for the eight-bell festival to be held at Upton, which possesses a Taylor rehung (1931) eight—14 cwt. tenor—and recognised as one of the best eights for 'go' in the county.

The six-bell festivals were fixed as follows: South Devon, at Diptford (near South Brent), May 12th; North Devon, at Swimbridge, May 26th; Final, at Yealmpion (near Plymouth), June 9th.

Mr. Bartlett stated that Combe-in-Teignhead (6) had asked him to arrange a competition in aid of their funds and June 23rd was the probable date. He expressed the hope that he would have the usual ready support for the festival, with an entry of twenty teams, as on previous occasions of this nature.

At this point, Mr. Bartlett reported fully upon his attendance as representative at the meeting of the Central Council at Whitsun at Stoke-upon-Trent and told the meeting of the welcome which the Association's affiliation was given. All recognised that nothing but good could come from the establishing of this close tie between change and call change ringers, evidence of which was already apparent in the West of England.

After discussion of matters of local and domestic interest, the meeting closed. By happy coincidence, it was the third Saturday in the month and practice night at the Cathedral and, on the strength of it, several made their way to the tower after tea. Thanks to Fred Wreford's generous welcome, the 'middle' eight were soon going to call-changes and no better finish to an 'annual' could surely be provided!

**GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Cole 1, B. Matthews 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. Gould 4, P. G. Erith 5, A. Semken (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, P. L. Dadds 5, C. Brown 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, L. Twyman 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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**THE REV. R. P. FARROW**

With regret we announce the death in hospital at Worthing on November 28th of the Rev. Reginald Percy Farrow, M.A., at the age of 88. He lived at Worthing for about a year after his retirement from East Lulworth, Dorset.

The son of the Rector of Tong, Yorks, he and his brother were taught to ring by George Bolland at Tong in the mid-90's.

An M.A. of Oxford University (Hastings Exhibitioner of Queen's College) he was ordained in 1902, and after serving several curacies in the Midlands he became Vicar of Enderby, Leics, from 1917-1923, and of Stoney Stanton, 1923-35, when he accepted the benefice of East Lulworth.

An enthusiastic ringer, he rang his first peal in 1892 at Tong, being seven Treble Bob Minor methods. His third peal was 10,440 changes, being 'fourteen and a half Minor peals,' in 5 hours 51 minutes, and included such methods as Morning Delight, Arnold's Victory and City Delight.

He conducted one peal, Grandsire Triples, at Drighlington in 1912. Many of his peals were at Stoney Stanton, where he was Rector for 12 years, and it is believed that his peal total was 75. While at Stoney Stanton he taught many to ring, but the only one who stuck to it was Alfred Ballard. The first peal they rang together was Siedman Triples in 1927.

From 1930 to 1932 he was a member of the Central Council for the Midland Counties Association. He rang his last peal, Bob Major, at Whitchurch Canoniscom, in 1935. As East Lulworth has no ring of bells, he regularly attended practice night at Wareham, and played a great part in building up a band of young ringers. Week after week he came, and very often it was only Grandsire Doubles that was rung, but without his help it would not even have been that.

He was a member of the Clerical Guild from its foundation in 1938. He acted as vice-chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild from 1935-38.

It was a sad day when, on June 23rd, 1960, a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung at

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Wareham as a farewell to him on his retirement. He rang the third, and his only complaint was that we had not gone on for a peal.

He will be remembered by Wareham ringers, for we all loved him. His wife died a year or so before he left Lulworth. Our sympathy is extended to his daughter, Mrs. Palmer, now living at Weymouth. C. T. B.

**MR. F. POSTLETHWAITE**

An enthusiastic member of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association and one time Ringing Master, Mr. Frank Postlethwaite died on November 11th, aged 52 years. He was interred at Lancaster on November 15th.

Until illness compelled him to sever his connection with ringing about two years ago, he was a member of the Lancaster Priory and Parish Church service ringers. During his career he scored 34 peals, being the conductor in a number of these. May he rest in peace.

**MR. B. A. CORNELL**

St. Albans Cathedral Society has lost a loyal member by the death of Mr. Bertie Alan Cornell, at Clare Hall, on November 22nd, aged 56. He had not enjoyed good health for some years, but was a regular Sunday service ringer until he became too weak to climb the stairs. He was admitted to hospital six weeks before his death.

Born at Wallingford, near Lavenham, Suffolk, he went to St. Albans about 1946, and had rung about 90 peals. He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral took place at the Cathedral on November 28th, his body having rested in the Lady Chapel over night. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. K. Matthews), with the Rev. D. S. Cross as organist. Towers represented were the Cathedral and St. Peter's, St. Albans, Apsley, Harpenden, North Mymms and Hatfield.

**JOINT MEETING AT NEWARK**

A successful meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Newark on November 18th, jointly with the Central District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Ringing throughout the afternoon was of a good standard, especially since the fine toned 10 are not the easiest of bells to handle.

A service in the choir was conducted by the Vicar of Newark, Canon J. H. D. Grinter, and tea was served afterwards in the Church Rooms by local lady ringers and friends.

A very short business meeting followed, presided over by Canon Grinter, and, in agreement with the Lincoln Guild, the collection for the Bell Repair Fund was donated to Newark church repair fund. The visiting District's secretary, Mr. S. Chambers, closed the meeting with thanks for the arrangements that had been made, and the welcome he and his members had received.

Ringing was then resumed, and continued until 8.30. Methods rung included Yorkshire and Cambridge S. Royal, Double Norwich Caters and Bristol S. Major.

B. N. R.

**MISS MARY CLOVER MARRIED**

Saturday, November 25th, was a day of happy rejoicing at Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, when Miss Mary Clover, daughter of Mr. William Clover, the local tower master, was married to Mr. Philip Stanley, of Wymondham.

The bride, who is a member of the Abbey Company, was 'rung in' with two courses of Yorkshire Surprise Major and 'out' with firing, Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums, and a touch of Siedman Triples. Later came a peal of Yorkshire Surprise, conducted by the Association president, Mr. Nolan Golden.

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'Graduates' of the University of Bristol Society came great distances (literally from all points of the compass) to attempt Siedman Cinqes at Newport on November 25th. The peal was completed in 3 hours 13 minutes, quite an achievement considering that the Society has three times lost Siedman Caters. The band was representative of the last 10 years of the Society's history; ten had been officers of the Society, five of whom were Past Masters.

The peal rung at Barrow-on-Humber on October 3rd (page 706) was a 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Crowder and not as reported.

'I should like to take the opportunity of saying what a grand issue was this week's (November 24th) 24-page effort. With best wishes for the continued success of your efforts.'—Thank you, Yorkshire reader.

Mr. F. E. Dukes sends his apologies to all readers who tried to get Radio Eireann on Sunday, November 26th, to hear the bells of St. Peter's, Drogheda. The morning before he received a telephone message stating that the broadcast was postponed.

The Midland Counties Guild has no 12 bell towers in its area and the peal of Grandsire Cinqes at Walsall was the first tower bell peal on 12 bells for the Guild. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes.

Miss Linda M. Hughes came to the rescue of the band who assembled at King's Norton for an attempt at a little known or rung method—Boston Surprise Royal. They met one short and Linda made up the band and enabled the method to be rung for the first time for the Guild and in the county.

With the exception of the conductor, the band at Grappenhall, Cheshire, who rang a peal in honour of the Ven. M. C. O. Scott's appointment as Bishop of Sierra Leone, was drawn from the Sunday service band, Grappenhall's special interest in Sierra Leone is due to the new Bishop having been a curate in this Cheshire parish for five years.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Marriage this year has meant that two Wadhurst ringers have gone elsewhere to live—Mr. C. Pilbeam to Frant and Mr. A. Hemsley to Burwash. Through their endeavours both towers are ringing regularly on Sunday mornings after a long silence. Although Wadhurst has had to suffer the Exercise has gained.

Shepton Mallet, Somerset, bells will be heard the West Region Home Service on December 10th at 7.45 p.m.

The outing referred to on page 803 was Church Gresley, Derbys, and not Greasley, Notts.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are planning a Branch bellringing instruction course for December 9th at Stanton Harcourt.

We regret the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Kimpton on October 21st and reported on page 744 is duplicated and appears a second time on page 775.

David Eames, of Church Gresley, at the age of 16, is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Grandsire Cinqes on Wolverhampton tenor (weight 33 cwt. 21 lb.). The band were impressed by his ringing.

'When you visit a church to ring put something in the box,' a principle Mr. Ted Patching, of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, wants to see adopted generally.

Siedman enthusiasts among higher numbers of bells will be pleased to note that the Central Council has published a collection of compositions of Siedman Caters and Siedman Cinqes, price 2s. 6d. For details see back page.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Wareham, Dorset, is a result of the recent Major practices held monthly at Lady St. Mary's Church by the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. It was quite an achievement by all concerned, and contained a first quarter, five firsts of Major and a first of Major as conductor.

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ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 11
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6	JOHN McDONALD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

**WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.***A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES***Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.*

RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. 7
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 8
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 9
DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 4	*†GORDON H. LANE .. .. 10
BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 5	*†DEREK P. JONES .. .. 11
*†JOHN F. MURFIN .. .. 6	†DAVID EAMES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* Have now completed peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.  
 † First peal on 12 bells. First of Cinques as conductor, and has now called peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. First on 12 tower bells for the Guild.

A 21st birthday compliment to David Friend and Robert Warrillow.

**NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.****THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.***On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,**At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOLOS.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES***Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.*

*BARBARA STEPHENS .. Treble	†ROYSTON BLACKLER .. 7
PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 8
†ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. 3	*JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 4	†BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 10
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5	FRANK D. MACK .. .. 11
JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 6	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on 12. † First of Stedman Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques for the Society.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,**At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES***Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.*

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL .. .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. .. 8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 3	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 9
*KENNETH W. PRICE .. 4	GORDON H. LANE .. .. 10
*PETER J. STRETTON .. 5	DEREK P. JONES .. .. 11
†ALAN D. STEEL .. .. 6	DAVID EAMES .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques, and completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

**TEN BELL PEALS****BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,**At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

M. JOHN HALLIWELL .. Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 9
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 5	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

**KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.***A PEAL OF 5040 BOSTON SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.*

LINDA M. HUGHES .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 2	W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 7
BERYL E. CAWSE .. .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 8
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. 9
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor.

**LONDON.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.***A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL**

Comprising 1,840 Pudsey and 1,600 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire; with 39 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

*Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.*

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
ALAN J. FROST .. .. 2	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 8
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

**BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,**At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.***A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL***Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.*

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	†FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 6
ANN BARR .. .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
*RODERICK W. PIPE .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 9
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* 200th peal, and 100th as conductor. † First of Surprise Royal.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.****THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.***On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,**At THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 2	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. .. 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS .. .. 8
FREDERICK E. DAY .. .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS .. .. 9
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 5	WALTER H. MARKS .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal of Caters on the bells. Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.****THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.***A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPPLEY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7
JILL M. LANE .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 8
*RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. 9
*EDGAR SKIPSEY .. .. 5	ANTHONY V. QUEEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal on ten. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.***On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.***A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS***Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.*

FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Treble	N. DAVID ROBINSON .. 6
MICHAEL J. PALMER .. 3	WILLIAM H. COLES .. .. 7
JOHN HILL .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 8
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW .. 5	STEWART F. KIMBER .. 9
	TONY PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Preb. F. C. Tyler.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS****BRISTOL.****THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION***On Wed., Oct. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR***Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.*

MERVYN J. HOSKINS .. Treble	HENRY TAYSON .. .. 5
FREDERICK J. SAMPSON .. 2	MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 6
CLIFFORD J. RICHARDS .. 3	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 7
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. H. M. W. Bocking, M.A., Vicar of St. Ambrose's.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.****THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,**At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES***Tenor 15½ cwt.*

Holt's Original .. .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. 6
MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. 4	ERNEST PAULSON .. .. Tenor
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4	

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. Armitage, Rector of St. Giles', Matlock, who died November 13th, 1961.



GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*STUART C. POTTS .. .. Treble	CLIFFORD W. SHAW .. .. 5
JOHN BREEZE .. .. 2	HAROLD MONK .. .. 6
†TERENCE M. RYAN .. .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 7
†PETER J. BRATT .. .. 4	†MICHAEL THOMSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* First peal. † First of Bob Major. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Ven. Moses N. C. O. Scott, Archdeacon of Bouthe and Bo, to the bishopric of Sierra Leone. Mr. Scott was curate of St. Wilfrid's for five years.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

AND  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAMPION .. .. Treble	PETER CARBUTT .. .. 5
RODNEY PAGDEN .. .. 2	DAVID LOCKWOOD .. .. 6
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. .. 3	TREVOR TARBUIT .. .. 7
*ARTHUR DUN-BIRCH .. .. 4	ERIC STAINROD .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the fifth; also a birthday peal for the treble ringer.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*

AT BISHOP LATIMER'S CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*SHEILA COPPING .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. .. 5
*MICHAEL FOSTER .. .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 6
†BRENDA CLARIDGE .. .. 3	DENNIS BROWN .. .. 7
FELICITY WEBBER .. .. 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

HALEY HILL, HALIFAX.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS.

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. Treble	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 5
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. .. 2	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGE.  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Johnson's variation.	T. G. PAGE (Downing) .. .. 5
J. W. McCLENAHAN (Christ's)	L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') .. .. 6
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. .. 2	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) .. .. 7
A. S. HUDSON (Clare) .. .. 3	M. L. J. JORDAN (Tr. Hall) .. .. Tenor
D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) .. .. 4	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Dexter's variation.	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. .. Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 6
WILLIAM F. J. COPE .. .. 2	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. .. 3	WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. .. Tenor
FREDERICK PRICE .. .. 4	

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

GILLIAN M. TRENT .. .. Treble	*DENNIS BROWN .. .. 5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 6
A. J. JAMES JEFFERIES .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 7
ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. .. 4	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID E. HOUSE.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. Treble	J. KEITH WARD .. .. 5
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 6
GLYN F. JENKINS .. .. 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 7
*HAROLD J. HAZELL .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* 80th peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR D. COOK .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 6
*ANN E. FELLOWS .. .. 3	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire. The conductor's 600th peal of Surprise.

OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Nov. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 2	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 6
EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 3	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 7
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (B.72). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*JOHN OULTRAM .. .. 2	DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 3	CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First attempt in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 Cambridge, 736 Bristol and 600 Superlative; with 118 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. .. Treble	*DON C. EXELL .. .. 5
PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 2	*REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. .. 3	D. JOHN HUNT .. .. 7
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. .. 4	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major rung by a band resident in the Bristol area.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

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



## SHALFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE C. RIX .. .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 6
STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 3	GEORGE FRANCIS .. .. 7
ROBERT WAKE .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLS .. .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLS.  
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

## BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE .. .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. .. 2	*LEONARD A. BUSBY .. .. 6
*BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 3	*ERNEST G. JONES .. .. 7
*CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. 4	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method.

## BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

DAVID VINCENT .. .. Treble	*ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 5
*MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. .. 2	*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. .. 6
*JOHN O. FREEMAN .. .. 3	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. 7
*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN .. .. 4	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Arranged by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

\* First peal of Little Bob Major. First in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

## A PEAL OF 5088 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 2	GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. .. 7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

200th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

## CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation, Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	ROY WORRALL .. .. 5
VICTOR NEAL .. .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 6
FRANK R. MORTON .. .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH .. .. 7
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. .. 4	HECTOR ARDLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

## COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Treble	JOHN E. WARNER .. .. 5
FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 6
ANN GEORGE .. .. 3	BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. .. 7
JEAN F. BARNETT .. .. 4	STANLEY JENNER .. .. Tenor

Arranged by ALBERT RELFE. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the second.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

## LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER BRIDLE .. .. 5
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 2	*SIDNEY G. SMITH .. .. 6
*MONICA E. HORSEMAN .. 3	JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. 7
*JOHN BRAIN .. .. 4	DAVID G. YEO .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the dedication, on November 26th, of the Daughter Church of The Ascension, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.

## LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE PAUL .. .. Treble	*HENRY C. LEWIS .. .. 5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .. 6
*DELIA SMITH .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 4	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## BRADSTONE, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NONNA,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER H. MARKS .. Treble	JOHN H. BENOY .. .. 4
WILLIAM MANNING .. .. 2	WILFRED BOUCHER .. .. 5
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 3	L. CUNDY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

Rung for the royal birth.

## BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 4 cwt. 40 lb. in B flat.

*HILARY N. KIPPIN .. Treble	RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 4
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. .. 2	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. 3	MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Kent Minor by all.

## COOMBE BISSETT, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HILARY N. KIPPIN .. Treble	RAYMOND HAINES .. .. 4
ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 2	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 5
MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. Mr. Newman, who is leaving the district.

## TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON .. Treble	GILES B. THOMSON .. .. 4
*ANNE P. SMITH .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES .. 5
PETER T. DALE .. .. 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER DALE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and more than one method 'inside.'

## CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER MORREY .. Treble	LEONARD COPNALL .. .. 4
*D. JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 2	BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. .. 5
†F. GEORGE FORRESTER .. 3	†ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

\* First peal. † 25th peal together. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Heyes.



CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 120's (ten callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*PHILIP M. EDGSON .. .. Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT .. .. 4
JOHN R. HAYCOCK .. .. 2	AUBREY G. EVELEIGH .. .. 5
† WILLIAM C. BUDD .. .. 3	‡ ALLEN J. BELLAMY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by AUBREY G. EVELEIGH.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*REGINALD F. CROOK .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 2	*FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 5
*PETER WILKINSON .. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The ringer of No. 5 has now rung Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

JOHN LLOYD .. .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4
YVONNE EDWARDS .. .. 2	† C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 5
*MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 3	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

\* 25th peal together. † First of Minor.

A compliment to Jack and Pat Dunn on the birth of a son.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one 720 each of Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*ROBERT PEPPER .. Treble	DAVID SWIFT .. .. 4
JOHN TICKLE .. .. 2	TOM HARRIS .. .. 5
FRANK CHAMBERS .. .. 3	C. WILLIAM HALL .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WILLIAM HALL.

\* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES LINNELL .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 4
W. FRANK EYDEN .. .. 2	† GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
*DAVID BURBIDGE .. .. 3	† WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

\* First peal of Minor. † 126th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER D. BAILEY .. Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	JAMES L. TOWLER .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.

Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bailey.

WARMINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob Minor and five different extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED A. GINNS .. Treble	RON RUSSELL .. .. 4
HERBERT GOAKES .. .. 2	ROY W. SPENCER .. .. 5
JOHN WOOLLEY .. .. 3	ALBERT H. HINTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

First peal on the bells since rehanging earlier this year.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer; also a second birthday compliment to Clare Louise Goakes, grand-daughter of second ringer.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, in seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH W. BAILY .. Treble	KEITH R. DAVEY .. .. 4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
ROGER D. BAILEY .. .. 3	ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

In memoriam Sidney F. Palmer.

## HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
(Syston District.)

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,  
AT 4, CAVE ROAD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
MALCOLM D. BAKSBY .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., Nov. 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,  
AT 24, MANOR STREET,

### A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5-6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3-4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SALE, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT 53, ALEXANDRA ROAD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

DOROTHY ECCLES .. .. 1-2	*H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 3-4
*ROLAND F. ECCLES .. .. 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.

\* First peal on handbells. First of Minor as conductor.

In memoriam Frank Postlethwaite, of Lancaster, whose funeral took place this day.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Syston District.)

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1961, in 1 Hour and 12 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

### A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.  
MALCOLM D. BAKSBY .. 1-2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3-4

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. .. 5-6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,

### A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.  
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 5-6

JOHN VERNON .. .. 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. 7-8
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Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

In memoriam Hector C. Knights.

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## HALF PEAL

**AUGHTON, LANCs.**—On Nov. 21st, a half peal of Kent and Plain Bob: Miss J. Andrews 1, Miss E. Pickles 2, R. Larkley 3, J. Lunham 4, A. Abraham 5, W. Deakin (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. Gerald Jones, and Mrs. Morgan at Southport.

**ALDERSHOT, HANTS.**—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tippler (first quarter) 1, T. Page 2, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 3, Miss R. Edmunds (first 'inside') 4, J. Bragg 5, Mrs. R. Chapman 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, F. Williamson 8. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Edmunds (first quarter) 1, W. H. Viggers 2, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell 3, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 4, J. Bragg 5, G. K. Williamson 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, R. Bragg 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. Brown.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Powell 1, W. P. Blake 2, D. Smith 3, L. Derrick 4, T. G. Phillips 5, J. Brain (first of Triples as cond.) 6, W. J. Lott 7, R. Williams (first quarter) 8. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Butchers.

**BARTON STACEY, HANTS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. H. Hunter (first quarter) 1, W. O. Haythorne 2, B. B. Hullah 3, D. Brown 4, A. R. Carter (first as cond.) 5, D. Haskell 6.

**BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: N. T. Abbott (first in method) 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, E. E. Norris 4, D. G. Brown (first in method) 5, N. G. Kneec 6, E. E. Bray 7, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 8.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda Harris 1, D. Young 2, B. McCleary 3, Diana Harris 4, Kathleen North 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, E. E. Gosling 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung to celebrate the birth this day of a son to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on June 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Hoskins 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, F. J. Sampson 3, V. J. Williams 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. G. Hooper 6, P. T. Hurcombe 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hoskins 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, V. J. Williams 4, M. J. Hobbs (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, F. J. Sampson 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, A. C. Baker 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination, earlier this day, of the Rev. David Bentley, B.A. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,472 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. A. Reason (first of Major) 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, Mrs. P. W. Horn (first quarter) 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, R. G. Hooper 5, D. J. Hunt 6, P. W. Horn (first quarter) 7, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. C. Webster 1, Miss G. M. Champness 2, A. S. Hudson 3, Miss R. L. Taylor 4, Miss H. Muirhead 5, J. R. Hough 6, T. G. Page 7, H. C. Lewis 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holtby 1, A. Forsyth 2, B. Forsyth 3, C. Forsyth 4, J. Ling 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Weir Road, on Nov. 19th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Marilyn Barton 1, C. Gay Williams 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, J. C. Eisel 4, D. J. R. Martin 5, M. P. Barton 6, P. Cattermole 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins by U.L.S.C.R.

**CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Jean Gay 1, Mary Powell 2, Audrey Short 3, D. Gay 4, C. Clarke 5, M. Stone 6, J. Brain 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. James' Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Greenaway (first quarter) 1, J. Potter 2, J. Saxton 3, R. W. Bridges 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Drown 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury.

**DUBLIN, EIRE.**—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Farrell 1, W. H. Wilson 2, R. I. George 3, B. K. Lunn (cond.) 4, T. McMorran 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, V. R. McCormack 8. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the fifth. Also at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: B. K. Lunn 1, R. I. George 2, W. H. Wilson 3, C. J. Reede 4, H. W. Jones 5, T. McMorran (cond.) 6, W. T. Farrell 7, D. Vokes 8, J. A. Atkinson 9, H. H. Brown 10. A farewell compliment to David Vokes, B.A. (Mod.).

## QUARTER PEALS

**DUNKESWELL, DEVON.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Farmer 1, S. Sweetland 2, A. Hodge 3, K. Farmer 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Driver 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

**EALING, LONDON.**—At Christ Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Lucy Badcock 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Jean Anderson 3, M. Sprackling 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. Ranson 6, F. Bishop 7, J. Rank (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johnstone 1, B. Walton (first 'inside') 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, J. Clark 4, W. Davison 5, K. Tipper 6.

**EDWINSTONE, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Minor (spliced six methods): R. Mills 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, P. Humphreys 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. Rung for Remembrance Day.

**EPPING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. McClelland (first of Triples) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, L. Batley 3, C. Hughes 4, M. Osborne 5, C. Moore 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, E. Freeman 8. For Evensong.

**FARNWORTH with KEARSLEY, LANCs.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Lees 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, R. Holt 3, S. Anderton 4, T. Smith 5, J. F. Wood 6, P. Crook sen. (cond.) 7, E. J. F. Wall 8. A birthday compliment to the 5th ringer.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. I. Pailing 1, Mrs. D. J. Beach 2, F. A. Salter 3, W. Iball 4, D. J. Beach 5, F. Adcock 6, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 7, S. W. Fossey 8. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Adcock.

**GREAT RISSINGTON, GLOS.**—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Walters 1, L. Dowdeswell 2, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, G. Gardner 4, B. A. Shackleton 5. First quarter 1 and 4.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's and St. Martin's): C. E. Hill 1, H. Turner (cond.) 2, H. J. Oliver 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For the wedding of Miss C. W. Underdown and Mr. B. A. Snelling, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cubitt 1, Miss S. Collins 2, M. Coleman 3, B. Austin 4, P. Adcock 5, T. Speight 6, G. Watson (cond.) 7, H. Tooke 8. In memoriam George Jeffs, general secretary, Peterborough Guild.

**KINGSCLERE, HANTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wellman 1, J. Pares 2, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 3, G. Weston 4, P. Myers (first 'inside') 5, G. B. Evans 6. Rung as Thanksgiving for a successful Christian Stewardship Campaign.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, L. Batley 2, Miss P. Fox 3, J. Eastwood 4, F. Mills 5, Miss J. Cook 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Evensong.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): I. Foster 1, A. Hubble 2, J. C. Clark 3, F. White 4, E. C. Easter 5, J. L. Towler (cond.) 6, Miss C. J. Towler (covering) 7. For Confirmation service.

**MARTLEY, WORCS.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (in 6 callings): Bridget J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Gillian P. Blackwell 2, Hilary Knight (first quarter) 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. E. Whittall 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. Rung on St. Hilda's Day, as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

**MATLOCK, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Kingman (first quarter) 1, R. J. Stretton 2, E. D. Thomas 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, A. F. Hall 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. James Armitage, Rector of St. Giles' Matlock.

**MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Mundy 1, Miss J. Purnell 2, R. G. Beck 3, D. Targett 4, E. Wadman 5, A. P. Beck 6, R. E. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (first of Major as cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss Enid Savage, daughter of Mr. F. Savage, the local tower captain.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Adkins (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Brake (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Brain 3, W. P. Blake 4, T. G. Phillips 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. A welcome to Roger Andrew Short.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson (first quarter away from tenor) 1, T. G. Pickering 2, J. R. Haycock 3, A. C. Grant 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. Rung for Evensong.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Bruce 1, T. Smith 2, Miss C. Withell 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**PORTBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): Delwyn Young 1, Jennifer Brake 2, V. James 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, B. Goodliffe 5, G. Skelly 6.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Nov. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, J. W. Perkins 2, W. H. Riddle 3, H. V. Thomas 4, F. E. Day 5, W. G. Lavers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9. W. H. Marks 10. For adult Confirmation.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Brookes 1, A. Millidge 2, M. Uphill 3, B. Bull 4, A. Bishop 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6.

**ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, E. Brice 2, K. Braddick 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, A. Cooke 5, F. Taylor 6. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, A. Cooke 2, K. Braddick 3, G. Hutchins 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Holroyd 1, Mrs. E. Chaddock 2, Susan Chaddock 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, N. Donovan 5, S. Armeson 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, G. S. Lee 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th on coming of age this day.

**ST. MELLONS, MON.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Pryor 1, Dillys Hulbert 2, L. I. Hulbert 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Brazington 5, R. H. Addis (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wheeler, on the birth of a son on Nov. 11th.

**SAPCOTE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Burrows (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Page 2, Christine J. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins (first as cond.) 5, M. E. Brown 6. For All Saints' Day, evening Communion service.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): J. Lewis 1, Miss M. Lewis (first quarter) 2, W. Lewis (cond.) 3, B. Cooper 4, R. Datson 5, K. Wakefield (first quarter) 6, E. Townsend 7, J. Harvey 8. Rung for the Rev. W. Winsor-Cundell, who has been Vicar of this parish for 25 years. Also for the wedding for Miss Sheila Lewis, a ringer at this tower.

**STANWELL, MIDDx.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,296 Spliced Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet: R. Wiggins 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, D. Pickett 4, M. Bartlett 5, D. Boniface 6. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,296 Spliced 7 Surprise Minor: Miss M. Gibson 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, K. Young 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Morning. Also 1,296 Spliced 7 Surprise: K. Young 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Afternoon. Also 1,368 Spliced 10 Surprise: Miss M. Gibson 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, P. Brand 4, D. Boniface 5, D. Pickett 6. Evening. Fiftieth quarter this year.

**UFFCULME, DEVON.**—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original): A. Hodge 1, K. Clarke 2, C. C. Turner 3, B. Coles 4, E. E. Retter 5, D. Salter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8.

**UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tyler (first quarter) 1, F. Blown 2, A. T. Poulton 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Betty A. Damer (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. E. Bishop 3, P. W. Mogg 4, E. A. Bishop 5, W. R. Damer 6, H. I. Pitman 7, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by the ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for the Feast of St. Clement, by members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**WATERLOO, LONDON.**—At St. John's, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, D. R. Randall 3, J. A. Hales 4, D. Jewell 5, C. W. Otley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, W. D. Crainger 8.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): R. A. Yeates 1, Diana M. Lawless 2, M. P. Moreton 3, I. Hughes (cond.) 4, A. J. Frost 5, J. V. Clark 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Paul Greening at Westbury, Wilts, this day.

**WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Wigmore 1, S. Haw 2, P. Langton 3, M. R. Reed 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6. After peal failure.



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### BIRTHS

AGG.—On Saturday, December 2nd, 1961, at North Herts Hospital, Hitchin, to Anne (née Muirhead) and Rex, a daughter (Elizabeth Anne). 9369

VERDON.—On Friday, November 17th, 1961, to Daphne (née Pankhurst) and Colin Verdon, a son (Paul Antony).—Maples, St. James' Avenue, Bexhill, Sussex. 9363

### DEATH

CORBY.—Mary Jane, on December 1st, 1961, at Pembury Hospital, Kent, in her 84th year. Interment, Langdon Hills, Essex, December 6th. No flowers, but donations to Church of England Children's Society. 9381

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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BALDOCK, HERTS.—Ringing will recommence on Sunday, December 17th. Sundays 8.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcomed.—E. Buck. 9368

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Notices of motion and nominations for officers for the A.G.M., 1962, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—F. V. Gant, Hon. Sec. 9365

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### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, December 9th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 9332

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Heavitree 7-8 p.m., also St. Thomas'. Names for tea to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9293

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, December 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Henry VIII. Names to W. J. Bunch, Hillcrest, Chiddingstone Hoath, Edenbridge, Kent. Annual dinner at Tunbridge Wells, Sat., Feb. 13th. tickets 15s., available at this meeting or from Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. Please try and support.—C. A. Bassett. 9345

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Chesterton, on December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, December 9th, 3 p.m., Widford.—T. J. Southam. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea. 9344

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne (please note change of tower) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View Shorne, Gravesend. 9331

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cowley, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. F. Holloway, 30, Marsh Road, Cowley, Oxford. 9343

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 9325

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Washington (6) on Saturday, December 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9346

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford and Luton Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 16th. Ampthill. Bells (6) 3-4 p.m. Flitwick bells (6) 5-8 p.m. Cafes available for tea in Ampthill.—R. Piron and K. G. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 9371

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Kingsgrove, December 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (charge 2s. 6d.) to N. Sherratt, 101, Attwood Street, Kingsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, by December 13th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 9388

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 16th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper. 9384

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9375

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, December 16th, Almondsbury (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Important agenda, members please attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 9383

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea, meeting 5.30 p.m. Names to B. Cooper, 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 9373

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All Saints' bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to T. E. Wood. 9370

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8), St. Albans, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans, Herts. Special method: Ipswich.—M. A. Coburn. 9349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9359

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Ringing after tea.—Thornley, Sec. 9385



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics.—M. Vernon. Hon. Dis. Sec. 9366

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chenies, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 12th. please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9367

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 13th to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester.—E. Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9329

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. H. Brown, 11, Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, by Wednesday, December 13th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9382

**UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual dinner (all welcome) in Manchester, January 6th, 1962, will cost 12s. 6d. for undergraduates (other 16s. 6d.). Annual tour in Shropshire, August 3rd to 11th, 1962. Further details from D. J. Roaf, Exeter College, Oxford. 9380

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Combined meeting with SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY at Goole on December 16th. (Beverley not available.) Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.15. Christmas tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before Thursday, December 14th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9324

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Drighlington, December 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Briggs' Cafe, followed by business meeting in Sunday School. Names for tea by Friday, December 15th, to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Drighlington, near Bradford, Yorkshire.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9351

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Ring meeting and annual social evening at Wellesbourne, near Warwick, on Saturday, January 6th.

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Details in later notice. 9377

### LATE NOTICE

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Locking, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 9376

### WARSOP QUEEN'S SCOUT

Members of the Exercise who are ex-Boy Scouts will be interested to learn that Troop-leader James T. Rooke, of Warsop, has been recently awarded the Queen's Scout Badge. He has gained 13 proficiency badges, and his bushman's thong.

For those who are not familiar with Scout work a Queen's Scout is one who, having thoroughly trained himself in Scoutcraft, places that training at the disposal of the community for public service, and H.M. the Queen has been graciously pleased to authorise the issue of a Royal Certificate to those Scouts of 15 years of age and over who gain the badge.

James is as enthusiastic with ringing as he is with Scout work, and although still at school has conducted peals of London Surprise Minor: and in seven methods.

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### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Upwards of 40 ringers attended the meeting at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ossett, and the ten fine-toned bells were put to excellent use. A special welcome was extended to members of the Barnsley and District Society, who were paying the Society a visit that day. Two new members were elected, Miss Mavis Shires and Mr. Delwyn Tidball, both of the Horbury tower.

Miss G. Beardow thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the Society to visit the tower, and a special mention for the ladies who had provided such a nice tea and the local company for making the arrangements. This vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. I. Gibson.

Mr. Fred Bennett, in reply, said the ladies appreciated very much the number of applications for tea they had received and that it was a great help in planning the number of teas required. (All ringers, please note.)

The place of the next meeting, to be held in January, was discussed. Mr. D. Thorp said that the Pudsey tower was not available, owing to the numerous complaints that church had received from the public regarding the noise of the bells. The secretary read out a letter he had received from Mr. W. Barton, explaining the position.

Mr. Fred Bennett said that he was sorry to hear of the position prevailing at Pudsey. This was a very serious state of affairs, and unless the clergy took a firm stand against the complainants, who were in a minority, restrictions on the use of church bells could stretch from parish to parish. This situation must be watched very carefully.

An invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild in February, 1962, was accepted with pleasure.

### LATE NEWS

Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, rang his 1,000th peal on December 2nd. The peal, London Surprise Major, was called by his friend of very long standing, Mr. Edward Jenkins.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Thomas 1, R. C. Kippin 2, L. F. Cobb 3, M. J. Butler 4, J. R. Faithfull 5, O. N. Curtis 6, D. E. House (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Angela Chamberlayne, the Rector's daughter.

**STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.**—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. G. Selby 1, G. C. Hemming 2—3, M. J. Fellows 4, W. J. Newman 5, W. B. Pomeroy 6, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung after meeting short for Yorkshire S. Major.

### LONG TOUCH

**SHREWSBURY.**—At St. Chad's, on Nov. 12th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: Mary C. Poyner 1, R. Raven 2, N. Round-Turner 3, R. H. Newton 4, F. Catell 5, F. G. Beddow 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, J. Terry 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

### QUARTER PEALS

#### HALF PEAL

**WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICS.**—On Nov. 25th, 2,520 Doubles (being 4 extents, All Saints, Old, Southrepps, 5 St. Columb, 3 Northrepps and 1 Plain Boh): R. R. Brown 1, Amy Warnes 2, B. Brant 3, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, M. W. Brown 5.

**BARKBY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): A. Holling 1, Amy Warnes 2, Ann Warnes 3, R. D. Flowers 4, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, D. M. Barrett 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Green, once a ringer at this church.

**BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. E. March 1, W. H. Hulme 2, L. G. Toseland 3, L. A. Dunmore 4, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 5.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Gore (first quarter) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, Miss J. A. Reason (first of Triples) 3, M. J. Hobbs (50th quarter) 4, Gillian M. Hussey (first as cond.) 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, D. J. Hunt 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Gore 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, Miss C. Bloxham (first of Triples) 3, F. J. Sampson 4, Gillian M. Hussey 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, M. J. Hoskins 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8. For the Dedication Festival.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—At St. Andrew the Great, on Nov. 18th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. J. Mundy 1, M. L. J. Jordan 2, Clare Dillamore 3, D. Pepper 4, T. R. Dennis 5, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 6, G. Pearson 7, J. G. Gipson 8.

**CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Norbury 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Barratt 3, G. Forrester 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callow 6, Rung in memoriam Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Potts.

**CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Staley (first quarter) 1, R. Mason (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. E. Watson 3, Miss S. Collins 4, G. Watson 5, F. Crozier (cond.) 6.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Overton and Oxford T.B.): Gladys Richardson 1, Lynne V. Sherwood (first quarter) 2, A. G. Kirk 3, J. D. Adams 4, A. Richardson 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6.

**GRIMLEY, WORCS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Grand-sire Doubles: Hilary Knight 1, Gillian P. Blackwell 2, J. E. Whittall 3, Cathleen S. Heaney 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Lynda J. Rofe 6. For the Festival of St. Clement's.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—On Nov. 12th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Fielden 1, Mrs. S. M. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant 4, E. M. Fielden 5, J. F. Bryant 6, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 7, J. N. Parkin 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8, For Matins.

**LANGHAM, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Pearnmain (first quarter) 1, U. Wildney 2, A. Cole 3, F. H. Erith 4, R. Talbot 5, A. G. Lembre (cond.) 6.

**LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain): Meriel B. Bloyce 1, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 2, A. E. Leggett 3, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 4, D. E. Culham 5. Rung fully muffled as a last tribute to the Rev. H. L. Bowen, M.C., Vicar of this parish, cremated this day.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**—On Nov. 19th, at the Church of St. James, Benwell, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Scott 1, M. Maughan 2, Miss I. Thomson 3, C. S. Dixon 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Confirmation service.

**PADBURY, BUCKS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hancock (first quarter) 1, R. A. Vickers 2, C. Gough 3, C. Stopps 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, W. Thatcher 6.

**PRESTON, LANCs.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. K. Martin 1, Margaret Crossthwaite 2, Betty Faunch 3, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 4, M. Smith 5, G. A. Dimmick (cond.) 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. John Bickley, M.A.

**ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Trigg (first of Minor) 1, F. Gorringe (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6. A compliment to the conductor for his 82nd birthday.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ALVASTON, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley P. Hydes 1, Bernice A. Manning 2, R. I. Gosling 3, D. F. Roberts 4, E. D. Thomas 5, B. R. Manning (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to Katherine Hanstock.

**AYLESTONE, LEICS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Morris 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, R. S. Morris 4, D. Staples 5, J. Kinchin 6, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 7, T. I. Roper 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**BARKING, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. E. J. Lester 1, J. J. Prentice 2, N. F. Whittell 3, R. E. Lester (cond.) 4, C. H. Aldous 5, W. S. Girling 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance service.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Newman jun. (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. A. Wretten 2, W. A. Farmer 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, G. R. Drew 6, A. Pendlebury 7, A. Newman sen. 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, A. Grainger 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, D. M. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, A. Gargrave 10. For Matins. Also the same day, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Gay Williams 1, E. Jane Langton 2, Marilyn Barton 3, Mary S. Taylor 4, Diana M. Lawless 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. P. Barton 7, G. Pratt 8, P. Cattermole (first on ten as cond.) 9, D. J. P. Martin 10. For Evensong, by U.L.S.C.R.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. V. Collison 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, R. D. Divall 4, F. Shorter 5, F. I. Hairs 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, D. Davey (first in method) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Iris Cooke (first quarter) 1, F. Cooke 2, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, M. Foster 6. For Evensong.

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## ROYAL RECOGNITION

**T**HE fact that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has graciously consented to take a part in the Bow Bells reopening ceremony next Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, will give a great sense of satisfaction to the Exercise as a whole. The Duke will pull a rope, and that will be the signal for this well-known ring in Cheapside to be heard in rounds before going into changes.

The famous Bow Bells—they were the subject of a feature article by Ernest Morris in a recent issue—crashed into the flames during the blitz on May 10th, 1941. They were recast in 1956, the then Lord Mayor of London (Ald. Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd) being present to see the tenor cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The decorative border of London Pride tells its own story. As the Lord Mayor said on that occasion: 'The City of London, and indeed Greater London, should be proud of this new curfew bell, the largest of the Bow Bells in the restored church of Christopher Wren's finest steeple in London.'

The B.B.C. are determined that this memorable occasion in the history of English ringing should not pass unrecorded. In the Home Service that evening the B.B.C. are broadcasting a 20-minute recorded programme, in which the first rounds and changes by the 12 recast bells will be heard, together with a talk by Albert Hughes, the master bellfounder.

To obtain a proper background, B.B.C. producer Geoffrey Topping and Richard Dimpleby visited St. Mary-le-Bow last Tuesday afternoon and were introduced by the Rector, the Rev. Joseph McCulloch, to some of the people who had helped to bring the bells back to life and whose stories were recorded on the spot for inclusion in the Bow Bells programme.

Ringers throughout the country have a personal interest in these bells. The College Youths naturally had a close association, and the second bell was named Fabian by the then Master. Wing-Commander John S. Mason, and was paid for by members of the Society. The then Rector, the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, sent his appeal to practically every territorial Guild and Association, and at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society that year expressed his thanks to the very large number of ringers who had contributed through their Guilds and Branches. From this source between £150 and £200 was received from ringers in this country and overseas.

The previous reopening day was on Saturday, July 8th, 1933, when there was a big gathering of ringers present. Eight of the bells had been recast, and those not recast were the fourth, fifth, ninth and eleventh, but the canons

were cut off in order to fit iron headstocks. Between 1933 and 1939 only one peal of Maximus—Kent Treble Bob—was rung on the bells, and this was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The presence of the Duke of Edinburgh will give an added interest to bellringing generally. Advantage should be taken by ringers of this special broadcast. Invariably feature programmes on the wireless and television stimulate interest. Towers should be ready to deal with inquiries, especially from young people anxious to have the mysteries of change-ringing unfolded to them. If circumstances permit, open evenings and talks should be given in towers.

One of the pathetic things about ringing in the heart of London is the shortage of ringers. The difficulty arises from the fact that there is no residential population in the City of London. While the College Youths have a standing band for St. Paul's Cathedral and a number of reserves, the College Youths are not really a teaching Society training people from the beginners stage. They look to the territorial Associations to undertake this work, although individual College Youths through these Guilds act as instructors. Much of London ringing today is by visiting bands—St. Clement Danes' is a notable example, and those who follow our quarter peal columns will note the various bands who are assembled to ring these bells. It seems apparent that what is done for St. Clement's will have to be the general arrangement for St. Mary-le-Bow. Like St. Clement's, there should be a well-known ringer in charge to whom people can apply to, and through him arrangements made for visiting bands. It is not likely with the present state of ringing in London that St. Mary-le-Bow will ever have its own band who would assemble there Sunday by Sunday. On the other hand, this church has close associations with the City of London, and there might be a list of fixed days when ringing is desirable, as is the case with Westminster Abbey. For these occasions a special band could be recruited, prepared to undertake occasional ringing.

It would indeed be a wonderful day if all the twelves in the City—St. Paul's, St. Giles' (Cripplegate), St. Michael's (Cornhill), and now St. Mary-le-Bow—each had their own individual band. Circumstances have conspired against it. When their bells are available, the Cumberlands at their corner of London regularly ring at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and there is also ringing at Southwark Cathedral and at various other churches; but there are a vast number of gaps in the programme. In view of the number of provincial ringers who come annually to London a kind of clearing house is desirable.



## THE LADIES' GUILD

### Bedford District

About a dozen ringers were present in the afternoon for the Beds and Northants District of the Ladies' Guild meeting at Higham Ferrers on November 25th. As there were no arrangements for tea, ringers met again at 6 p.m. at Rushden for the evening's ringing. Here the attendance was better and also the standard of ringing. Methods rung were Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and the bells were lowered at 8 p.m.

### Midland District

A very successful meeting was held at Hinckley, Leics. on November 18th. The eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Double Norwich. Shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild. Tea was most enjoyable and was served by local lady ringers. After the gentlemen had adjourned to the tower for further ringing, the ladies held their meeting which, incidentally, was the best attended meeting this year.

Miss Thompson, the vice-president, welcomed visitors from Droitwich and Coleshill. From the minutes it was stated only St. Mary's, Nottingham, would be open for the A.G.M., which would be a joint one with the Sherwood Youths, on Saturday, January 27th. The Guild meeting would be held before tea. Oakham was proposed for the March meeting on the 17th, and this is subject to permission being obtained. New members elected were Miss Christine Beasley and Miss S. Hooper (Hinckley), Miss C. Corton (South Wigston) and Miss C. Saunders (Aylestone); this concluded the meeting and the ladies returned to the tower for further ringing.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

On February 15th, 1958, the Llandaff Branch held a meeting at Sully, the first to be held there for 35 years. But on November 25th the Branch held another meeting there, for since the previous occasion the bells have been rehung and have had a new treble added. All this has resulted in an excellent ring of six bells, which was put to full use during the afternoon. Ringing in all standards was organised by the General Master, Mr. A. Hannington. Methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Minor for the more ambitious.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Basil Jones, Rector, who took for his text part of Psalm 150, 'Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals.'

A delightful tea followed at the Church Hall, provided by the ladies of Sully, who were thanked by the Branch secretary.

The business meeting started with members standing in silence to the memory of David Gwyn Lewis, of Neath, who lost his life following a road accident. Eight new members were elected, and four from Bristol to life membership.

The next meeting will be at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, where another augmentation and rehanging job has recently been carried out. R. E. C.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Southern District at Sketty on December 2nd, Canon Garfield James, who presided, asked the company to stand in sympathy with Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis and family, of Cadoxton, in the death of their son and brother, David Gwyn Lewis, who died after a car accident.

There was a change in the officers—Mr. Arthur Hoare took over the secretaryship upon the resignation of Mr. J. T. Williams, and Mr. Trevor Roderick was elected auditor. Two new members from Sketty were elected—Lowri Hancock and Elizabeth Watkins; Geoffrey W. Armitage, of St. David's, Lampeter, was elected a life member. Mr. Barrie Couzins thanked the ringers and wives who provided the tea. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. White, and Canon Garfield James gave the sermon.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—50



MR. ALFRED BALLARD,  
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

One of the most enthusiastic and competent ringers in the Midlands is Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leicestershire. A very gifted handbell ringer, he took part in the first handbell peal of Surprise Royal and the two peals of Cambridge Maximus, surely one of the most amazing performances of all time. In addition he has scored Stedman Sextuples and Kent Treble Bob fourteen, and has also rung Stedman Triples non-conducted.

Alfred was born at Stoney Stanton, Leics. on December 14th, 1908, and was educated at the local Church of England School, and later at the Hinckley Technical College, where he studied hosiery manufacture. He is now manager of Messrs. Francis & Windlebie, the hosiery manufacturers, where he has been employed since leaving school.

He learnt to ring at Stoney Stanton about 1925, and his instructors were the late Rev. R. P. Farrow and Mr. C. H. Briggs. This tower has always been popular for peal ringing, and a long peal of Cambridge Major was rung here in 1923. Alfred was the only one of eight pupils who started with him who still takes any interest in ringing, but although Stoney Stanton has never had a good change ringing band, they always ring regularly for Sunday services.

His first peal was rung at Wetherby, Yorkshire, on March 19th, 1927, being four methods of Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris, and his next was Stedman Triples, called by that gifted conductor, Walter P. Whitehead, with whom he rang a number of peals, when James George was completing his dates, and often came to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Alfred's present peal total is approximately 830, of which 296 have been rung on handbells. He rang the third to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, on August 24th, 1946, and has completed Stedman from Double to Cinques, Cambridge from Minor to Maximus—in one day! and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells. He has also rung four peals of Surprise in a day. One peal of which Alfred is always proud was rung at Claybrooke. While ringing was suspended at Hinckley for a time, some of them went over to assist Mr. C. Clarke, who had started a number of young ladies there, and four of the local band rang their first peal through this help.

Alfred considers he was very fortunate to be associated with the late Harold J. Poole, who besides being a great ringer was also a personal friend, and who did much to encourage Alfred during his early attempts at handbell ringing. Mr. Redvers F. Elkington,

of Anstey, was also a great help in his early days, and cycled to Stoney Stanton every week for handbell ringing, the Rev. R. P. Farrow being very interested and helpful. It was Redvers Elkington who took him to meet that other great Leicester ringer, the late Frederick H. Dexter, who gave him much sound advice on Surprise ringing. When Alfred really started handbell ringing in earnest, he had to travel the 14 miles to Leicester every week, and when they were practising Cambridge Royal it was twice a week.

In 1949, Alfred rang no fewer than 118 peals, but this did not prevent him from attending all his District meetings. He is both chairman and Ringing Master of the Hinckley District, and is now captain at Hinckley (St. Mary's), where they have a very young band. He has also represented the Leicester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council for a number of years. In 1925 Alfred married Miss Susan Cobby, who, although not a ringer, is always ready to help by providing coffee on handbell practice nights at Hinckley.

Alfred is interested in most sports, and has taken a practical interest in golf for the last few years, mainly for exercise to keep his weight down!

He has proved himself to be the ideal type of ringer, who has not only rung a lot of peals with the best but also faithfully supports his own District by helping and instructing beginners and attending meetings. Men of his kind are the backbone of an Association.

APACE.

## BOW BELLS DEDICATION

The dedication of Bow Bells, Cheapside, London, on Wednesday, December 20th, at 3.45 p.m., will be by the Bishop of London in the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. Ringing on that occasion will be by officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths and members of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild.

It was hoped that there would be open ringing at Bow that evening, but that is not now possible, as the ceremony of confirmation of the election of three bishops has been fixed for that time.

The authorities have promised that as early as possible in the New Year an open day for ringing will be held. Details, when received, will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

[For 'Time Signal Doctored' see Letters to the Editor, page 840.]

## BEAMINSTER'S VETERAN RINGERS

The West Dorset town of Beaminster will have three ringers who have each completed 50 years' service in the tower as change ringers. The three were pupils of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, over 50 years ago, used to walk six miles into Beaminster to inculcate the art of change ringing.

The second member to complete his 50 years' was Mr. A. Tom Gunning. This was on November 26th, and three days later the local Guild assembled to mark the occasion. Several touches of Grandsire were rung with Tom conducting. Taking part were Mr. E. P. Bailey, who has been an active ringer for 53 years, and Mr. A. Winters, who in January next will have 50 years' to his credit.

After the ringing the company adjourned to the Greyhound Inn, where Tom is mine host and drank his health, followed by an excellent supper.

All three have peals to their credit and are capable of conducting Grandsire Triples and all have been officers. Mr. Bailey was secretary and treasurer for 40 years. Mr. Gunning has also held that office and has been captain and vice-captain on several occasions. Mr. Winters has also been captain and vice-captain very many times.

Has any other tower three members, each with over half-a-century's service?



# Durham University Society at Dinner

THE annual dinner of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers was held in the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on November 18th, 35 members and guests being present. Previously, the bells of Chester-le-Street and Houghton-le-Spring had been rung, and the excellent dinner was therefore most welcome.

The president, Mr. Bryan Pattison (Bede College), after proposing the loyal toast, called upon Mr. Peter Newing (St. John's College) to submit the toast to 'The Church.' Mr. Newing said there were in England 5,000 bell towers, all closely integrated with the life of the Church. As ringers they were in a unique position, having a particular kind of work to do. The message of the bells was witness to the eternal truths for which the Church stood and it was their responsibility to assist the Church by sharing in the life of the Church.

In reply, the Rev. G. Foley, Rector of Brancepeth, said there were three sexes—men, women and clergymen—and three types of clergy—the important ones (who wore garters), the useful ones (parish priests), and the ecclesiastical civil servants, for example Directors of Education, into which category he fell.

Brancepeth, he continued, had an ancient and very beautiful church. When he first went there, 18 months ago, there was a congregation of six and the bells were only rung when the parish ringers managed to get up in time. The University bellringers were therefore very welcome to both himself and all in the village. The ringing of the bells brought something to the village life which had been sadly lacking—the traditions of the past. In addition to this, he was now able to get into the 'horse-box opposite the squire's playpen' and preach to a larger congregation—even if the ringers were asleep, their presence was very welcome. Mr. Foley ended by thanking the ringers very much for their services to Brancepeth; may you ring many more bells? he said, 'and God bless you all.'

## ACHIEVEMENTS—TWO PEALS, TWO ENGAGEMENTS

The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. Thomas O. Piercy, a past president, who listed the achievements of the Society as six peals, two engagements, and lots of good friendships. D.U.S.C.R. was founded to keep together the Durham and Newcastle Societies—that ringers should keep in touch with each other and not drop ringing once they left home. The officers of the Society must not take the attitude 'we're all going down this year so never mind next year.' Continuity must be maintained. It was extremely difficult to start a society with good quality ringing and a good spirit; life members could contribute a lot. Mr. Piercy expressed his wish that the future Newcastle University would uphold these traditions, as the Durham Society was doing.

The president, in reply, pointed out that Durham had the nucleus of a very good Society; he was proud to be its president for the second time. It was a great privilege, he said, to ring at Brancepeth—the Society at last had a tower to call its own—and also at Durham Cathedral. Mr. Pattison said when he first came to Durham he had been told he would never get a ring at the Cathedral, but he went up the tower and had not been disappointed. The Society had been allowed to augment the Cathedral band ever since, and was especially privileged to assist in the ringing for King Olav of Norway on his recent visit.

In Durham, he said, they had been very fortunate in the past three years in having a steady influx of ready-made ringers. He thanked all the ringers for their hard work.

He went on to welcome the guests—the Rev and Mrs. Foley, and Mr. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and his wife. He also welcomed Mr. B. S. Shep-



A handbell interlude during the D.U.S.C.R. annual dinner. Left to right, back row: Andrew Bolton, Bill Wilson, Bryan Pattison and Chris Herbert. Front row: Mrs. E. Allison, Mr. E. Allison and Chris Hopkins.

[North of England Newspaper Co. Ltd., picture.]

pard, from Manchester University, and Mr. Allison, bell-major at the Cathedral, and his wife. He expressed the Society's thanks at being allowed to help the regular Cathedral ringers during term-time. Finally, Mr. Pattison welcomed Mr. Piercy and Miss Phillips.

Mr. Sheppard apologised for the absence of the president of Manchester, and brought the Society the best wishes of the University Society and Guild of Manchester. He thanked the D.U.S.C.R. for the kind hospitality shown to himself and all the guests, which he knew they had all enjoyed.

The speeches concluded, the president thanked the D.U.S.C.R. secretary, Miss Mary Marshall, for arranging the dinner. A pleasant evening was rounded off with handbell ringing and discussion.

## THE COMPANY

Mr. B. Pattison, Mr. B. S. Sheppard, Rev. and Mrs. G. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allison, Mr. T. O. Piercy, Miss W. Phillips.

Messrs. C. Herbert, J. Thorley, P. Newing, C. Rees, C. Hopkins, A. Bolton, W. Wilson, D. Stubbs, D. Dredge, J. Constable, B. Redgers, T. Grey, L. Pizzev.

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## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The West Lindsey Branch meeting held at Willingham on November 18th, was in place of Upton, where the bells are at present being augmented from five to six.

The service in church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Nicholson), who is shortly leaving the district. Appreciation of the Rector's help and co-operation in Guild matters was expressed later at the business meeting.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the annual meeting to be held at Gainsborough on January 20th should again be followed by a dinner and social evening at the Old Hall.

M. L. M.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

A surprisingly pleasant afternoon attracted a good number of ringers to Harpenden on November 18th. The eight bells were soon tapping round to Cambridge Double Norwich, standard methods and rounds for the many enthusiastic beginners.

At the service, conducted by the Rev. P. Bradshaw, Mrs. J. Dodds, a St. Albans ringer, played the organ. Tea, provided by the local ringers, was excellent. Ringing continued until Evensong, when a business meeting was held. Mr. W. Hughes, president of the Association, was elected chairman. New members elected were: A. Rimmer, R. Lewis, N. Pearce, D. Green, L. Baycock and D. Sadler.

The company was reminded that many subscriptions were long overdue for 1961 and that alterations to the 1961 annual report must be sent to the secretary as soon as possible. The illness of Mr. Bertie Cornell, of St. Albans Cathedral, a very dear old friend of all present, was brought to notice and arrangements were made to send him flowers and a letter from the District. A collection for the voluntary bell fund raised £1 10s.

Ringings continued until 8.15 p.m. when methods rung were Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Pershore Bob Major (special method) and standard methods.

C. M. R.

## SAFFRON WALDEN'S BELLS

Dear Sir.—Work has commenced to lower the ring of 12 bells and dismantle the old frame at Saffron Walden. The bells are to be taken to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough, for tuning and rehanging in a new cast iron frame.

The reopening of the bells has been fixed for Saturday, June 30th, 1962. Will friends and outing secretaries please note this date.

—Yours faithfully,

L. E. PITSTOW.

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Saffron Walden.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir.—Bells to be broadcast on Christmas morning will be those from Woolton, St. Mary Redcliffe, Cowbridge, Enniskillen, Sevenoaks, Worcester Cathedral and Greenock.

I believe the majority of ringers who listen are more interested in the quality of the bells rather than the method being rung and I would suggest that rounds be rung at the time of broadcasting.—Yours sincerely,  
CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge.

## IS THIS SPLICED?

Dear Sir.—Referring to the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Stanwell, page 799, can this peal really be termed 'spliced' for 720 numbers four and seven were Cambridge only?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK H. HICKS.

East Grinstead.

## KILIFI BELLS

Dear Sir.—Thank you for printing the architect's drawing of St. Thomas' Church, Kilifi. May I correct a small error in the title of the picture? The cost of the ring of bells is given as £3,200. This is the estimated cost of the church itself, including furniture, electric light, harmonium and architect's fees. It is a remarkably low figure for a strong and beautiful building, which can seat over 120 adults and take a further 300 in the open wings.

The ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) was quoted by Taylor's at £2,194, C.I.F., Mombasa, with all fittings, delivered in pairs. Following Col. Jerram's hint we have now had a new quotation for a ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.) £1,920—not a great saving, owing to the rise in the price of bell metal. We have also made a tentative offer for a second-hand ring of five.

The two lightest bells of Taylor's new quotation would only cost £459 and our bell fund now stands at £111, much of it from local sources, but we are still hoping for contributions from the Diocesan Guilds.

We are coming home for four months' leave in January, and will be able to show some coloured slides of the church and its environment—including one of the drums of the Coldstream Guards, whose scarlet decorated our ringing chamber and gallery for the Remembrance Day service.—Yours, etc.

W. F. P. KELLY.

Kilifi, Kenya.

## STRIKING CONTEST IN ARTS FESTIVAL

Dear Sir.—Following upon Mr. S. K. A. Huson's letter in the issue of November 24th, Mr. Bernard Buckley, of 4, Den Lane, Upper-mill, near Oldham, a tower bell ringer, who is on the committee of the Saddleworth Arts Festival, has suggested a striking contest at St. Chad's Church, within the festival week from May 26th to June 2nd, 1962. The committee favour the suggestion, and have promised a shield and medals for a competition of no less than eight sets.

Might I suggest that a charge of 10s. per company be made, the money to be spent on prizes. Will ringers interested write to me for particulars and made suggestions to help in the cause of good striking, as Mr. Huson and others desire.

If at the end of January, 1962, I find that the contest looks like being supported, a notice to that effect will appear in 'The Ringing World'.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

62, Manchester Road,  
Greenfield, near Oldham.

## BOW BELLS SIGNAL 'DOCTORED'

Dear Sir.—It would seem that the recording of the Bow Bells (recorded in 1934, according to Mr. Ernest Morris, 'R.W.' December 1st) used for years by the B.B.C. as an 'interval' signal, has been edited and recorded on tape, judging by what I have heard on several occasions lately. Rounds are followed by the changes 1234567980. 1234567980; 1234567980. 1234567890; and this is repeated over and over again.

As one amongst very many who have found great pleasure in listening to the old recording, and following blow by blow the changes produced, I find this doctoring of the ringing intensely irritating and frustrating, and I am sure that there must be many ringers who feel the same. At least one full record of the changes exists, and is still used by the B.B.C. from time to time.

Could we make representations to the B.B.C. to use the full record (or if the disc is becoming badly worn, to transfer it to tape in full)? Perhaps the Ancient Society of College Youths, whom I believe made the original recording, would take up the matter.—Yours sincerely,  
Yeovil, Somerset. ROGER O. FRY (Rev.)

## BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL

Dear Sir.—The next course at the West Riding of Yorkshire Adult College will be held from Friday to Sunday, April 27th to 29th (the week-end after Easter Monday). As four tutors will be available (Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. Barton, W. F. Moreton and N. Chaddock), it will be possible to have two lectures and activity groups working at the same time, one elementary and one advanced. Varied aspects of tower- and handbell ringing will be dealt with from both learning and teaching angles, and it will be possible to meet almost any individual requirement. Practical sessions will be held at various towers, including Durham Cathedral.

Those attending will enjoy the excellent facilities and food of the college, situated in lovely surroundings, which appear at their best at this time of the year.

The total number of places on this course is only 26, a good number of which have already been taken. Those interested are advised to write to the Warden of the Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks, as soon as possible for an application form. Total cost is £2 2s. for West Riding residents, £3 for others.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,  
Broom, Rotherham.

## A REQUEST FROM CANADA

Dear Sir.—I am writing to inquire if any of your readers know where I can purchase recordings of change ringing? I was a member of the Bath Abbey band, England, but have lived in Canada now for nearly 44 years.

Before I came to Canada there was, I believe, a recording of Bath Abbey bells, and some time ago I read in 'The Ringing World,' which I still take, that there was a recording of Bristol Surprise offered for sale, but unfortunately I never took advantage of the offer. Are these recordings still for sale? Perhaps some of your readers will inform me as to whom I should write to?

I live in the suburbs of Toronto, and in that city there are no bells that can be rung to changes. The ten bells in the Cathedral cannot be rung because of the chiming apparatus. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Television Service exhibited a film showing change ringing from Mission City, British Columbia. I was quite thrilled to see and listen to Grandsire Caters.—Yours very truly,  
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JOHN SCHOFIELD.

Wallington, Surrey.

## EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—From recent correspondence received by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which he has passed on to me, it appears that the nomenclature which I used to describe the extension of Evesham Surprise Major to the Royal ('R.W.' page 773) is not a form which is generally understood by those interested in such matters. May I be permitted, therefore, to explain as briefly as possible the origin and meaning of the nomenclature which I used.

Taking Evesham Surprise Royal as the method in question as an example, the description 'Extension DU/E of the Major' finds its origin in the C.C. Methods Committee's Report on Extension, adopted by the Council in 1953.

By dividing a half-lead of the parent Major method into the appropriate front and back sub-sections and following the Rules for extension as laid down in the Methods Committee's Report, starting the extension at 'front sub-section D' and at 'back sub-section U,' Evesham S. Major yields a Royal extension of the 'Expanding' class (E), as opposed to the Static (S) or Double (D) classes. Hence, in summary, the whole of this procedure can be described as 'Extension DU/E of the parent Major method.' This would appear to be the shortest, but possibly not the simplest, way of describing a method extension.

However, to avoid any further confusion, I append the place notation for Evesham Surprise Royal, which is obtained by Extension DU/E of the Major.

I must apologise for an error in the figures forwarded to you of the 5,040 Evesham S. Royal (page 804). The 8th course end should read 32465, and not 43265.—Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Souhampton.

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## LETTERS—Continued

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR  
A REPLY TO MR. P. J. BROWN

Dear Sir.—I suggest you read my letter again and get some of your facts right. If you think I'm one of these people who go round saying, 'Down with drink and drinkers' you are very much mistaken. My objection is that in the report of this tour drinking is being splashed all over the paper.

I notice that in your letter you call Mr. Williams and company a party of peal grabbers and that you weren't interested in their performances! Later on you say, 'Carry on, Mr. Williams.' Your letters would not be contradictory if you read them first!

As to your suggestion that I go on a peal tour and see what thirsty work it is, you are here talking without your book. Last August I spent two weeks on a ringing tour with a bicycle, covering 850 miles and averaging six towers a day. I should have a good idea of what thirsty work is, but I didn't write to 'The Ringing World' giving details of every inn visited. In the article about this tour (Rambling Ringers) I don't think you'll find mentioned beer and pubs visited, though I can assure you that we did not spend our spare time in a milk bar!

As for telling me to apologise, I honestly can't see anything in my letter to apologise for. A number of my friends gained the same impression as I did.—Yours sincerely,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

## EXPERIMENTING

Dear Sir.—Re Alan J. Blair's letter on p. 809 headed 'Experimenting.' I should like to make a few superficial observations.

The method he gives appears to be a form of Double Kent, place notation being:—  
3456—3456, 18, —1278—, 18, —1278—, 18,  
3456—3456, H.L. (18) L.H. (18)=652743 [3L.C.]

There are two 'blue lines' of the method—one is rung by 3, 5 and 7, the other by 2, 4 and 6.

The method is 'irregular' on two counts—adjacent places in 78 w.o. treble and non-Plain Bob leadheads. This latter irregularity could be overcome by having the 78 section rung as: 3456—36, and have a H.L. of 1458; whatever you do will upset the pretty phase pattern, which obtains within the sections:—  
(+)\*, (-)\*, (+)\*, (-)\*.

The music of the first few changes must really be marvellous with 82 dodging as the lead!

The 'bob' given is no such thing—it is a single.

The false leadheads against the first lead of the 'plain course' are:—

(1/2) 243657, (3/4) 432765, (5/6) 674523, (7/8) 243657.

There appear to be only 360 leads of the method, of which I think only 120 are usable in a true composition, giving a maximum length of about 400 changes—just a nice service touch.

The above observations are only superficial and I have not had time to check any statements thoroughly.—Yours, etc.,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

P.S.—I should be most grateful if 'Junior' (of 'On the use of calls' fame) would get in touch with me at my address: 'The Garnet,' 32, Egerton Road North, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, 21.—G. B. T.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on December 2nd, when about 60 ringers attended. The bells were made full use of from 3 to 4 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Hinton, and the organ played by Mr. B. Elsworth. The collection, which amounted to £3 9s., is to be sent to Kilifi, Kenya, to help to defray the cost of the new ring of bells which it is hoped to install in the church there.

Bridport ringers and their wives entertained the company to tea in the Church House, and a foretaste of Christmas was hot mince-pies.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and gave a warm welcome to the visitors, especially Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Brinkworth, of the Dorchester Branch. He also thanked Bridport ringers and their wives for their generous hospitality. A letter was read from the Master of the Guild expressing his good wishes and sorrow at not being able to be present owing to his own annual meeting being on the same day.

The following new members were elected: from Hawkechurch, Miss R. Bowditch, Miss Marsden, G. Rawlins, K. Froom; Lyme Regis, Miss H. Davis; Netherbury, Miss J. Tither, B. Tither, J. Davis, G. Hawkins; Broadwindsor, Rev. F. B. Horsey, and confirmed as a member was R. Master-Curtis, of Milton Abbey School.

Points from the honorary secretary's report were average attendance at quarterly meetings, 25; increased membership over last year's figure; there were now fifteen lady ringers, and one the deputy leader of her tower. There is hope of at least one more tower joining the Guild. Sunday service ringing has not been maintained as set out in the Central Council survey. Whitechurch, Hawkechurch and Thorncombe members have now become method ringers; this latter tower also receives praise for its efforts to obtain a sixth bell. They now have £300 and the new bell has been ordered. Netherbury and Askerswell were mentioned for their youthful members, who were giving a good account of themselves.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £67 11s. 4d. The chairman thought another £20 might be put into deposit account and this was agreed. The honorary secretary was thanked for his work and for the manner in which it had been carried out.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. J. S. Arthur, chairman; C. W. Powell, vice-chairman; J. T. Barrett, honorary secretary and treasurer; D. Bishop, G. S. Morris and H. Keeley, ringing Masters; Canon C. C. Cox and F. Knight to branch committee.

Meeting places for 1962 were agreed, the next meeting to be at Bradpole on February 24th, subject to the Vicar's consent. Canon Cox thanked Mr. Hinton for conducting the service and for his interesting and thoughtful address. Mr. Bishop mentioned the passing of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, and the departure of Dr. Brown from Wareham. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Rev. R. P. Farrow. Ringing continued for the remainder of the evening at Bridport, Bradpole, and Symondsburry.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## Chertsey District

Over forty ringers attended the nomination meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Walton-on-Thames on December 2nd. There was ringing from rounds to Stedman Triples during the afternoon, and a service followed. This was taken by the Rector, who struck an unusual note by not speaking entirely on the subject of bells and ringers.

The tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. R. Collins, District Master, took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. W. Denyer (Guild Master), Mr. F. Hawthorne and Mr. W. Shepherd. The following nominations for District officers for 1962 were submitted: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; secretary and treasurer, Miss E. Loveland. The retiring committee member, Mr. J. Maybrey, was re-nominated, and also Mr. W. Shepherd as District auditor, and Mr. C. Archibald, 'Ringing World' correspondent. Eleven new members from Chertsey, East Molesey and Walton-on-Thames were elected.

Some discussion took place on the proposed amalgamation with the Surrey Association. It was stated that there would be a general meeting in Guildford early in 1962, to see whether the Guild as a whole would be for or against this. The importance of members attending to record their votes was again stressed. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the ladies, for providing such a wonderful tea, to the Rector, for taking the service, and to the organist.

There was ringing, up to Double Norwich, during the evening, some handbells being rung for a short time while a broken rope was repaired.

C. M. P.

## OUTING

## MARCH, CAMBS

Bellringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, held their annual pre-Christmas tour on December 2nd, and visited four churches in Huntingdonshire. St. John's, Holywell, a tiny church overlooking the Ouse valley, was first visited and the six bells were rung prior to a service.

Picturesque Hemingford Abbots came next and the bells of St. Margaret's soon were echoing above the lovely river; a three-hundred year old clock—still marking time—was the centre of attraction here.

An excellent tea, including Christmas fare, was enjoyed at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, renowned for Shakespearian performances in its old-world courtyard. After a warm in front of an 'old-fashioned' fire the party entered All Saints' Church and rang the bells, three of which bear the date 1607 and one 1677. Oliver Cromwell, who was baptised here, would have heard these bells.

Speeding along the Great North Road the bus eventually arrived at St. John's, Stanground, where the six bells, of fine total quality, were set going; one of these was cast in 1588—the year of the Armada.

Rounds and call changes were rung for beginners and other ringers indulged in the methods Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Double Oxford and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.

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# A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

ONE of the most surprising decisions of the Central Council in recent years has been the acceptance of peals of Minimus. The reaction of the general body of ringers to this appears to be shock, disgust, grudging tolerance, perhaps complete indifference, but hardly wild enthusiasm.

How did all this come about? Did some stunt ringers, some 'Ogres of the Exercise' creep up on us by stealth to make fools of us by ringing peals on four bells? A careful study of the last few years of 'Ringing Worlds' would show that this is not the case. In fact, the trend towards acceptance of peals on lower numbers has surely been apparent since the end of the nineteenth century.

## ANCIENT HISTORY

The earliest definition of a peal was what we now call an extent. By Stedman's time, four-bell 'peals' were considered beginners' stuff and 'peals' of Doubles were very popular, each 'peal' being considered as a separate method, while Minor was in the experimental stage. Later, with Minor came the idea of composition, the semi-mathematical skill of using Bobs and Singles to produce different 'peals' in a given method being the new approach to ringing.

The difficulty of composing a true peal of 5,040 Triples proved a stumbling-block for many years, but by 1715 or perhaps earlier this was rung and 5,000 changes came to be the new definition for peals of Major to Maximus, the first peals of which were all rung within eleven years of the first known peal of Triples. For over 150 years any peal length rung to less than Triples was ignored by the 'Peal Purists' of the day.

In the early days of the Central Council, Minor ringers, let alone Doubles ringers, were apparently not represented, judging by the subjects discussed. Gradually Minor peals, although accepted, became recognised as worth while, thanks to the efforts of pioneers like the James brothers and, later, C. K. Lewis, W. Ayre and others. Treatises and opinions on regular v. irregular Minor methods and Spliced Minor began to appear in the Press.

Minor and above were now accepted, but anything less was 'rubbish'—according to many 'Minor and above' ringers. Even now, in spite of lengthy discussions in 'The Ringing World' and an authoritative book by the Central Council Methods Committee, Doubles peals are still lumped together in the annual analysis of peals, irrespective of whether the methods rung have individual plain courses or are merely variations. Perhaps there are so many names rung in some of them that they are not worth bothering about. This attitude used to be applied to Minor also.

Peals of Minor were accepted and with them, the important idea of repetition of changes in a peal. Shortly afterwards, I believe (I am open to correction), peals of Doubles were accepted, with the necessity of having every change repeated 42 times. No proviso was made that 42 different extents be required, why I do not know, but for many years now we have had the possibility of an easy peal of 42 extents in one calling of, e.g., Plain Bob or Grandsire. Perhaps this is allowed to encourage struggling village bands who would otherwise never reach the dizzy heights of a peal. But surely, any bright, keen band, with luck, could ring an interesting peal of even Bob Doubles, by using the four callings, each bell in the hunt in turn and three of the 'variations' of Plain Bob (i.e., different bobs).

## MODERN HISTORY

Coming now to four-bell ringing, Minimus. How did the present interest begin? It is all in the pages of 'The Ringing World'—now probably lost or forgotten by most readers.

In the issue dated February 15th, 1957, appeared a letter from D. P. Jones asking if it would 'be possible for Mr. R. Dove to add a supplement, one day, to his excellent "Guide," giving a list of churches with four bells, if hung for ringing.' He thought that the increased interest shown by possible visiting parties might arouse local enthusiasm towards change-ringing and possibly augmentation. For the next six months followed a stream of letters listing four-bell towers with, in many cases, information on the condition of the bells.

As a result, the first quarter peal to be published was rung in June, 1957, at Carlton, Beds, being Plain Bob. Quarter peals in up to four methods were rung in Somerset before an article by Peter B. Knights was published on October 11th and 25th, entitled 'Change Ringing on Four Bells.' This was a comprehensive study and has strongly influenced Minimus ringing since, but several things in it are open to question. In fact, some of it is contrary to the spirit of the Central Council decisions on methods and extents. No comment was made by any Central Council committee member, at least not in 'The Ringing World,' but then no peal ringing was envisaged—yet.

Two months elapsed. Then, on December 20th, appeared a letter from Cyril A. Wratten, pointing out that there was nothing in the Central Council rules and decisions to prevent a peal of Minimus being rung and accepted. This warning of what might happen was ignored by the Central Council at Dublin (1958) and at Southport (1959), although a motion to broaden the scope of Minor and Doubles peals was defeated on the grounds that peal standards were low enough already.

Nothing important happened for nearly two years, apart from a few quarter peals in up to nine methods. Even six- and eight-bell towers joined in these with tenors covering. Then, on October 1st, 1959, Geoffrey K. Dodd conducted a peal of Minimus in five methods at Newtown, Hants, just south of Newbury. There were 42 repetitions of each method, no more than in peals of Undershaft or Smithfield Doubles. Although submitted as a peal, it was published as a performance on the advice of Mr. E. A. Barnett. Two of the methods were claimed as new, but were subsequently renamed correctly by the conductor, since they were merely contractions of well known methods on higher numbers, and at the time he requested that it should go forward as a peal. Nothing further was mentioned in 'The Ringing World' until the Central Council meeting at Folkestone (1960).

## THE DECISION BY DEFAULT

The Peal Analysis Committee report was submitted by the convener, Mr. W. Ayre, together with a Standing Committee recommendation that a peal of Minor where two ringers changed places be not accepted and the peal of Minimus be accepted. A vigorous discussion took place over the peal of Minor and although the wording of the appropriate rules was found to be possibly ambiguous, the spirit of the rule was perfectly clear and the

Standing Committee recommendation was accepted, together with the report. No discussion took place on the Minimus. (Perhaps the small number of bells involved made it unimportant in members' minds?) If it had not been for a question from the floor, the very last item in A.O.B., members—and perhaps 'The Ringing World' report also—would probably not have been aware of the acceptance of the Minimus peal. It would have been accepted but not recorded as a peal, which would have been very unsatisfactory.

As it was, the 'Decision by Default' created quite a stir although the storm did not break immediately. The first reaction was not condemnation of the Central Council, but the ringing of the first handbell peal of Plain Bob Minimus by D. A. Cornwall and J. E. Camp at High Wycombe on June 29th. This brought forth information from Rev. M. C. C. Melville and C. K. Lewis that two young brothers, Jocelyn B. and Ivan B. Gardiner, had rung a few peals before the last war, the first one being on July 30th, 1938, at Marple, Cheshire. As these were rung before the Central Council decision, the High Wycombe claim must presumably stand.

A further handbell peal, this time by well known ringers in Leicester, really set things going. P. H. Whitaker, of Coleraine, registered the first protest in the issue of August 19th, when he rightly said that 'the lack of criticism in "The Ringing World" is a regrettable sign of apathy in the Exercise.' It could not have happened 50 years ago without an uproar. In fact, one of the arguments against allowing five- and six-bell performances as peals was that if they were allowed, four-bell peals would follow. Well, they have: and as sure as fate, three-bell peals will follow too unless the acceptance of four-bell peals is rescinded.... The real point is that the acceptance of peals on four bells allows a much lower standard.

As an example of 'lowering of standards,' he mentioned that single-handed handbell peals had become acceptable—in fact, one such had recently been rung at Stevenage, Herts.

This was followed by many great names in our peal columns, one after the other condemning Minimus peals. Certainly the standard for a peal had fallen, but a few lesser voices and the champion of the 'little man,' P. Amos, came out in favour, claiming that interest in ringing might be aroused in these lesser towers and that the bells might well be augmented as a result, as at Leire, Leics, or at least be rung and maintained—much the same argument that D. P. Jones used in his original letter.

The second tower bell peal was also conducted(?) by G. K. Dodd and was on September 30th, 1960, almost a year after the first, at Stanford Dingley, Berks. This time it was in only two methods, thus lowering his previous standard. Stanford Dingley has a very strong team of twelve ringers who are now considering adding two more bells and this peal gave their leader, W. A. Cummins, the satisfaction of scoring his first in his own tower. The interest shown by their band, combined with a wish to augment their bells in the future, seems to be contrary to the fears expressed in a second letter from P. H. Whitaker on November 11th.

Next followed a couple of handbell peals of Plain Bob Minimus, one at Redfield, Bristol (October 30th) and the other at Wadham College, Oxford (November 2nd), by two undergraduates. This latter was rung for the Universities' Association who, two months later, expressed their natural disgust by refusing to accept this or any peal of Minimus in their records, maintaining that the Central Council decision was a deplorable mistake which would surely be rectified the following year. Thus they accepted that Minimus peals could be rung, but not for their Association.

The last peal brought forth some scathing comments from correspondents, who wondered if the young men concerned could not be more usefully employed. No real tolerance was shown of handbell peals of Minimus by any correspondent and when F. Keith Williamson rang a 'one man' peal in three methods at Leeds on December 11th, most ringers considered things had gone quite far enough. One interesting point that was overlooked was that this was the first handbell peal of Minimus in more than one method—a little more credit to him than to any of the other 'teams' and he claimed it only as a 'novelty'! Incident-

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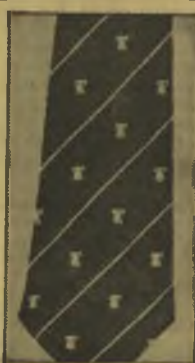
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**A Review Of Minimus—Cont.**

ally. I wonder when the first peal of Doubles or Minor will be rung in hand 'solo' as I have seen short lengths being rung 'six in hand.' I wonder how ringers would react to that!

In the meantime, more quarter peals were rung, nearly all in only one method and many in towers where there were more than four bells. An indication of things to come from Carlton, Beds. was a quarter peal on December 31st in 15 methods, many based on those published three years previously by P. B.-Knights, so be careful, Carlton, if you are thinking of ringing these to a peal!

Cambridgeshire produced the third tower bell peal, Plain Bob, rung at Conington on February 4th, 1961, in which there were two first pealers. The fifth and last handbell peal of Minimus ever to be rung, we trust, was on March 11th at West Hartlepool and was another of Plain Bob. A more constructive action than this last was reported on April 7th, being an account of the restoration of the four bells of Basildon, Berks.

The final rush of peals before the expected condemnation of Minimus by the Central Council resulted in two peals of Plain Bob, 5,088 (!) changes, at North Aston on March 25th and at Towersey on April 4th, both in Oxon, a peal in five methods at Wapley, Glos. on April 26th, a peal of Kent T.B. at Newton, Hants. on May 1st, and a peal in 11 methods at Randwick, Glos. on May 3rd.

The peal at Wapley was in the same five methods as the first one at Newtown, but Wapley is a ring of five and the tenor was rung as a cover bell. As there was no Decision against it at the time, presumably it stands as a peal. Does this also apply to the peal of Kent which produces true 48's with every change at hand being repeated once at back? This is allowed in Pitman's and Morris' 240's of Grandsire Doubles, but not otherwise in Doubles and Minor. There is no comparable rule for Minimus. Will it be ethical merely to assume that Minor and

Doubles Decisions automatically apply to Minimus?

The peal at Randwick raised the standard somewhat, all the 11 plain hunt Minimus methods being rung. By ringing them to a peal, all these are now named (see Appendix). Each extent was rung 19 or 20 times, i.e., slightly fewer than in a peal of Doubles in two callings rung a few months earlier!

(To be continued)

**HEAVY & LIGHT HANDBELLS**

In March, 1927, 'The Ringing World' reported a handbell peal of Stedman Triples thus: 'Having scored the heaviest handbell peal yet rung, with a tenor size 26 in G and weighing 4 lb. 2 oz., diameter 9 inches, certain Leicester "pealites" desired to score the "lightest ever."'

After several unsuccessful attempts on Mr. Josiah Morris' "midgets" they were dropped for the time being, but coming once more on the scene they met with a successful peal on March 15th (1927). This miniature peal was bought originally with wooden handles and iron clappers, but Mr. Tom Miller, of Birmingham "rehung" them with strap handles and bored the clappers, inserting boxwood strikers. The tenor weighs 3 oz., and is 2½ ins. diameter, while the total weight of the whole eight is but 22 oz. Thus the single tenor of the "heavy" peal is three times the weight of the whole light peal.

Now the present Leicester handbell peal ringers, having scored the heaviest peal of Major (May 14th, 1961), have with the Kent Treble Bob Major, reported elsewhere, scored the lightest peal of Major yet rung E. M.

**WOLVERCOTE, OXON.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): J. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. C. Godwin 2, N. Chamberlain (cond.) 3, P. J. Heritage 4, W. C. Godwin 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Rung on the annual Ringers' Sunday. First quarter peal by the regular Sunday service band.

**HOWARD'S HAUL OR THE SQUIRE'S SNATCH**

November the 25th proved to be a lovely morning for the time of the year, when ringers from East Grinstead and two friends from West Hoathly set out on the 'Squire's Snatch.' The squire, John Howard to the unenlightened, gave a programme sheet to each member, and it was quite a stiff one too!

Lingfield started the ball rolling—Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and plenty of rounds for the lesser brethren. These bells proved just right for the whole band, whilst the two youngest, Elizabeth and Vivienne, aged seven and five, were busy brass rubbing—permission granted of course.

At Oxted, where we were met by Mr. Newnham, the bells were a trifle noisy inside, but Kent, Cambridge, Plain Bob and rounds were enjoyed. Limsfield gave evidence of a keen local band with a well kept belfry, numerous methods on the wall, a new set of handbells and the bells, a good ring of six, didn't disappoint us. Hull Surprise went very well.

On to Limsfield Chart, where we were met by Mr. Tidey. The iron ladder on the outside of the tower of the ringing chamber frightened some of the lady members. However, the bells were well worth the climb. A picnic lunch was partaken on the green opposite the church.

Ringing followed on the lovely eight at Edenbridge, where Mr. Leigh met us and led us up in peal. Hever's six have just been rehung and now 'go' very well, though London proved our Waterloo. A good tea followed at the Henry VIII, opposite the church.

On the quiet eight at Chiddingstone, our ringing was not of its best. Mr. Goater met us at Penshurst and rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The last tower was Speldhurst, where non-conducted Grandsire Triples was rung, but Stedman let us down. Our sincere thanks to Vicars and ringers who met us, and to the Squire, who fixed everything up, and made 'Howard's Haul' such a success. F. H. H.

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Another handbell peal of Cambridge Maximus has been rung, and at Leicester too! We understand that this is only the second peal of Cambridge Maximus to be rung 'in hand.' Taking part in both peals were Mr. Alfred Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Sending his regrets for not being able to stand in a peal, a Sussex ringer received the following telegram: 'Must have a **wringer** of some sort.' He evidently put his neck in it!

The band who rang the peal in eleven Treble Bob Minor methods at East Drayton, Notts, wish to associate Mr. R. Mills with the peal. He stood in for practice, but was not available on the day.

Mr. T. Ogden, of 110, Smallbrook Road, Shaw, near Oldham, reports that he has had a very heavy demand for his music for handbells, but all received to date have now been dispatched. He apologises for any delays that occurred.

With the peal of Cambridge Minor at Tirley, Glos. on December 2nd, Barrie Hendry has at last completed the Cambridge 'family' to peals after several unsuccessful attempts for Minor in the last two years. To 'beat the bogey' a strong band was chosen: three of the remaining five ringers had already completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, one only needed Royal, and the fifth member needed only Maximus. As was hoped, a good peal was scored.

Mr. John Euston recently visited Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, who is now in West Park Hospital, Epsom. His many friends will be pleased to know that he looked very well, smart and well cared for. He wishes to be especially remembered to J. Hawkins and W. Shepherd and his Yorkshire friends. Len Rodmell and Albert Sellers, and expresses his gratitude to Harold Rogers and others who have visited him. Unfortunately, his wife underwent a major operation at King's College Hospital on December 2nd. Her condition is now reported as satisfactory.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Howard W. Egglestone and his band deserve a word of congratulation for their peal at Stisted, Essex, on November 30th—41 Surprise Minor methods. This is the most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

With the peal at Southwark Cathedral on December 2nd, Mr. R. James Cook has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinquses.

Shenfield, Essex, has a regular Sunday service band who this week rang a peal of 28 Spliced Surprise Minor methods.

The popularity of 'The Ringers' Diary' is not confined to this country. Bulk orders have been received from Sydney and Adelaide, Australia, Christ Church, New Zealand, and Victoria, British Columbia.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, Co. Durham, on September 9th has been published twice in 'The Ringing World,' on pages 670 and 813. Will those responsible for records please note.

The Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, who when Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, launched the appeal for Bow bells, has been appointed a Canon of Gloucester Cathedral. In honour of his installation, a quarter peal was rung at Cheltenham.

Yorkshire seems to thrive on veteran ringers. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at St. James', South Anston, in honour of Mr. Herbert Turner completing 70 years with the South Anston company. He would be pleased to hear of any who have exceeded this record of service in one tower. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by him.

The Worcester Cathedral band are participating in the Christmas Broadcast and a recording has been taken of Stedman Cinquses rung by the Sunday service band. As far as is known, a Sunday service band had never previously rung Stedman Cinquses at Worcester before this year. In fact, if it had not been for the encouragement offered by the opportunity of the broadcast they probably would not have rung it, is the opinion of our correspondent.

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LONDON, S.E.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. 2	WILLIAM T. COOK .. 8
*R. JAMES COOK .. 3	ALAN ROGERS .. 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. 10
JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
ROBERT W. HINDE .. 6	STEWART F. KIMBER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal on 12 bells. This peal contains the Whittingtons.  
Rung for Advent.**TEN BELL PEALS**

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 23 cwt. 104 lb. in D flat.

JOHN E. ANDERSON .. Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 9
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 5	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Prudence Singleton and Jolyon Dodgson,  
who were married earlier in the day at St. Paul's, Lindale-in-Cartmel.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. Treble	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. 6
†D. JOHN HUNT .. 2	†DONALD E. COBB .. 7
†DON C. EXELL .. 3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 9
DAVID J. KING .. 5	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

\* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Cambridge.  
§ First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER.

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

COLIN A. TESTER .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 6
OLIVE D. TESTER .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER .. 7
*†ANN GEORGE .. 3	†BRIAN E. JEFFREY .. 8
†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 4	††STANLEY JENNER .. 9
ERNEST J. LADD .. 5	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

\* First peal on ten. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Caters. First  
10-bell peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 6
BRIAN DOWNES .. 2	DENNIS RANDALL .. 7
JOHN D. ROCK .. 3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 8
ALAN J. FROST .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 9
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
*ALICE E. J. LESTER .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	†JAMES B. MORLEY .. 8
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	*HARRY J. MILLATT .. 9
†ANDREW T. BECKWITH .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First on  
ten bells.**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*COLIN A. LEWIS .. Treble	DAVID W. BEARD .. 5
(Aberystwyth)	(London)
*GILLIAN E. GRANEY .. 2	†JANICE E. WILLIAMSON .. 6
(Aberystwyth)	(Aberystwyth)
*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 7
(Liverpool)	(Liverpool)
*GEOFFREY H. PULLIN .. 4	†PETER S. BENNETT .. Tenor
(Liverpool)	(Liverpool)

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. First on the rehing  
bells.In memory of Glyndwr Davies, student at the University College of  
Wales, Aberystwyth, killed on Snowdon, October 29th, 1961, aged 19.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
*JOHN E. ALLEN .. 3	†RONALD C. NOON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4	A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.58).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
CAROL FERNLEY .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 5
MRS. P. A. M. HALLS .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN .. 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
ALEX RICHARDSON .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*MONICA MOORE .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 2	†R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. 3	†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 7
†MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*CHERRY WITHELL .. Treble	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 5
MICHAEL G. SELBY .. 2	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
EDWARD R. VENN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells. First in the method on the bells.



## GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	PETER A. WHITEHEAD .. .. 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
JOHN WORTH .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.
PETER MORRIS .. .. Treble	ALBERT H. LAWTON .. .. 5
RICHARD E. MORRIS .. .. 2	IAN FRIEND .. .. 6
E. MARION KEY .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4	MICHAEL J. HAYWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

On the Margaret eight.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	† JOHN E. ADAMS .. .. 5
* WILLIAM G. HURST .. .. 2	† TREVOR G. STILL .. .. 6
JOHN BRAMLEY .. .. 3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE .. .. 7
G. HARRY BRAY .. .. 4	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung by the local band as a 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bray.

## KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. Treble	DOUGLAS BURNETT .. .. 5
ALAN CARVETH .. .. 2	* ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 6
ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. .. 7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. .. 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung to mark the marriage of Miss P. Ruth Hosken to Dr. Ian Lloyd, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

## LONDON, S.W.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

PAULINE M. FENNELL .. Treble	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. 5
MARY S. TAYLOR .. .. 2	DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. .. 6
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. 3	PAUL CATIERMOLE .. .. 7
MARCUS P. BARTON .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PRATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY PRATT.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

* THOMAS DARLEY .. .. Treble	† KENNETH B. SISSONS .. .. 5
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. .. 6
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	G. FRED TERRY .. .. 7
† ALAN EVANS .. .. 4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.

‡ 50th peal.

## QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 5
* FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 2	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

## SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	H. JAMES TURNER .. .. 5
JAMES L. BOYLIN .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
* ALAN L. WESTWOOD .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
CLIVE P. PARKER .. .. 4	† RICHARD L. JOYCE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at St. Mary's. All are members of the Sunday service band.

## SHEFFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUGH N. EVANS .. .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 5
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 2	DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 6
NORMAN HAYES .. .. 3	* DAVID FORDER .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

\* 25th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

Rung without previous practice.

## SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.
* AUBREY T. BEAREHAM .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
THOMAS BIRD .. .. 2	† MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 6
DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
JACK H. BRETT .. .. 4	ARTHUR R. RUFFLE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to B. W. Pettit, and a 48th to E. W. Brown (both local ringers).

## SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN S. CHETTLEBURGH .. Treble	JOHN S. SEAGER .. .. 5
* GEOFFREY GOODALL .. .. 2	CYRIL RUSBY .. .. 6
LYNNE THOMPSON .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 7
EILEEN J. OSBORNE .. .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 70 years of loyal service as a ringer at this church by Mr. Herbert Turner.

## SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt., approx.
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. .. 2	PHILIP REYNOLDS .. .. 6
NORMAN B. FOBARQUE .. 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. 7
* J. EDWARD BROWN .. .. 4	* FREDERICK DERRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

\* First peal of Triples.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds.

## WARWICK.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	HUBERT G. SUMMERS .. .. 5
FRANK W. PERRINS .. .. 2	* PERCY STONE .. .. 6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. .. 7
* ROGER HARRIS .. .. 4	* J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

\* First peal in the method.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN JACKSON .. .. Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK .. .. 5
THOMAS BARKER .. .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. .. 6
* MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 7
NORMAN SMITH .. .. 4	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method.



## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.
*DEREK SLATER .. .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 5
M. PETER HOWARD .. .. 2	JOHN A. HOWARD .. .. 6
MARGARET A. LADD .. .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE .. .. 7
HARRY N. VAUGHAN .. .. 4	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Vaughan, wife of Harry N. Vaughan.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Tues., Nov. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble	ALBERT E. DANIELLS .. .. 5
*H. MARY WILLIAMS .. .. 2	DONALD J. MEAGER .. .. 6
ROGER CADAMY .. .. 3	WILLIAM A. YATES .. .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS .. .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

\* First peal.

Arranged by St. Mary's ringers as a farewell and an appreciation to Miss H. Mary Williams for her assistance whilst a student at Bletchley Park Teachers' Training College.

## BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5184 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE I. DEAR .. .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	EDWIN G. BUCK .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ASH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
*JOHN T. LOCKE .. .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. .. 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. .. 2	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 5
ALBERT W. DYER .. .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

\* 60th peal.

## TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being (1) Cambridge, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Kent T.B., (6) and 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 4
*ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. 2	PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 5
*WILLIAM A. NEWMAN .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal in eight methods.

## MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. .. 4
*STEPHEN TURNER (14) .. 2	ALAN W. ROBINSON .. .. 5
HAROLD TURNER .. .. 3	ALAN W. BEST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN W. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cuneastre, (2) London and Wells, (3) Bourne and Netherseale, (4) Ipswich, (5) Norwich, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley, Cambridge and Surlfeet; with 60 changes of method.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.
C. GAY WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. 4
E. JANE LANGTON .. .. 2	DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 5
MIKAELA ERIK .. .. 3	JOHN C. EISEL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 12 Surprise Minor methods by all the band, and for the Society.

## SWITHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being four extents each of Northrepps and Southrepps, 14 of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, three each of Clifford's Pleasure and four of April Day.

RAYMOND R. BROWN .. Treble	MICHAEL J. COPSON .. .. 4
JUDITH A. M. COX .. .. 2	MAURICE R. A. KIRK .. .. 5
MICHAEL W. BROWN .. .. 3	N. RODERICK ELLWAY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael J. Copson.

## COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN LOXTON .. .. Treble	HAROLD SPENCER .. .. 4
†JOHN BRINSON .. .. 2	HAROLD HOOPER .. .. 5
ALBERT PETERS .. .. 3	JOHN HOOPER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HOOPER.

\* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in five methods. First as conductor. First peal to be rung in the tower by the Sunday service band.

Rung for the opening of the annual bazaar by Mrs. Henderson, the wife of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

## EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 11 methods, being the following extents: (1) Ockley, Morning Star, Norbury, (2) College Exercise, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) Capel, Kingston, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER HUMPHREY .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. 4
†CHRISTINE FROGGATT .. 2	†BRIAN MILLS .. .. 5
DOREEN BRADLEY .. .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

\* First peal. † First in 11 methods.

## GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*DERICK E. TUPPER .. Treble	DAVID K. PUTNAM .. .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 2	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
PETER L. WOOD .. .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

\* First peal on six bells.

## KEMPSFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and six extents and two of 240 (Morris's) Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. Treble	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. .. 4
DAVID J. BARNETT .. .. 2	TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 3	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

## ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. Treble	PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. .. 3
MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. .. 2	BARRIE HENDRY .. .. 4
ALAN C. COZENS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. W. Jeffs, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

## ROYDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
ALFRED A. LIVINGS .. Treble	CHARLES W. SAMS .. .. 4
FREDERICK C. WHITBY .. 2	EDWARD CURSON .. .. 5
REGINALD H. HAYDEN .. 3	WILLIAM H. ALEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. ALEY.



## SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 28 methods: (1) Morpeth and Canterbury; (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden; (3) Newcastle and Alnwick; (4) London, Wells and Cune-castre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham and York; (6) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; with 120 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN L. FENNELL .. .. Treble	COLIN M. TIFFIN .. .. 4
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. .. 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. .. 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 28 methods by all the band, who are all members of the regular Sunday service band of this church.

## SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. Treble	ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. .. 4
J. HARRY COOK .. .. 2	RONALD J. HILL .. .. 5
ROBERT E. HARDY .. .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Thomas Briggs for his long service to ringing.

## STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BLUFF .. .. Treble	CECIL WADE .. .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT .. .. 2	*J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. 5
JAMES W. HAW .. .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

\* First peal in 18 methods.

Rung for the borough quinqucentenary celebrations.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 41 methods, as follows: (1) Hanley, Cheddleton, Milton, Horton, Allendale, Westminster and Fryerning; (2 and 3) 1,440 in 12 methods: Cune-castre, Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Alnwick, Morpeth, Newcastle, Canterbury, Chester and Munden; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Beighton, Redcar, Appleby and Hatfield; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 125 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER J. EVES .. .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN A. WARNER .. .. 2	ALAN R. SYDER .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Most Surprise Minor methods yet rung in 5,040 changes.

## SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN E. SAYERS .. .. Treble	*ANTHONY K. FORTIN .. 3
*MARK W. SAYERS .. .. 2	†MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 4
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. Tenor	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1961, in 2 Hours.

IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal of Surprise Minor 'in hand' by all.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	†JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7—8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4	†ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 9—10
*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. 11—12

Composed by WILFRID F. MORETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' † First on 12 handbells.

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

AT 24, MANOR STREET, WIGSTON.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and two each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

\* First peal of four Minor methods 'in hand.'

## SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT 3, LON DERW, TYCOCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 20 extents Grandsire and 20 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*BARRY COUZINS .. .. 1—2	J. ARTHUR HOARE .. .. 3—4
*EDMUND MORRIS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by J. ARTHUR HOARE.

\* First handbell peal.

## SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 13 methods in the following seven extents: (1) London Bob, Lytham Bob, Westlecott Bob, College, Wavertree and Rodbourne College; (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College; (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (4 and 5) Kent T.B.; (6 and 7) Oxford T.B.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most methods to a handbell peal by the band, and for the Association.

## LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL RINGING ROOM.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER J. SHIPTON .. .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size not known.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 5—6
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

The combined weight of these bells is 22 oz., and they are the lightest bells to be rung to a peal.

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## HALF PEAL

**NORWICH, NORFOLK.**—At St. George's, on Nov. 24th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cubitt 1, G. E. Larter 2, J. B. Gardiner 3, H. Lubbock 4, T. Speight 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6.

**APPLEFORD, BERKS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Ken T.B. and Plain Bob): Angela G. Wakefield 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, Catherine M. Chapman 3, Marie R. Cross 4, Daphne J. Pollard (first as cond. in two Minor methods) 5, P. A. Sharp 6. First in two methods by 1 and 2.

**BATTERSEA, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Foot (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Mrs. S. R. Foot 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, C. W. Otley 5, D. R. Randall 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. E. Dodds 8. For Evensong.

**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Allison 1, R. W. Leighton 2, S. Thompson (cond.) 3, M. Maughan 4, T. Bullerwell 5. For Confirmation service.

**BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Young 1, W. Stevens 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, L. Morrell 4, D. G. Miller 5, A. G. Comer 6. Arranged to enable Mr. Comer, captain of Bradford-on-Tone ringers, to ring his first quarter in his home tower.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Willard (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, A. Pryke 3, E. Furbank 4, B. Hines 5, P. Banks 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For morning service.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Stratton 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. C. D. Mann 3, F. W. Rivett 4, C. M. Payne 5, P. Inskip 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, C. D. Mann 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. M. Skinner, of Bromham Hall, whose funeral took place in this church this day.

**BURGHILL, HEREFORDS.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, J. Bourne 2, W. A. Stokes 3, Miss A. M. Gladwell 4, G. Cousins 5, G. Morris (first quarter) 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, H. C. Chandler 8.

**CHELTHENHAM, GLUS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, C. Burridge 2, A. Paton (first of Stedman) 3, Miss S. M. Parsons 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, I. Goulter 6, W. A. Farmer 7, J. Tyler 8. Rung in honour of the installation of the Rector of Cheltenham, the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, O.B.E., as a Canon of Gloucester, this day.

**COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Cammack 1, Catherine Harrison 2, R. H. Rogers 3, D. P. B. Miles (first quarter) 4, R. D. Gibson 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston (first 'inside') 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8. First of Major '4, 2 and 3.

**DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.**—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Bailey (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Bond 2, Miss B. D. Munday 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. Hill 6. After Evensong, on the back six. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

**GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. Wigmore 2, J. G. W. Harwood 3, A. W. Fulcher 4, A. W. Bird 5, W. B. Dungan (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: C. Hall 1, E. J. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5. Rung for Children's prizegiving service, and to welcome the Rev. B. Fernyhough as Rector.

**HODNET, SALOP.**—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hayward 1, P. Morris 2, R. E. Morris 3, F. Leech (cond.) 4, M. Wycherley 5, A. Turner 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3. Rung as a 23rd wedding anniversary for the ringers of third.

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparkes 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, D. Salter 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6. For morning service.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Salisbury 1, A. Grainger 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. Fines 5, J. Fowler 6, A. Gargrave 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, All Saints' and Plain Bob): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallert (first as cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

**ILCHESTER, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. E. Down 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, G. W. Rendell 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field 5. First silent and non-conducted quarter by all the band. In memory of Flo, wife of the ringers of the fifth, on her birthday.

## QUARTER PEALS

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Smith 1, U. Wildney 2, R. Harrison (first quarter) 3, B. Rouse 4, Frances Smith (first of Major) 5, J. Felgate 6, Gillian Brown (first of Major as cond.) 7, W. Felgate 8. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

**LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, GLOS.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Law 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, B. Hone (first 'inside') 4, P. J. Rothera 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, F. Taylor 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, R. D. Bailey 4, K. R. Davey 5, A. G. Payne 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bevan W. Willgress.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannerling 1, W. T. Grice 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, G. F. Cantrill 4, F. A. Leason 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Hogan 7, J. C. Wallis 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. G. Bax 1, E. Ford 2, Joy Turner 3, H. Stacey 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, M. Sherwin 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Walsh 1, Miss G. S. M. Walsh 2, P. A. Law 3, P. J. Rothera 4, M. J. Stanley 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round because of a fraying rope.

**OCKHAM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Struckett 1, T. Walke (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, M. Bartlett 4, D. M. Boniface (cond.) 5.

**OLD WOKING, SURREY.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin (175th quarter) 3, D. Leach 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Priestley 8. For evening service.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Lavers (cond.) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Dav 3, H. W. Milford 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, A. W. Myers 7, T. C. Myers 8. For Evensong, and in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the consecration of this church.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Rimmer (first of Minor) 1, P. Atkinson 2, Christine M. Rimmer 3, Celia Bland 4, D. Fellows 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob: R. Lewis (first quarter) 1, D. Fellows 2, P. Fells (cond.) 3, Celia Bland 4, P. Atkinson 5, A. Malyon 6. First quarter in the method for all. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the first occasion on which a peal (in Bob Minor) was rung on the (previous) bells by its own ringers, all having been taught to ring by the conductor. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, P. Atkinson 2, Celia Bland 3, Christine M. Rimmer (first as cond.) 4, D. Fellows 5, R. Last 6. Rung for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—On Nov. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. E. Price (cond.) 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, B. Balderson 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, D. Armstrong 7, J. S. Seager 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, B. Holland 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Haydn Thorpe and Sidney F. Palmer, both of whom gave long and faithful service as members of the Cathedral company.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bisat 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. For the Patronal Festival, also the 50th anniversary of the bells.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Goddard (first quarter) 1, Miss C. White 2, J. Rea 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Perrett 5, K. Cheffrell 6, M. Harbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Matins.

**TAVISTOCK, DEVON.**—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, T. G. Myers 2, C. E. Taylor 3, H. F. Myers 4, H. Stacey 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, W. G. Lavers 7, W. H. Marks 8.

**THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. S. Bedford 1, J. M. Bailey 2, C. J. Gibson 3, J. Pilgrim 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, H. W. Barrett 6. Rung to mark the 7th anniversary of the Rector's induction.

**THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Oliver 1, B. Branstor 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. For St. Andrew's Day.


**THRYBERGH, YORKS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Green 1, Clara Green 2, Miss M. Oakley 3, Miss M. Gaskell 4, F. Brunt 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to mark the marriage in Cambridge on that day, of Miss C. E. Lecke (Thrybergh) and the Rev. P. Gardner-Smith (Cambridge).

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Aven 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. G. Smith 3, Jennifer M. Bunyah 4, R. D. Bell 5, F. Southwood 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Staman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**WATH-ON-DEARN, YORKS.**—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss S. Crossley (first quarter) 1, B. Heppenshall 2, W. Green 3, C. R. Hiner 4, G. W. Pilkington (first quarter) 5, H. Mortimore (cond.) 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 1, F. C. Case 3, D. Burbridge (first of Surprise) 4, T. E. Roberts 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. For Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margie Ness 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Rawlings 4, C. Walters 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Anne Garnett 1, J. Perret 2, Susan Rawlings 3, A. Bagworth 4, N. Waite 5, K. Newman 6, C. Walters 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for all the band except 1 and 4. For Evensong.



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# Christmas Greetings

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE. The Editor and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

The ALVASTON St. Michael's ringers wish all our ringing friends seasonal greetings and good wishes for 1962. And, of course, thanks to all those who have made 1961 so successful for us. 9321

Greetings from the ringers of St. Mary's, APSLEY, to all our ringing friends. A joyous Christmas and good wishes for the coming year. 9304

To all at 'home and far away places' Christmas, 1961, greetings.—J. E. ARM-STRONG, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth. 9298

MR. PETER N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, to all ringing friends, especially fellow-Cumberlands. 9296

Sincere best wishes for Christmas and 1962 to all my ringing friends, and especially to the 'Tuesday' and 'Wednesday' bands. Also grateful thanks for good companionship in 1961.—PAUL FIELD, Marshfield, Knote, Langport. 9302

That our ringing friends may have a most happy Christmas, with good health and prosperity in 1962, is the sincere wish of DONALD, JOHN and IAN FRANKS, of Radlett, Herts. 9314

Greeting and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Norman Cottage, Groombridge, Sussex. 9312

Greetings to Peter Raynor and Mrs. Valhalla Grossmith and their friends in Southern Rhodesia. Often in our thoughts and conversation. From Mr. and Mrs. WALTER JUDGE, JEAN and KEN. 9301

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to members of the Railwaymen's Guild and ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 9316

To all ringing friends, Christmas greetings and ringing in the New Year. From C. LONG-HURST, West Grinstead. 9297

Wishing all friends, old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From St. Michael's bellringers, MADELEY, Shropshire. We make all ringers welcome at all times. 9305

To all our friends we send best wishes for a joyful Christmas, followed by a year of good health and happiness. From DAVID, FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, at Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 9387

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. PITMAN send sincere greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, old and new, with the hope they will have plenty of good ringing, and success when ringing spliced.—Libington, Leamington Spa. 9300

Wishing all our ringing friends everywhere a happy Christmas, a good table and all that goes to make it so, and a prosperous and bright New Year.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea, in the County of Zummerzei. 9295

CECIL and SYLVIA PIPE send Christmas greetings to all Pipe's Pilgrims, past and future, and look forward to seeing you in glorious Devon, August 5th to 11th. Forty good towers, superb scenery and seaside. 9320

A happy Christmas and a prosperous, peaceful New Year to all ringers, old and young, everywhere, and continued success to 'The Ringing World'.—Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 9386

To all my friends, a very merry Christmas and the best of health and happiness in the coming year is the wish of EVELYN STEEL. 9322

To our very many ringing friends, 'The Ringing World,' especially the Editor, our grateful thanks for the many happy hours we have had with them. With best wishes for Christmas, and all it means, and for the new and succeeding years in all they bring.—W. FRANK and ADA STENSON, North Col, 142, Minshall New Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 9361

To all ringers and friends, merry Christmas and happy New Year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, 'The Laurels,' 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9389

Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering, especially at this time, those who are ill and those no longer able to ring. From REG JOHNSON, Master. 9390

To all members of our Guild and friends everywhere, a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.—LES BRETT, Framsdon, Suffolk. 9319

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Long Ashton on December 2nd. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Association's service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Cook.

About forty members and friends were present for tea, which was served in the Church Hall by ladies from the local company.

The Rector presided at the business meeting when the following officers were elected: Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master; Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick, vice-chairmen; Mr. D. G. Yeo, honorary secretary; Mr. J. Brain, 'Ringing World' correspondent. The meeting thanked Mr. M. J. Horseman for his work in this last named post, for which he did not seek re-election.

Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Winford, with practice meetings at Chew Stoke (January), Barrow Gurney (February), and Clevedon St. Andrew in March. The half-yearly Corporate Communion will be held at Wrington on April 29th.

The following were elected new members: Long Ashton, E. Abrahams, D. Peters and W. Wivell; Nailsea, C. Boulbee; Portbury, R. Goodliffe and M. Clavey; Miss D. Wood (Wrington) and Mr. W. Payne (Yatton) were elected associate members.

During the last quarter two peals were rung in the deanery—Stedman Caters at Wrington by the College Youths, and Stedman Triples at Long Ashton—and eight quarter peals.

The question of a report from each Branch to be inserted in the annual report was brought up and the secretary said he would raise this at the next committee meeting.

Votes of thanks to all those who had helped in the afternoon's arrangements were expressed by Mr. Knight, after which the company returned to the tower for further ringing. J. B.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Society was held at Eckington and Barlborough, jointly with the Derbyshire Association. At the former tower, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung in good style, and at the latter tower methods included London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At the business meeting, after tributes had been paid to Mr. Sidney F. Palmer and Mr. Haydn Thorpe, recently deceased, the meeting stood in silence in their memory.

The next meeting will be held in Sheffield on January 6th, when, in addition to the Cathedral (12), it is hoped that the fine eight at St. Marie's and the handy eight at All Saints' will be available. N. C.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch took place at Mere on December 2nd, when 34 ringers and others were present and ringing started at 3 p.m. in this fine eight bell tower. At the Guild office the Vicar, the Rev. N. E. E. Johnson, welcomed the ringers. The chairman of the Branch (the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the honorary secretary (Rev. R. N. Longridge) also took part in the service.

At the meeting after tea, Mr. Chaffey Moore was unanimously re-elected chairman, and the other Branch officers were elected as follows: Vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; honorary secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; committee members, Messrs. J. Ralph and E. Chant; Ringing Masters, Mr. W. C. Shute, Mr. B. Ridout and Mrs. Godley.

In his report for the year the honorary secretary said that ringing membership had increased by 29 to 195, and that 3 more towers had affiliated, namely, Stourton Caundle, Horningham and Stourton.

Two items of general relevance were discussed and agreed upon: in future there would be a fixed charge for tea, 3s., with half-price for junior members; and in order to discourage too great a dispersal after quarterly meetings, only one other tower would be made officially available, and that nearby if possible.

Meetings for 1962 were suggested as follows (subject to confirmation): March, Marnhull; June, Stourton; September, Okeford Fitzpaine; December (annual), Sherborne. It was furthermore decided to revert to the former arrangement of meeting on the second Saturday of these months.

Finally ringers were reminded of the Guild festival next year, the 80th anniversary of its foundation, at Salisbury on May 12th.

R. N. L.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Mr. Robert E. Lester conducted the West Central District's winter evening practice meeting at Wetherden on November 25th.

Despite the threat of fog a good crowd gathered in the belfry including a contingent from Mendlesham and Bury St. Edmunds. As always, we were very disappointed in our own District members, of whom only a small regular band appeared. There may be a flair for Royal and the like, but members should not let themselves become too good for humble Minor ringers and neglect their duties to their own District. E. H.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 15th, 1911.—

### ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED Lord Portman's Generosity

From a manuscript in the Record Office, dated 1552, it appears there were four 'Great Bells' at Durweston, Dorset, whilst at the neighbouring town of Blandford there were no more. In 1887 a treble was added at the former place, making five, these were inscribed as follows:

Treble.—Victoria R. et I. Jubilee A.D. 1887. Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

2.—X Sancta Maria.

3.—Mr. John Prower and Mr. Edward Hart, Churchwardens, 1766: T. Bilbie Fecit.

4.—Prayse the Lord, 1602. I. W.

Tenor.—Feare God Honour the King. T(bell maddillon) B. 1670, Stephen Frampion, William Haytor.

With the exception of the pre-Reformation bell (the 2nd) the whole ring has now been recast, and a new treble added. The bad 'go' of the old ring was brought to the notice of Lord Portman at the last Easter Vestry by the Rector (Mr. Anderson), and resulted in the bells being rehung in a new steel and iron frame, the greater part of the expense being borne by Lord Portman, who also gave the new bell in memory of his eldest son....



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## Christmas Press Days

For the issue of December 22nd, only Notices received first post Monday, December 18th will be inserted.

For the issue of December 29th, the very latest date is first post Saturday, December 23rd.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BULLEN—JOHNSON.**—The engagement is announced of Keith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. S. Bullen, of Dore, Sheffield, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, 12, Vicar's Walk, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. 9307

**MAY—LANE.**—The marriage between Douglas and Jill will take place at St. John's, Merrow, on Saturday, December 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Friends welcome at the church. Future address, 6, School Lane, East Clendon, Guildford, Surrey. 9303

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### MEETINGS

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, December 16th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper. 9384

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9375

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All Saints' bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood. 9370

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's (8). St. Albans, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea p.m. Names please to J. D. Chamberlain, 3, Milehouse Lane, St. Albans, Herts. Special method: Ipswich.—M. A. Coburn. 9349

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, December 16th. Bells (10) from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. Ogden. 9391

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chenies, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompius Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 9367

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester.—E. Cansdale, Dis. Sec. 9329

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. H. Brown, 11, Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9382

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Essex, on December 30th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in Memorial Hall. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 27th to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford. Nearest station, George Lane (Central Line) or bus to Gates Corner. 9309

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. All visitors welcome. 9279

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 1st to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9294

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9372

**SUFFOLK (S.W. and N.W. Districts).**—Joint dinner and social will be held at Cockfield Institute near Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, January 27th, 1962, 7 p.m. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, obtainable before January 20th from the Dinner Committee or Miss G. Reeve, Hartley Place, Hockwold, Thetford. Ringers from other areas also invited. Lavenham bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9308

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY DINNER.**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 1962, in the University S.C.R. Tickets, 13s. 6d., from treasurer, Miss J. Gambling, Chesil Bank, Digswell, Welwyn, Herts. 9293

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Guild at Ripponden on February 3rd. High tea, price 6s. 6d., at Queen Hotel. Names essential to D. Smith, 9, Bower Road, Elland. 9318

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### Corrections

The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is Mr. A. V. Bennett and not Mr. Truman as was inadvertently stated in our last issue (see page 825).

The meeting held at Exeter on November 18th and reported on page 826 was of the Devonshire Association of Ringers and not the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. J. Wade 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, I. Papworth 4, H. Nichols 5, C. W. Burton 6, A. I. Beckwith (cond.) 7, D. B. Shepherd 8. For morning service, also an 88th birthday compliment to the mother of the 6th ringer.



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**BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.**—On Dec. 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Everex (first quarter) 1. F. Castell 2. C. Adam 3. Angela M. Ayres (first of Doubles) 4. R. Partridge (cond.) 5. Joan M. Holloway (first quarter) 6. Rung for the engagement of Joan Holloway.

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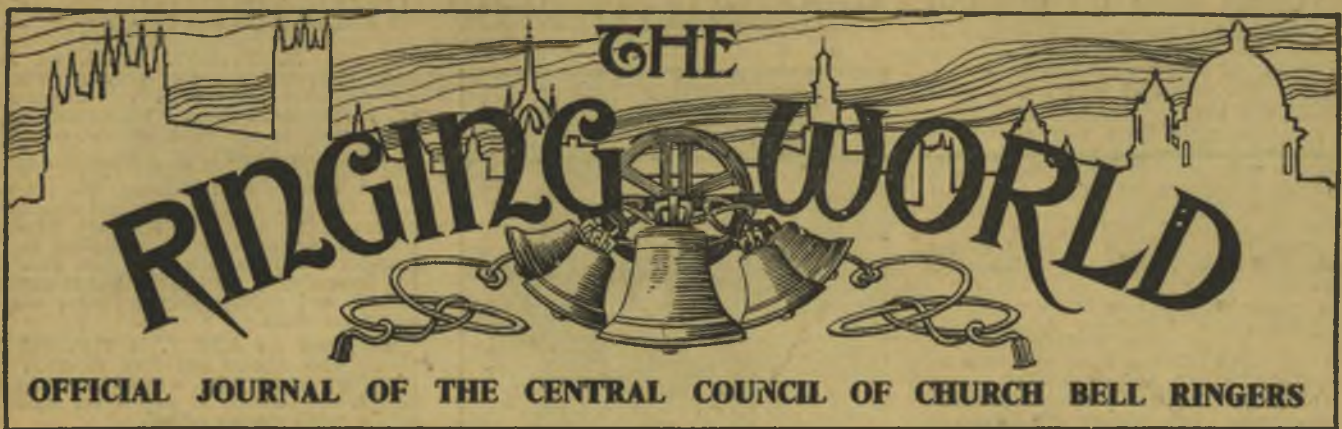
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## THE TRUTHS BEHIND CHRISTMAS BELLS

*'And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.'*

WHEN I was up at Oxford, I first really became aware of bellringing when on the various royal and national occasions the bells of my college, and those of various neighbouring towers, would suddenly and unexpectedly ring out. What is it today, we would wonder, the King's Accession, or Empire Day? It made us think, and it reminded us of something we might otherwise have forgotten.

Is it too much to hope that when the bells ring out on Christmas morning they will also make people think, and remind them of something they might otherwise forget?

Of course no one can forget that it is Christmas. Lots of people see to that. The local authorities spend our rates on vast illuminated Christmas trees, and other more elaborate displays. The shops, which have been looking forward to what one writer calls the Traders' Winter Festival since early in the year, leave us in no doubt what the season is. Most commercial firms make some gesture to retain their customers' goodwill with appropriate gifts or greetings. Parties, big and small, are being planned, and crates of drinks, designed to promote the "Christmas spirit," are being made ready. Presents are being bought and exchanged. And surely there is not a home in our land where at least a handful of Christmas cards is not arriving!

No! It is impossible to forget Christmas! At least it is impossible to ignore the outward trappings with which Christmas is surrounded. But unfortunately it is only too obvious that the underlying reason for all our Christmas festivity has been clean forgotten by the vast majority of people today. For Christmas is the time when Christians celebrate with delight and wonder the coming of God into the world. In many ways, of course, the moment of Our Lord's Conception or his Baptism in the River Jordan were more significant occasions. But birthdays always capture the imagination of us human beings, and so the day when the Saviour was born is the one which we take to invest with the whole glorious fabric of the doctrine of the Incarnation.

For on the first Christmas Day there actually was born a child who was God's Son, who was the eternal God taking human nature upon himself, and who was destined to be the Saviour and Lord of the whole human race. No wonder the most ancient traditions spoke of choirs of angels singing in the sight and sound of men to herald the amazing event. No wonder the devout and fertile imaginations of Christmas carollers have pictured all kinds of wonderful happenings, and all kinds of reverent homage being paid to the infant King of Kings. Had the whole world indeed known what a wondrous birth had taken place in the stable at Bethlehem, all men would have flocked to pay their respects there, and all the bells on earth would have rung!

We who are Christian believers have a great responsibility to ensure that people do have it drummed in upon them that the real essence of Christmas is the celebration of one of the turning points of history, when God's Son came out of the mists of eternity and firmly forged a link between our human nature and himself. Those of us who also man the bells have an extra note of celebration to sound, and it must be our prayer that the sound of the bells which we ring may be to many a reminder of the deep and glorious truths which underlie both the genuine fun and the trumped-up, commercialised heartiness of a present-day English Christmas.

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## CANADIAN FILM ON RINGING

Last week I had the unusual experience of watching a band of change ringers at work in a space no bigger than a page of this magazine. The sound of their ringing came out clear and true.

I had been asked by a representative of Scottish Television to give some professional advice on bellringing in connection with a programme 'This Wonderful World,' presented by Dr. John Grierson. The title may be familiar to some of your readers, as the programme is not confined to Scotland, but broadcast in most regions over Independent Television.

The programme uses films on many subjects and from many countries. Amongst the material at present under consideration is a short film called 'Ringers Required' made by young Canadian, Mr. A. J. M. Collins.

In it, he describes how a newspaper advertisement called the attention of Vancouver people to the fact that the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, in New Westminster, had a ring of 8 bells, which was falling into disuse as most of the original ringers had died or fallen out.

Support was quickly forthcoming. In the film I saw the humorous incidents that so many of us must remember from our learning days, when our enthusiasm was greater than our skill.

The technique and art of bellringing was explained very clearly and simply for a non-technical public, and the band was shown at different stages from discordant jangling to a reasonable proficiency.

The film closed with some shots of the Cathedral bells ringing changes as one old year passed and a new year was ushered in, in the traditional way. It was interesting to see and hear the familiar sound of Grandsire Triples sounding out, so far away from the British countryside, where our ancient craft was born.

I thought that the film was technically quite sound. If it is shown on television, I hope it will have its effect on introducing some of the finer points of ringing to a wider public, and I am sure it will have a certain appeal in bringing back memories of their beginnings to many fellow-ringers.

F. J. H.

### 'Ringing World' Box In Ringing Chamber

In the ringing chamber at Carbis Bay there is a box for 'The Ringing World.' This week the committee of this journal acknowledges with gratitude a cheque for £1 12s. from the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council. To all who contributed, 'Thank you.'

## A CHURCH WITH TWO NAMES

Bridge's History of Northants. The Victorian County History. Whellam's History and all old Kelly's Directories each give the name of the church at Kislisbury as that of St. Luke—none of them refer to it as ever having been changed from SS. Peter and Paul to St. Luke.

Yet since about 1911 Crockford, Pevsner and diocesan calendars as well as the Rector call it SS. Peter and Paul, and the incumbent says it has never officially been changed from SS. Peter and Paul.

The question arises, which was it first known as? If all old books by such authorities as Bridge gave it as St. Luke, it seems that the change has been from that to SS. Peter and Paul, and not vice versa, as the Rector and several others seem to think: especially if there has been no official rededication. St. Luke, I should say it is! However, it is a very confusing situation for historians and others.

Peals have been rung giving both names; there has never been a time when there were two churches at Kislisbury (a St. Luke and a SS. Peter and Paul), like there is at Cranford—a St. John and a St. Andrew. Or at Aldwincle, where there is a St. Peter and a Church of All Saints.

And to top it all, in the belfry are peal cards some giving it as St. Luke, and others as SS. Peter and Paul.

P. A.

## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—51



MR. ALBERT M. TYLER,  
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

In these days of a predominance of even-bell ringing, it is refreshing to find someone who admits to preferring both the music and the ringing of odd-bell methods. Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Willsbridge, Bristol, finds much more to interest him with the tenor 'behind,' especially in conducting, of which he is no mean exponent, and also in composition, in which he has much success.

Albert was born in Clapton, North London, on February 17th, 1923, and is the son of the late Jesse B. Tyler, a well known ringer, who was for many years employed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and was a capable peal ringer. He learnt to handle a bell at St. John-at-Hackney, London, in 1935, and following the death of his father he moved to Bristol and joined St. Stephen's tower. There he came under the influence of the late John A. Burford and William A. Cave, and also Joseph T. Dyke, three ringers for whom Albert has always had a high regard.

Making quick progress, he had the probably unique experience of ringing three peals of Stedman Cinques for his first three peals! The first was in February, 1937, when he rang the treble at Tewkesbury Abbey, a few days before his 14th birthday. The band included the late John Thomas (his uncle by marriage), Amy R. Johnson (who later married John Thomas) and her brother, Joseph D. Johnson, the present general secretary of the Worcestershire & Districts Assoc., who conducted. Two weeks later, he rang another peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and a month after that a third peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

Albert has no complete and up-to-date record of his peals, but he believes his total to be between 150 and 200, of which he has conducted about 60, mostly from a working bell. He has rung just over 30 handbell peals, of which he has called about a dozen. His first peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, and his first peal of Surprise was Cambridge Maximus! He conducted his first peal 'in hand'—Grandsire Triples—and it was also the first peal 'in hand' for the rest of the band. He has also conducted the first peals of both Erin Triples and Cinques for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and hopes to score the Caters soon.

Albert looks back to three peals with which he was pleased to be associated: the 1,000th peal of the late John Thomas—Stedman

Caters—at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on June 18th, 1955, and a sadder occasion, when a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, in memory of the late John Thomas, conducted by Philip A. Corby; the third peal was the first handbell peal of Major rung in Wales, conducted by Wilfred Williams. He can only recall one peal that he really had any regrets about losing. That was Wraxhall, Somerset, when an attempt was made for Spiced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, with Ron Beck and Joe Dyke ringing the tenors. It was purely a novelty, and unfortunately a further attempt was never made.

He joined the A.S.C.Y. in 1939, and has always been a keen and loyal member. He regularly attends the annual dinner, and regards this function as one of the highlights of the year's ringing activities.

### MONTHLY PEAL ATTEMPTS

As a civil servant in the department of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, Albert was moved to Reading in 1948, where, for over three years, he became attached to St. Laurence's, under William Hibbert. When he returned to Bristol in 1951, he took over the position of Ringing Master at St. Stephen's. He has always been very interested in encouraging young ringers to score their first peal, either in a new method or on a higher number of bells. In 1954/55 he introduced a monthly peal attempt in place of the usual practice night, to assist the advancement of many local ringers and resident members of the University Society, which is now thriving so well, and with which Albert has been very closely associated for many years. These peal attempts are still continuing, and since their inception the records show that over 100 firsts of one kind or another have been achieved. These include first peals, first in a new method, first on 8 or 10 bells, first as conductor, and first as conductor on 8 or 10 bells, and in a method. Teaching people to conduct peals has always been one of Albert's aims—a branch of the art which he feels is often ignored.

### COMPOSITIONS

In the field of composition, Albert has been for some years producing peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques. In Grandsire he has introduced some new approaches to providing the best music of which the method is capable. About 50 of his compositions have so far been rung. Some of these have been a little revolutionary by generally accepted standards, but already some of his ideas are being copied. He has recently produced a type of broadsheet for both Grandsire and Cinques, and he believes this may be the first of its kind ever produced for Grandsire. The Caters sheets give 420 peals in the orthodox Tittum and Handstroke positions, with regular and simple calling, all of which are short courses, giving the best music in these positions. He is at present just completing a further Caters broadsheet for the more advanced conductor of Grandsire, to include blocks of courses with 57968s and 97568s, etc.

Albert was secretary of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for about three years before joining the Army in 1942. He served in the Signals Section of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in North Africa, Egypt, Italy and Greece. More recently he has twice held the office of Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch. Another hobby of Albert's is rose growing, but as he just recently moved into a new house, he is virtually starting from scratch again.

Albert, by encouraging beginners at St. Stephen's to ring peals and learn to conduct, is doing much to maintain the high standard of ringing for which Bristol was once famous in the days of William A. Cave. The ringing in the city is now once again on the 'up and up,' and much of the credit must go to Albert. A first class striker himself, he insists on the best from everyone else. His own enthusiasm is bound to create interest from others, and in this work he has the loyal support of many of the young ringers of Bristol.

APACE.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BOW BELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Morris refers to the excellent striking of the bells recorded for the 'Interval Signal.' He might equally have referred to the conducting. Changes are made at every hand stroke, which means that before one 'call' is made by the ringers the next is made by the conductor. I have been told that it was the practice to call, for example, 'Four over five,' without saying which bell had to follow four nor which five had to follow. That is what is called 'Ropesight,' and to achieve such striking under such circumstances is more creditable than Mr. Morris implies. Is there a band of twelve ringers today who could emulate the recording we hear now in the 'Interval Signal'?—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

## THE FIRST LOYALTY

Dear Sir.—I thoroughly agree with item (i) listed in Miss W. M. Elliott's letter ('R.W.' page 824). It is the duty of the incumbent to endeavour to find out the reasons (not only of ringers, but of his whole flock) why non-attendance at divine worship is lacking, and make efforts to convert erring ways. Item (ii). I trust and hope, is rarely resorted to.

Miss Elliott implies in the latter part of her letter that it is because the incumbent is unpopular that many do not attend church. Those who act in this way are lacking badly; we do not attend worship to please the parson, but to put into that service all we owe to God. It is therefore personal to the individual, the parson being only there to lead the worship and make his personal contribution to God, whose minister he is. The conclusion therefore is that we have an overwhelming duty to God over that to the parson, though, of course, loyalty to the incumbent is necessary.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton.

## SCALDWELL'S NEW TREBLE

Dear Sir.—Of the inscription on this bell, may well it have been said that future historians will wonder what to make of it! When all the facts are taken into account, it will be seen that the inscription is not only ridiculous but I should suggest that the person who advised it is about the same!

And these are the facts: Early this year an announcement appeared in the Peterborough Diocesan Leaflet that the Church of the Holy Trinity, Northampton, had a small 13 inch diameter bell to give away, to any church in need of a bell.

Holy Trinity Church, by the way, is a modern stone building, built in 1909, with a tower abutting the south wall, containing a 39 inch bell of 10½ cwt., by Barwell, of Birmingham, of that same year. The tower is suitable for six, and certainly would take five, the above bell acting as a good tenor—it is one of the few good Barwell bells I know of. Such a scheme was shorn by a clock being put where the bells could have hung, in 1925.

Thus, it will be seen that the 13 inch bell formed no part of an intending ring. Its weight, at so small a diameter, is sufficient to suggest (after taking into account that of the Scaldwell treble of 28½ inches, weighing 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.) that little more than a fifth of the metal belongs to the original bell from Holy Trinity, Northampton.

I repeat—how ridiculous for such an inscription, and how ridiculous of the person who ever suggested it!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

## SERVICE RINGING 100 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir.—With the subject of service ringing still being in the limelight, I am enclosing a few lines written over a hundred years ago (yes, it is no new problem), by the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, in his book 'Belfries and Ringers.' It makes most interesting reading.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant, Hants.

'When first I went to that parish [I presume the parish of Clyst St. George, Devon], more than thirty years ago, scarcely one of the ringers attended the services of the church! I used to see them on a Sunday, waiting in the churchyard till the service was over; and then, almost before every person had left the holy place, they would strike out a merry peal. This was a state of things which could not be suffered to continue, and therefore at once I did what I could in the way of talking and reasoning with them; and at last I was obliged to make it a rule that unless they came to pray they should not be allowed to ring. For a time this gave great offence: but I remained firm, and at last the man who was most outrageous confessed to me that my view of the matter was right.

'In the course of time the old ringers dropped off, and others, self-appointed, succeeded; and very soon, by their own consent and proposal, I obtained the custody of the keys of the tower. Before that, the ringers had uncontrolled admission to the belfry when they pleased, and for what purpose they pleased; but ever since, the keys have been kept at the vicarage.

'It had long been the practice—and a very common one it is in country villages—to ring a peal or two on Sunday mornings, sometimes before and sometimes after breakfast; but I observed that the ringers seldom came to the church afterwards; and therefore, except on festival days, I at once prohibited all peal ringing at any time before morning service. However delightful and poetical may be the thoughts connected with the cheerful peal on a Sunday morning, I am quite sure that in most cases it will be found that peal-ringing on Sundays—morning or evening—leads to the alehouse afterwards. Much evil therefore will be prevented by stopping it altogether, until a better system of appointing and remunerating the ringers can be introduced.'

He carries on by saying: 'I should like to add that, when the Sunday ringing was discontinued, it was with an understanding that they might in future practise two evenings in the week instead of one, to which the amusement or practice had long before been limited. It would sometimes happen that a young hand stood in need of a little more frequent practice; and then it has been usual for some of the company to have the keys of the belfry, and "tie" the clappers, and so raising and falling can be practised without any annoyance to the neighbourhood.'

## PEALS OF MINOR AT PEWSEY

Dear Sir.—For the information of the band who rang a peal of Minor at Pewsey on November 4th last, with the footnote 'Believed to be the first of Minor ever rung on the bells,' a peal of Minor was rung there on May 28th, 1949, conducted by Frank Harris. This peal, as is usual on these occasions, was recorded for the Guild to which this tower has been affiliated for the past 50 years.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. WEST.

Honorary Secretary,  
Salisbury Guild.

## CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—The bells of St. Peter's, Woolton, will commence in rounds, run to Queens and back to rounds and into Stedman Triples for their Christmas broadcast. The band have all rung a peal and at least a quarter in Stedman Triples. Age of the whole band, 16-19 years.

For the information of the Council and the appointed committee, the view that rounds is all that is wanted is not so, however this advice is understood. Would the committee in turn accept a little advice: that, to obtain for themselves a badge of office, worn on a decorative girdle, would be very fitting and might well be copied by the Council as a whole.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

## B.B.C. INTERVAL SIGNAL

Dear Sir.—The matter of the corrupted form of the Bow Bells record used by the B.B.C. as an interval signal has been taken up with the B.B.C. by my committee, and the final results of our correspondence will be published in due course.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Convener.

Television & Broadcasting Committee, C.C.

## NUTFIELD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. A. Bishop, who wrote about Nutfield T.B., we included it in a peal attempt at Penistone some time ago, but the venture came to grief. We ring touches of the method under the name of Wentworth, but I am not aware that it has been included in a peal in this district.

It is always refreshing to read in 'The Ringing World' of 'irregular' methods being rung to peals, and I always carefully check the 'quarters' to see if any are included.

I have little use for single change Minor methods, for some of the Surprise efforts are not worthy of the name although they produce 'standard' lead-ends.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

## WERE RECORDS TRANSFERRED WITH COUNTY?

Dear Sir.—The footnote to the peal of Boston Surprise Royal rung at King's Norton on November 18th describes it as the first in the method in the county—presumably Worcestershire, in accordance with the heading. This is incorrect as King's Norton was transferred to Warwickshire on being taken into the city of Birmingham in 1911.—Yours truly,

HENRY H. FEARN.

King's Norton.

## 50 Years Ago

'R.W.' December 22nd, 1911.—

WILLIAM PYE—The greatest ringer of today

Last Saturday's peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes' was one of singular interest to the Exercise, for it was Mr. William Pye's 1,000th peal. It did not, however, require this achievement to stamp him as the greatest ringer of today, his previous triumphs have done that, and it was but another addition to the laurels he had already won....

It is interesting to note that the band in Mr. Pye's 1,000th peal on Saturday had rung between them over 4,800 peals, made up approximately as follows: R. Sanders 116, B. Prewett 740, I. G. Shade 913, C. T. Coles 142, G. R. Pye 510, A. W. Coles 92, J. E. Davis 415, E. Pye 805, A. W. Grimes 100, W. Pye 1,000; total 4,833.

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## ENGLAND'S REMARKABLE LEANING TOWER

By T. A. BEVIS

WHY on earth people hurry abroad to see the leaning tower of Pisa beats me! England has one of her own—and how it leans!

Pisa's lop-sided tower, if memory serves me right, is a little over 700 years old, it being vertically erected approximately 100 years before the appearance of Surfleet's remarkable steeple. Pisa's bells are nothing to boast about, but Surfleet's lame sentinel contains the lightest ring of 12 in the world, and they are the only 12 in Fenland.

These famous bells are suspended beneath a tapering spire, the tip of which is 6 ft. 4½ ins. out of perpendicular, and they sound over and beyond a big straggling Lincolnshire village developed on the banks of the little River Glen almost at the end of its 31-mile journey to the Welland.

Retired sailors would, I think, feel very much at home in attending this most interesting fane—dedicated to St. Laurence—and ringers might well be excused for developing a sensation akin to nausea, for the tower within seems to lurch like a ship at sea.

### THE LEGEND

After the tower had been built, six hundred years ago, the foundations began to sink and in order to arrest the steeple's unexpected and very hasty movement substantial buttresses were erected round the pillars nearest the tower arch, thereby countering the runaway mass of brick and mortar. Furthermore, as a precautionary measure it was deemed wise to remove the eastern bay of the aisles, thus reducing weight and thrust. Inevitably there is a legend to the effect that an honest baker passed this way, and the tower bowed!

In 1898 when the stuffy Victorian era was drawing nigh to its close, a young clergyman, aged 29, left Stamford, for the living of Surfleet. He was the Rev. H. Law James, M.A., a dynamic, purposeful and sincere personality. His name is almost legendary among the campanological fraternity. He was a brilliant mathematician and excelled in the field of peal composition; no less to the fore were his unfathomable resources in the complexities of Surprise ringing, then largely in its embryological stage. In all he rang 340 peals.

At that time St. Laurence's Church bore the heavy, spiritless Victorian atmosphere. The interior contained ugly box-pews, and unnecessary bric-a-brac. An unusual but cumbersome and unsightly three-tier pulpit did not by any means improve the building.

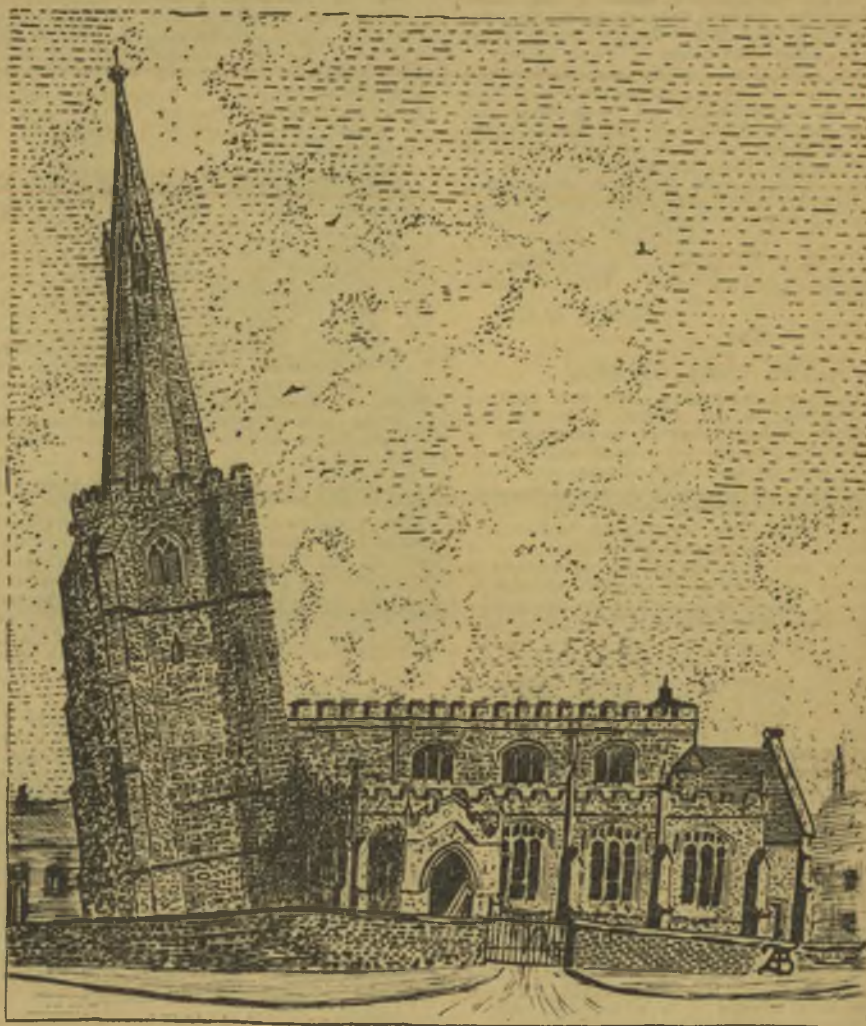
Henry Law James swept this all away! Then he turned his attention—not unnaturally—to the crippled tower. It contained only five bells (rehung in the year 1809), and it badly needed renovating.

Ringers performed from a level 10 ft. above the ground floor, a wall hiding from sight a pile of rubble with which the cavity (now the ringing chamber) had been filled. Under the Vicar's supervision this was all removed. The clergyman-bellringer was at last able to turn his unflagging interest and untiring efforts to the bells.

In 1900 an ancient bell was recast and in 1913 the ring was augmented to 10, the tenor being recast at the same time.

### TRIBUTE TO MASTER

Surfleet acquired its unique position of possessing the lightest ring of 12 following the passing of its well-loved and highly respected Vicar, two trebles being added to his memory and a plaque placed beneath the steeple by 'members and friends of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in affectionate remembrance of the Rev. Henry Law James, sometime Master, and in appreciation of his work for the Guild and for the art of ringing, 1933.'



The boundless enthusiasm and deep love of bells with which he was infused happily did not entirely expire at his passing. He had imparted a generous portion of his knowledge to an apt pupil and great friend, Rupert Richardson, who bore the banner most capably and conscientiously, and whose efforts, backed by a host of friends, was largely instrumental in placing Lincolnshire well to the fore as far as peal ringing was concerned.

The writer never had the privilege of meeting this gentleman, but those who knew him well remember his friendliness and respected those extraordinary capabilities which earned him a high place among bellringers in this country, and as far away as Australia. Much of his success undoubtedly was due in no small way to his wife, herself an accomplished ringer, who lives not far from the church.

### COMPLETING THE 'CIRCLE'

Mrs. Richardson and Mr. C. Rawding, a member of the team of the good old days, smilingly recall—as will others—the time when Rupert desired to ring the sixth bell to a peal, thus enabling him to 'circle' the tower.

The rope of the sixth at one time fell very close to a sharp angle of the arch, in which

is located the west door. Now Rupert was a big man, both in heart and in stature, and while ringing this particular bell his goodly proportions did not assist the ringers of the fifth and seventh bells, who were unable to see each other properly.

However, this problem was overcome: Mr. Richardson had the troublesome angle cut away in order to accommodate himself and thus allow his neighbours to observe each other! The opposite stonework underwent the same treatment, so as to correspond.

Rupert consequently successfully 'circled' the tower—and, at the same time, must surely have secured a unique place for this church, part of which was erased to fit a big man!

The electric clock was given by Mr. Richardson shortly before his death on January 13th, 1947, and was actually installed after the donor's passing. Of his 782 peals he rang his last (Double Norwich, conducted by P. A. Corby) at St. Nicholas' Church, Spalding, on September 26th, 1946. Mrs. Richardson was in many of his peals and she has rung 70.

At the time of his death Rupert Richardson was Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, a position which he had held since 1933. A tablet in Surfleet tower records that

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**England's Remarkable****Leaning Tower—Cont.**

'an extra bell (to his memory) was added to the peal at Lincoln Cathedral and this tablet placed here to record the gift by members and friends of the Guild.'

With the passing of the Rev. Henry Law James the art suffered an unforgettable blow and when his inseparable companion was called through the mists, bellringing in this part of the country naturally received a setback—particularly at Surfleet.

Understandably many peals have materialised at this Fenland tower and it is significant that not one is recorded on the walls: Henry Law James disliked peal boards, upholding that all ringing on church bells was to the glory of God—and not to the praise of man.

**UNUSUAL STAIRWAY**

Climbing the turret stairway is a strange experience. One appears to labour uphill and then rapidly descend, though still climbing, according to the lean of the tower, the angle of which in the illustration is possible to see after having temporarily 'removed' trees in the foreground.

The bells are suspended in two tiers from a splendid iron frame which, despite the unnatural angle, has not shifted in the least. The tiny trebles are above the tenor (12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb. in F) and their respective weights are not disclosed by the founders (Messrs. Taylor's) for obvious reasons.

St. Laurence's Church has played a major part in the development of the fine tradition embodied in the noble art of bellringing.

This notable ring—the bells revolve on plain bearings—is worthy of full mention, and accordingly inscriptions are reproduced below in full:

Treble and second:

To the Glory of God. Henry Law James, M.A. 1932.

Third:

Cum Vaca Venite. 1913.

Fourth:

Venite Exultemus Domino. 1913.

Fifth:

Sit Nomen Domini Benedictus. 1913.

Sixth:

In Multis Annis Resonit Camframa Johannis. 1913.

Seventh:

God Save The King.

Eighth:

T. Brewnin. Toby Norris Cast Me. John Sharp. C.W.

Ninth:

Omnia Fiant Ad Gloriam Dei. E. Ward. P. Pedder. 1618. Recast 1913.

Tenth:

R. Curtis. Toby Norris Cast Me. William Walker. C.W. 1695. Recast as the Gift of Mr. Alfred Smith. Churchwarden, 1900.

Eleventh:

Edward Heron. Miles Balnie. Omnia Fiant Ad Gloriam Dei. J. Jackson. R. Smith. 1607.

Tenor:

Non Clamor Sed Anon Cantrat in Auri Dei. John Loures. 1608. Recast 1913. Henry Law James. M.A., Vicar. John Richardson. W. Evison Burrell. Church Wardens.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****Leatherhead District**

For the nomination meeting on November 18th, Ashtead's rehung bells proved a good substitute for Dorking's, which were not available. Owing to other parish activities there was no service, so ringing continued until time for tea. This was served in the School Hall by lady helpers, enrolled by Mr. J. Symonds, and was enjoyed by nearly 40 ringers.

The business meeting followed. Mr. Frank Oakshott was renominated Ringing Master, but the retiring secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) said that as he now had an assistant who was willing and able to take over, he would not seek nomination, but nominated Mr. C. Munday, of Ewell, as honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. A. Besant had agreed to act as honorary auditor in place of Mr. A. H. Winch, who wanted to retire.

These nominations caused two vacancies for the general executive committee to fill, for which Rev. E. Wood, Marilyn Gibbs and A. P. Cannon were nominated. Two new members, Judith Boxall and Caroline Gibbs, of Ashtead, were elected.

The secretary reported on the general committee meeting, called to discuss the proposed Surrey and Guildford merger, which gave rise to quite a lengthy discussion.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all who had made such a good meeting possible, especially Mr. J. Symonds, for helping out at short notice, and the secretary was instructed to send the meeting's condolences and best wishes to Bernard Hawkins, of Leatherhead, for a speedy recovery from the injuries received in an accident.

Ringing was then resumed until about 8.30 p.m.

**A DAY IN THE CHILTERN**

A group of ringers from Putney, Rochester Row and Kingston had an outing into the Chilterns on December 2nd. Two towers at St. Albans were first visited—the light eight at St. Michael's, and St. Peter's, where a course of Bob Royal and touches of Stedman were brought round. We found the eight at Berkhamsted rather rough and in consequence stuck to Plain Bob and Cambridge. At Tring (8) Crayford College was attempted, but did not come round; a good touch of Stedman finished the morning's ringing.

Touches of Cambridge were rung on the very loud six at Wendover and some got lost in the wilds of Buckinghamshire and were rather late at Monks Risborough. West Wycombe bells were found to be rather bumpy, but otherwise pleasant. At High Wycombe (12. 30½ cwt.) we had a fairly good course of Bob Royal, with the tenor ably turned in by Tony Bishop (of Nutfield fame). Attempts at Bob Maximus led to frustration, but we got home on a course of Stedman Caters.

Beaconsfield's (8. 21 cwt.) was the last tower and we found that the back three needed 'power assisted take off,' being extremely deep set. When 'off' they proved to be good in tone and go. The day finished with another good touch of Stedman. D. C. B.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

If willingness to stand for office is any criterion of the liveliness of an Association then the Northern District of the Surrey Association can claim to be one of the liveliest in the country. For at the nomination meeting held at St. George the Martyr, in the Borough, S.E., and subsequently there were two nominations for each office except that of honorary secretary. The A.G.M. promises to be a busy and interesting one.

It is many years since the Association visited the Borough. With a keen vicar and curate and an enthusiastic young band being trained by Mr. N. Bagworth, the tower holds a lot of promise. During the afternoon ringing, under the direction of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, suited all tastes, a difficult feat to achieve when 60 ringers have to be fitted in on eight bells in an hour and a half.

The service, to the Association's form, was taken by the curate, and tea followed in the Church Hall. In addition to the nominations for officers for 1962, 13 new members were elected, an unusually high number for the time of the year. The usual votes of thanks were extended to those responsible for the meeting, and ringing on the heavier 10 at St. Giles', Camberwell, concluded a busy day. W. P.

**THE LADIES' GUILD****Western District**

A quarterly meeting was held at Twerton, Bath, on December 9th. Afternoon ringing was followed by a short service, attended by the choir, and conducted by the curate. Tea followed in the Church Hall, very kindly provided by the lady ringers from Twerton, under the able direction of Mr. Alan Lee, to whom votes of thanks were passed.

At the business meeting four new members were elected: Miss D. Chapman, Mrs. J. Carey, Miss B. Dench, Miss Parsons. Two successful evening practices were reported by Mrs. Kingcott, and a further one was fixed for Friday, February 9th, 7.30 p.m. at Corston. It is hoped that the annual District meeting, March 10th, will be at Burnham-on-Sea.

It was noted that an all-ladies' quarter peal of Plain Bob Major had been rung in Bristol Cathedral on September 11th, this being the second successful attempt during the year.

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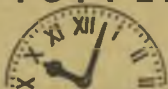
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# A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

(Continued from page 843)

## STOKE-ON-TRENT SURPRISE

The climax was reached at the Central Council meeting on May 23rd at Stoke-on-Trent. The whole story of the Minimus epic or fiasco which then occurred is told in 'The Ringing World' of June 9th. Some of the highlights are worth repeating as many ringers will have forgotten the details. Part of the leader of June 2nd is worth quoting.

'There were plenty of pointers to suggest that after Whit Tuesday peals of Minimus would not be recognised. Great men had written letters on the subject. Associations had passed resolutions against recognition, the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee had openly declared that he would not recognise such performances as peals and he had gone so far that in the preparation of this report to the Council he had not counted the performances as peals. ....Never were dice so heavily loaded against success....'

'How did it all happen? Many of the Council are still mystified at such a change of face. A rumble of the fight ahead was seen at the beginning of the Council meeting, when the accuracy of the minutes of the Folkestone meeting was challenged by the Master of the Cumberlands, Mr. Dennis Beresford. It was his contention—and it was supported by Mr. Walter Ayre, a former Master of the Cumberlands and convener of the Peals Analysis Committee—that the recognition of peals of Minimus was never voted on at Folkestone. Mr. Beresford made a tactical error' as, to be effective, the challenge of accuracy should have been made before the minutes were signed, not as a matter arising from them.

'The next skirmish occurred in the presentation of the Peals Analysis Committee's report. The Standing Committee took the view that the six performances of Minimus were peals and the report should be amended accordingly.' Incidentally, the report wrongly stated two on tower- and four on handbells. This should have been one and five respectively. The convener's defiance of the Standing Committee did not go down too well in some quarters and may even have influenced a few 'Don't knows' (or 'Don't cares') in favour of Minimus peals, although many were in sympathy with his views. 'After discussion, the Standing Committee's point of view was upheld and this meant that there was an influential body of opinion with the small man....'

The real test came when Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. R. Cooper seconded (both Kent County, but putting the motion as private members) that 'the conditions required for peals' should be amended by the addition of... 'A peal shall be rung with five or more changing bells.' This would have excluded any 'peal' of Minimus or less and Mr. Corby did not waste much time or energy in putting the case, feeling that all that would be needed would be a quick vote to settle the matter once and for all. He made two points. Firstly, he considered Minimus peals 'unnecessary' and that ringers in 'four-bell towers had plenty of opportunity to go elsewhere.' Come to think of it, exactly the same arguments can apply to five-bell towers... and six-bells towers. There are even quite a few ringers as well as many non-ringers who think that peals are unnecessary anyway! Secondly, he thought it extremely 'difficult to count up to sevenths and back again,' let alone count 210 extents. In these days of higher education, most of its products seem to be able to count, even if they cannot spell! Counting 42 extents of Plain Bob is considered easy—by five-bell ringers—and to hands capable of ringing 113 Doubles methods, counting 210 should be child's play. He made no mention of the real point at issue, namely, that the standard required for a peal would be lowered.

Support for the motion came from Mr. W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire)—'Minimus peals are rubbish, but plenty of rubbish is also rung on higher numbers.' True, but some who ring

this 'rubbish' apparently claim that Spliced Surprise is not the only thing worth ringing. Perhaps one's definition of 'rubbish' depends on what one is used to.

Mr. J. P. Fidler (honorary), having visited many 'four-bell towers, had found nowhere a hand capable of ringing changes.' So much for Council Decision B (Handbook page 18) that the 'primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday service and on the festivals and their eves.' The common dereliction found in a great many of our threes and fours shows that these are beyond the pale to most of our Associations through whom the interest of change ringing could be introduced. But perhaps Mr. Fidler finds things blacker than they really are, as Taylor's are more often called in for drastic restorations rather than routine maintenance in the case of threes and fours.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University): 'The more years the Council go on talking about peals of Minimus, the more people will be on ringing them.' True. There is a marked correlation between 'R.W.' correspondence and quarter peals (see Appendix) although the spate of peals was merely to score one before the expected chop.

Mr. A. D. Barker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) claimed that Minimus peals were merely stunts. Probably most of them rung so far have been. Should they be barred just for that? Some of our greater ringers enjoyed 'stunt' ringing in their youth. Ringing a handbell peal on a manure heap was a stunt. In almost all fields of serious effort, someone will try to perform a stunt, just for the fun of it.

Mr. J. R. Mayne (Middlesex) gave such a carefully balanced, fair presentation of the implications of accepting or rejecting the motion that when he made the important point, that we would be lowering our peal standards by allowing Minimus, it did not carry enough weight.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (Surrey) repeated that it would be a retrograde step, but then was unsure of his facts when he said that Minimus peals with a cover bell would soon follow, since one such had already been rung.

Mr. R. G. Blackman (Sussex) thought we had rules as to what should be a peal, but surely the whole point of the motion was that there was no rule excluding Minimus peals.

Opposition to the motion came from many quarters. Mr. A. E. Rushton (Beds) raised the point that if ringers in a four-bell tower wished to celebrate a local event, they would desire to do so in their own tower. 'If one desired to celebrate one's own birthday, one would not go next door.' But surely, if the house were too small for a party, one would go elsewhere.

Mr. J. Freeman (Lincoln) could see no merit in ringing a four-bell peal, but thought that 'there may be occasions when to maintain interest a peal should be rung there.' He also thought that they 'should not legislate for something that is a "flash in the pan".' The complete absence of Minimus peals since the meeting would appear to bear this out.

From Essex, we had Mr. J. H. Crampion, saying that we do not want to stop four-bell peals being rung—'we can't—the point is that we should recognise them' (or did he say 'should we recognise them?')—and Mr. F. B. Lufkin, speaking with the known backing of his Association. Originally, they deplored four-bell peals, but then, as the main purpose of ringing was for Sunday service, they considered that four-bell ringing should be encouraged, in peals as well. He then moved an amendment 'that four-bell peals be permitted in four-bell towers only,' which Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon Guild) seconded. This was an attempt to recognise 'local ringers' efforts, but to exclude 'peal hogging' on handbells.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) considered 'their job was to encourage ringing,' not to discourage even part of it. Mr. C. K.

Lewis (honorary) came out strongly against the motion, as in the Chester Guild they had a very active four-bell tower that would probably soon be pressing for augmentation. Without official encouragement, many four-bell towers would be 'abandoned and become derelict.' He also claimed that ringing Minimus was not easy; in fact, 'it was darned hard work.'

Mr. P. M. J. Gray (New South Wales) made the relevant comment 'that the most important decision reached that day was to accept the Devon Association as members....' By accepting them they should also accept Minimus. It is an interesting thought that one day the Central Council may perhaps be asked to give a decision on call change ringing—that would be a very interesting meeting.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry) has surely been wrongly reported. I believe the correct version is, 'If the effect is to discourage four-bell ringers I am all against the motion.'

In answer to a query from Mr. G. Dodds (Hertford County) as to how many four-bell methods there were, Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Methods Committee) said that there were 11 plain methods and the president, Mr. F. Sharpe, claimed there were nearly 40! Well, well, this could almost make Minimus interesting.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin's 'amendment' was recorded by many members until an acceptable form was found by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild), and which was seconded by Miss M. R. Cross (Universities Association)—which illustrates perhaps that members of the Central Council are representatives of, and not delegates sent by, their Associations, and so have the constructive freedom to debate and vote as points develop. The amendment should really have been called an opposing motion, as this is the form it appeared to take. 'Peals of Minimus on tower bells may be recognised in towers that contain four bells only. Peals on four handbells or less shall not be recognised.'

This was carried by 78 votes to 57 and the original motion was defeated.

## AFTER THE STORM

So now peals of Minimus will be recognised only if rung 'in a four-bell tower and any peal lengths on 4, 3 or 2 handbells will not be recognised. The loophole of '3 or 2 tower bells' will no doubt be firmly closed if anyone is fool enough to try it!

Now that peals of Minimus are recognised, presumably there will have to be decisions made as to what constitutes a peal of Minimus. The general condition required for peals would still apply, but it is hoped that no one will be silly enough to try to ring a record length of '6,720 changes and upwards,' as this would also limit them to regular methods, of which there are only three (i.e., twelve different extents), in which no more than two consecutive blows are made in one place. There is no decision yet as to how extents or 'round blocks' are to be rung, if '48's' will be barred or even if 209 extents (5,016 changes) could form a peal length. Incidentally, the peal of Kent Minimus could not be excluded due to being false in the plain course—this is only a requirement for a regular method—but may be so due to there not being 'true and complete round blocks' of 24 changes in the structure, providing that Doubles and Minor decisions were taken as applying.

What Minimus ringing has been published since? Virtually nothing! How right Mr. Freeman seems to have been. No peals on four. No quarters on four—except for a very curious, syncopated quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Margaretting, Essex, where the working bells were the only ones that worked, being the ancient ring of four, and I presume they all 'hunted' for the treble, the 'ringer' of which all the appropriate arm movements, but without a bell! One other quarter peal was the very special one on Brownsea Island reported recently. Only two other items remain. One, a tour of 'discovery' among the fours and threes near Worcester by a young group of ringers and the other a request for discussion by their Association on the Central Council Decision reported from a meeting of the Northern District of Hertford County.



**A Review Of Minimus—Cont.**

One side-line on four-bell towers is the question, can they be counted as 'snatches'? One answer I have heard is 'No, not until they appear in "Dove."' So, if the next edition contains these as an appendix, tower-grabbers will presumably have to keep two lists!

Of the future, let us hope that we may see greatly increased activity and interest in our lesser towers and possibly more augmentations as a result. We trust that any peals rung will be really worth calling peals, with as many different extents as possible, so as to belie the criticism of the 'monotony of 210 extents.'

(To be continued)

## **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

### **Stow-on-the-Wold Branch**

The annual meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on December 9th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. A short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Heron), assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. L. W. Potter), was well attended, including visitors from Ross-on-Wye, Cheltenham and Gloucester.

The officials elected for 1962 were as follows: Branch chairman, Rev. L. W. Potter; Branch secretary, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. F. Ewins; Management Committee representative, Mr. F. Newton.

Five new members were elected and the feature of the meeting was the election of the Adlestrop tower, with a band of new ringers.

Tributes were paid to the retiring secretary, Mr. F. Newton, who had held the post for the past four years. The new secretary is an old ringer of the Claines band of the Worcestershire Association.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****Mansfield District**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Farnsfield on November 25th. In spite of the bad weather, about 25 ringers, representing nine towers, arrived. In a short address at the service the Vicar extended a very warm welcome to everyone. The hymns were accompanied on the organ by Mr. J. Bradbury, a local ringer.

Tea was served in the Women's Institute by the local ladies.

At the short business meeting, with Mr. S. W. Fossey in the chair, Mansfield was fixed for the District annual meeting to be held on January 20th.

Inquiries were made as to the progress being made with Southwell bells. There was very little information available as it is understood that the new floor is now the stumbling block. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 9s. The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the ladies.

Ringing again continued in a wide variety of methods. D. H. R.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****Chertsey District**

The annual District social was held in the hall of St. Peter's, Hersham, on December 9th, when a good attendance of some 80 or 90 ringers spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. John King, Assistant District Ringing Master, was M.C. and introduced entertainment by the Richmond Folk Dancing Society, Mr. Cecil Firmin, a conjurer, and an admirable selection of novel party games, including the solving of some anagrams of ringing terms.

Excellent refreshments were served by the ladies of the parish, and a vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. Roy Collins, District Ringing Master.

C. B. A.

**OBITUARY****MR. CHARLES R. MORSS**

The many friends of Mr. Charles R. Morss, of Woodford, Essex, will learn with regret of his death recently after a long illness. Mr. Morss was 81 years old and had served his parish church as a ringer for the very long period of 65 years. For most of that time he carried the responsibilities of tower-keeper, and very much of it he was Ringing Master also.

He did not ring many peals and, indeed, 'did not hold with it,' but he was, nevertheless, in his way a great enthusiast and was well known in south-west Essex. His main ringing interest was really the teaching of beginners and the measure of his success was that the parish bells were kept in action for the proper purposes of the church throughout the whole of the long time in which he had charge of them. That was a period during which Woodford underwent the main part of its change from a country village to a popular suburb, and it included many great national events, amongst which were three major wars. His reminiscences, both of the parish in former times and of his older fellow-ringers, were many and entertaining.

As a ringing instructor his methods were vigorous and his natural tendency towards 'plain speaking,' plus an uproarious and cheerful good humour. He will long be remembered, with gratitude and affection, by those who, as learners, passed through his hands.

J. A. W.

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY**

The Barnsley District Society held its monthly meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on December 9th. Nine towers were represented. Mr. Trevor Tarbutt presided at the business meeting, when the present officers were renominated for the general meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 13th. The usual votes of thanks were offered by Mr. Eric Burton, supported by Mr. Harold Chant.

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The ringers who took part in the peal at Burmarsh, Kent, on December 9th extend their grateful thanks to the local band for providing refreshments after the ringing. Although this village is rather isolated, the band have progressed rapidly of recent months and are now practising Kent Treble Bob regularly. We look forward to their first quarter in the method.

'Ringing the Changes' was an illustrated feature article on bellringing in 'The Daily Herald' of December 14th.

A peal of special note took place at Epping on December 9th, when four members of the local company rang their first peal (Grandsire Triples).

With the exception of the honorary secretary there were two nominations for every office in the Northern District of the Surrey Association at their nomination meeting. This willingness to serve is a welcoming sign of interest.

Mr. G. W. Pipe, in his Christmas letter from Melbourne, states that the W. and G. long-playing record of Melbourne Cathedral bells may be obtained from Mr. Shestapol, Oriole Records Ltd., 104, New Bond Street, London.

Mervyn Malpass, at Stone, Glos. has taught nine pupils to handle a bell in six weeks on the six bells, in order to get a band going. Now a canon has broken on the third, and it cannot be rung until repaired. He is, however, carrying on with the remaining five.

After meeting short for Double Norwich at Bray, Donald Young stood in at a moment's notice and is to be congratulated on the way he rang his first peal of Major. The band would also like to tender their sincere thanks to the local ringers for so kindly tending to their inner needs after the peal.

While working near Sheldwich Church, Kent, on December 1st between 9.30 and 10 a.m., a reader heard a ring of eight in the distance. He knows they were not those of Faversham, Ospringe or Throwley. Can any reader help? Might they have been from Sittingbourne or Rainham?

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Would it be possible to have another peal rung by a band each of whom has rung 1,000 peals? There are still with us John Worthing, E. Jenkins, George E. Fearn, H. E. Audsley, Nolan Golden, C. W. Roberts, James Bennett and Ernest Morris. Our correspondent who sends us this list comments: 'We shall have to wait a year or two until the new ones come along.'

Within two years of the augmentation of Cawthorne bells to six in 1859, the Cawthorne Junior Ringers, most of whom were youths, rang a peal in seven not easy methods. The centenary of this peal was marked by a seven method peal of Treble Bob Minor on November 25th.

The band who rang the peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on Saturday, December 9th, as a twentieth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke would like to place on record their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke for so kindly entertaining them to an excellent tea after the peal. It would have been a pity to miss either.

As veteran cars passed near Immanuel Church, Streatham, on the London to Brighton run on November 5th, Reuben Sanders, a true veteran of 87, was ringing Yorkshire Surprise with seven university students. Again in the evening, when many of the 'old crows' were being towed home, a quarter from Holt's Original was being rung at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Ringing with Reuben was Jim Chapman (80).

Christmas bells will ring out on the Home Service on Christmas morning, when greetings will be heard from St. Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool; the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, Glamorgan; St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh; the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks; Worcester Cathedral; the Parish Church of St. George, Greenock, Renfrewshire, and the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.	
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 10
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 5	PETER BORDER .. .. 11
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 6	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.	
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
*JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 9
†RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 10
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. 11
*PETER SCHOLFIELD .. .. 6	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. First in the method on the bells since being recast.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.	
JOHN R. FAITHFULL .. Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. .. 2	DEREK C. JACKSON .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 3	DAVID E. HOUSE .. .. 8
NORMAN HAYES .. .. 4	DAVID J. FORDER .. .. 9
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 5	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

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

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 25 cwt.	
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Treble	JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 7
MRS. DOREEN HUNTING .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 8
ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 9
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* 500th peal.

An 80th birthday compliment to Harold G. Jenney, president of the Cathedral Society of Ringers; also a birthday compliment to John A. Acres, deputy Ringing Master.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

**A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.	
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. Treble	*JACK ROACH .. .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. .. 2	†ALAN R. PATTERSON .. .. 6
PETER WISHART .. .. 3	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 7
THOMAS M. COX .. .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.	
HENRY TOOKE .. .. Treble	THOMAS E. SPIGHT .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	*CLIFFORD BIRD .. .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	BERT GOGLE .. .. 7
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clover) and Philip Stanley, of Wymondham.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5024 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.	
*C. HERVEY BAGOT .. Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 3	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 7
H. GEORGE HART .. .. 4	JOHN HILL .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal in Great Britain. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5056 TAVISTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

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

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 5
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 2	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 6
*JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 7
*RITA M. JOWETT .. .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Wood, M.A.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

**A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.	
*S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. Treble	COLIN W. REED .. .. 5
*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 6
BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	J. DAVID CLARKE .. .. 7
KENNETH W. PRICE .. .. 4	†WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* 100th peal together. † 125th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all except treble and 2. First in the method for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RADLETT SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. .. 2	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4	JACK S. DEAR .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* 150th different Surprise Major method for a peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.	
*MARY ADAMSON .. Treble	ASHLEY PUGH .. .. 5
THOMAS TOCOCK .. .. 2	RICHARD DEAN .. .. 6
JAMES MULLAR .. .. 3	PHILIP TOCOCK .. .. 7
ERNEST ELDRIDGE .. .. 4	*BERTRAM LAKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.

\* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. P. H. Briggs.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 2	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. .. 7
*STANLEY HUCKLE .. .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

\* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'



EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. .. 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. .. 6
JACK BRAY .. .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 4	DEREK TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,

**A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

ALFRED BALLARD .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. .. 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. .. 6
W. ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 3	DENNIS A. FRITH .. .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. .. 4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

T. B. Worsley's No. 8.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 6
*JOHN WORTH .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* 1,000th peal.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN ROBINSON .. .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. .. 6
ALAN G. KIRK .. .. 3	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 7
PETER DALE .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. .. 5
JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 7
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. COLEMAN.

First peal as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 2	DAVID CUBITT .. .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
ERNEST WHITING .. .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. .. Treble	*ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. .. 5
*ALAN C. COZENS .. .. 2	FREDERICK C. CASE .. .. 6
ERIC BILLINGS .. .. 3	JAMES LINNELL .. .. 7
*ALLAN R. JONES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (C.C.C. No. 27).

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 2	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 3	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 300th peal, and first of Superlative.

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 5
GILES B. THOMSON .. .. 2	BASIL JONES .. .. 6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Laflin, of St. George's Church, Stockport, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret C. Mackay, of All Saints' Church, Marple.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,280 Superlative; all the work of each method for each bell; 112 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble	FRED JACKSON .. .. 5
*CYRIL VALENTINE .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6
*HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 7
DENIS MADDOCK .. .. 4	FRANCIS BIBBY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

**A PEAL OF 5024 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH .. .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. .. 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 2	EDGAR J. SMITH .. .. 6
DAWN V. ELSON .. .. 3	DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. 7
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*DONALD T. YOUNG .. .. Treble	ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 5
*DOREEN HAGUE .. .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. .. 3	RONALD F. DISERENS .. .. 7
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

\* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of T. Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

RICHARD E. DEAN .. .. Treble	E. GEORGE SWIFT .. .. 5
*GORDON W. LIMMER .. .. 2	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER .. .. 3	HOWARD OGLESBY .. .. 7
*GEOFFREY RIGLAR .. .. 4	*NEIL BELSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal of Stedman.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

*ROHILLA M. COOKE .. .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. .. 2	*THOMAS M. COX .. .. 6
*S. BARRY SCHIFFIELD .. .. 3	FRED HODGSON .. .. 7
*JEANNE BOTTOMLEY .. .. 4	THOMAS COOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

EDMUND E. PEARSON .. .. Treble	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. 5
BARRY J. DAVIES .. .. 2	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. .. 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 7
*MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Major in the method.



## EPPING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JANET McCLELLAND.. .. Treble	*ERIC FREEMAN .. .. 5
*BARBARA McCLELLAND .. .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. .. 6
JANE COOK .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 7
*MERVYN OSBORNE .. .. 4	CHARLES E. WILLINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.  
\* First peal, and member of the local company.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. .. Treble	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD.. .. 2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS.. .. 6
PETER J. EVES .. .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. .. 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS.. .. 4	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.  
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the treble and fourth. First in the method on the bells, and for the Society.

## ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. .. 5
ANDREW S. HUDSON.. .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. 6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 7
JAMES L. TOWLER .. .. 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse

Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*ROGER W. SMITH .. .. Treble	GRAHAM C. PAUL .. .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. .. 2	GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. 4
MICHAEL R. HARVEY.. .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in remembrance; also in memoriam George W. Jeffs. Guild secretary.

## CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) St. Clement's College and Col-

lege Bob, (2) Childwall and Wavertree College, (3) Double Oxford and

Thelwall, (4) Double Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford

Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob: 86 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Treble	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* 50th peal. First in 11 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

## BRISTOL.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Combined

Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. Treble	†DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 4
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 2	†S. MICHAEL J. YOUNG .. .. 5
†IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. 3	†ANTONY R. KENCH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

\* 50th peal together. † First in eight methods. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle,' and the conductor twice in that capacity.

## CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, London Scholars, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford.

WILFRED BROADHEAD .. Treble	IRVINE CROSSLAND .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON.. 2	HERMAN RUSBY .. .. 5
FRED COWLING .. .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON.. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

Rung by Cawthorne ringers to commemorate a peal rung on November 16th, 1861, by 'The Cawthorne Junior Ringers' in the same seven methods.

## BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of London, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. 4
JAMES M. BAILEY .. .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
JACK PILGRIM .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHRISTINA J. DAVIES .. Treble	WILLIAM A. NEWMAN .. .. 4
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	†PETER T. HURCOMBE .. .. 5
†DOUGLAS H. BOTT .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW.. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

\* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Minor.

## COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. Treble	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. 4
MONICA M. MOORE .. .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON.. .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

## STOCKBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Stedman and ten each of Grand-

sire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID PUTNAM .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 3
ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 4

MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 23 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Wsetminster, Allendale and Fryerning; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) Carlisle; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. Treble	†GEORGE THODAY .. .. 4
*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. .. 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* 200th peal for the Association. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods yet rung on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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## BURSTWICK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 16 methods, viz.: Two extents of Stedman, one each of Kennington, Norfolk, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Seighford and Clifford's Pleasure, and six each of April Day, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*F. CHARLES HOBSON .. Treble	†RICHARD D. GIBSON .. 4
PAMELA M. TURNER .. 2	ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 5
ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 3	†IAN G. CAMPBELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles. First in 16 methods by all.

## FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Bamfborough, Bacup, Warkworth and Norwich. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOAN GILBERT .. .. Treble	DONOVAN WHITE .. .. 4
JACK GREEN .. .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 5
BRIAN HUNT .. .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

First peal in all methods by all the band, and in the Branch. The conductor has now rung all the C.C.C. Surprise methods in peals.

## IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*J. BARRIE JONES .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
BERYL W. ABBOTTS .. 2	†RICHARD E. MORRIS .. 5
MARY C. POYNER .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods 'inside.'

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3 and 4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	PETER W. HORN .. .. 4
JOHN RYDER .. .. 2	VICTOR NEAL .. .. 5
HILARY L. HORN .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

RUPERT A. CLARKE .. Treble	DAVID F. MOORE .. .. 3
MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 2	J. RICHARD PERKINS .. 4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

## THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. Treble	RONALD R. WARFORD .. 4
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	JOHN POTTS .. .. 5
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

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

## TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 3	*BARRIE HENDRY .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal of Minor in the method.

## HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT A. BENNETT .. Treble	PERCY SQUIRES .. .. 4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 2	WILLIAM J. BAILEY .. 5
PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. G. Dennis after being inducted at this church to the united parishes of Necton and Holme Hale.

## MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, College Exercise, Norbury, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HORACE LUBBOCK .. Treble	GILBERT LARTER .. .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	PETER ADCOCK .. .. 5
*THOMAS SPIGHT .. .. 3	HENRY TOOKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

\* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bevan Willgress; also to mark Mr. J. Bussey's 50 years as organist at the church.

## PILLATON, CORNWALL.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ODULPH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

*WILLIAM H. RIDDLE .. Treble	WILLIAM G. LIVERS .. 4
FREDERICK E. DAY .. .. 2	†H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
D. ROY BOULD .. .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

To commemorate the jubilee of the first peal of Minor in Cornwall, rung on these bells on April 29th, 1911.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

## THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1961, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 10, PLASTURTON GARDENS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor approx. size 10 in F.

PETER J. SHIPTON .. .. 1—2	NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON .. 3—4
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 5—6	

Conducted by NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Believed to be the first peal on saucer bells.

## RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

IN LAMCOTE HOUSE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

*DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. 1—2	S. KATHLEEN BALDWIN .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

## LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7—8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3—4	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 9—10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5—6	*ROBERT B. SMITH .. 11—12

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand.' First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand' as conductor. The ringers of 1—2, 9—10 and 11—12 have now joined the rest of the band in completing the Cambridge group Minor to Maximus on both tower- and handbells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Harold G. Jenney, of Leicester Cathedral, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1—2.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASH, NR. SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones (first quarter) 1, B. Audsley 2, F. Cullum 3, R. Constant 4, G. Butcher (cond.) 5, N. Muller 6. For N. Muller's 21st birthday.

**BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, Mrs. D. K. Dale 4, V. J. C. Dale (first quarter in four methods) 5. For Matins.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Boucher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Dorothy Fearnough 2, Patricia J. Walker 3, P. Watson 4, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 5, G. F. Nix 6.

**BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Griggs 1, K. Game 2, F. W. Bird 3, W. Dunn 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Confirmation service.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Martin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, Mary Black 3, Joan Beazley 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, E. Booth 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, P. Martin (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday, also as a farewell to Richard Gazzard on taking up his training for the ministry.

**BROMESBORROW, GLOS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, W. E. Spiers 3, J. J. Webb 4, R. Chew (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Canon T. E. Meurig-Davies (late Rector), who died November 10th.

**BURSTOW, SURREY.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury 1, T. Padbury 2, P. M. Booc 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. G. A. Bingley, and Mrs. Bingley, on their retirement.

**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, Mrs. M. J. Farmer (first quarter) 3, A. Leeming 4, T. Clark 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

**CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Andrews 1, L. Walters 2, J. Ward 3, P. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. Biggs (first quarter) 5, G. Gwynne 6.

**DUNHOLME, Lincs.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Burton 1, J. Smith (first of Minor 'inside') 2, G. A. Dixon 3, T. R. Smith 4, W. S. Smith 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At Christ Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Percy 1, G. Pullinger 2, A. Purdon 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, Mrs. B. Percy 5, A. Baldock 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, F. Hodge 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 6.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Parrott 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, P. Ford 5, R. C. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of the conductor's granddaughter, Anne Kelsey Tucker, on November 28th.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene A. Cross (first as cond.) 1, A. Benstead 2, D. G. Taylor 3, J. Y. Parker 4, A. R. Mann 5.

**FINDON, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, J. E. Elliott 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Robinson 6. Rung for Matins, when the Bishop of Lewes preached.

**FORDHAM, CAMBS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Morley 1, A. M. Barber 2, J. Y. Parker 3, R. J. Palmer 4, J. E. Goodwin (first as cond.) 5, R. Heffer 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gordon 1, A. H. Webb 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**HINCKLEY, LEICS.**—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Hooper 1, M. C. Faulkes 2, A. Ballard (cond.) 3, C. P. Rice 4, R. Hayward 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, E. H. Sowman 7, P. Hollick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hector Knights, late ringmaster at this church.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Minor (Spliced London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob): C. Froggatt and D. Bradley 1, B. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on December 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Collage Exercise and Single Oxford): R. Blackshaw 1, C. Froggatt 2, D. Bradley (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, B. Mills 6. For Evensong.

**HOLT, WILTS.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stillman 1, D. Nibbs 2, J. Nibbs (first 'inside') 3, R. Humphries 4, D. Stillman (first as cond.) 5, K. Jones (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong, also a 13th birthday compliment to J. Stillman.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Priestley 1, Miss P. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, J. Martin 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

**KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Brock 1, P. M. Shipley (first quarter) 2, M. Utton 3, J. W. Sampson 4, M. J. Parker 5, R. C. L. Brown (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sydney Chipperfield, active church member.

**KINGSDON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Bailey 1, D. M. C. Hill (first as cond.) 2, Miss C. Hill 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

**KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.**—On Dec. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bentley 1, Miss C. White 2, F. Penrose 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stupetic (cond.) 5, J. Askham 6.

**LYDFORD, DEVON.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Boucher 1, W. Manning 2, Rev. G. Ruming 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, Kerslake Fice 6.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cannon 1, H. Turner 2, A. Robinson 3, A. Best 4, S. Turner (first as cond.) 5, S. Wills 6.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Powell 1, Jennifer Brake 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Brain 4, B. Goodliffe 5, T. Phillips 6. First of Grandsire 'inside' for 2 and 5. A wedding compliment to Miss F. P. Greaves and Mr. B. W. Willgress.

**NORTH CHERITON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Hill (first on 5 and in two methods) 1, Miss I. E. Down (first in two methods 'inside') 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the ringmaster of the second.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles: R. L. Taylor 1, Caroline Copley (first 'inside') 2, E. D. Elderkin 3, A. S. Harrison 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, M. M. Powell 6. First in method by all the band. Rung for St. Nicholas' Day, by members of S.U.G.C.R.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. Daphne Willey 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, S. King 4, H. King 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Smith 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Mrs. N. Broadbridge (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Smith 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Martin 6, J. King 7, V. Smith 8. For Confirmation.

**OXFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 9th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 1, D. T. Darby 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, D. J. Roaf 4, A. T. Collins 5, N. Allnatt 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, F. J. Nelson 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. White 10, W. F. Judge 11, B. R. White 12. Rung in memoriam Gordon Caudwell, for many years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**PORKERRY, GLAM.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): Susan Bowen (first quarter) 1, H. Green 2, L. J. Malings 3, M. Williams 4, D. Llewellyn (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6.

**PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Perry 1, W. E. Watson (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, Sylvia Watson 4, G. Cornick 5, A. J. Slade 6. For St. Andrew's Day, and in memoriam Rev. R. P. Farrow.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Allen 1, M. Uphill (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, Cherry White 3, C. Emery (first on eight) 4, A. Millidge (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Caroline Carpenter 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Confirmation.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOS.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, Mrs. I. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, W. Smith (from Turramurra, N.S.W.) 4, C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung for Mr. W. Smith.

**RADLEY, BERKS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Evans 1, D. R. B. Collins 2, C. D. Vere Hodge 3, R. Ellaway 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, S. Crooks 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. First 'inside' 3 and 4. Rung for the Confirmation of Richard Ellaway. Philippa Dixon, Rosemary Andrews and Margaret Simmonds, at Abingdon the same day.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Skerritt 1, W. Whitmore 2, J. Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, S. Hodgkins 5, A. L. Priestley 6, H. Richardson 7, M. Coleman (cond.) 8. Rung for the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Croad.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Arnold (cond.) 1, J. E. Ewer 2, G. Dodds 3, M. D. Frost 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney 7, W. A. Nicholls 8. For Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nikola Pearce (first on eight) 1, Patricia Doorn 2, G. Dodds 3, W. J. Arnold 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer 8. For Evensong.

**SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): R. Newsum 1, Cynthia Webb 2, Mrs. W. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, C. Geary 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

**SCOTHERN, Lincs.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Single Court and Single Oxford Minor: J. Smith 1, H. A. Burton 2, W. S. Smith 3, T. R. Smith 4, L. Wilders 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung for a musical evening held in Scothern Church.

**STANWELL, MIDDY.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor, also 1,440 Cambridge Minor: on Nov. 19th, 1,320 10 Spliced Surprise Minor, also 1,296 10 Spliced Surprise Minor; on Nov. 26th, 1,272 20 Doubles; on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, also 1,272 Spliced 10 Surprise Minor methods; on Dec. 10th, 1,260 16 Doubles, also 1,260 24 Doubles. The ringers were C. Fynes, D. Pickett, Miss M. Gibson, K. Young, D. Boniface, P. Brand, M. Lane.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Wilson (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Fairbank 2, Miss J. I. Porter 3, R. Ducker 4, J. A. Broughton 5, C. Barker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, A. G. Osborne 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, H. F. Gibson 6.

**TENDRING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. V. Hales 1, P. W. Mills 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, F. Hervey 4, A. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For morning service, and the 58th anniversary of Mr. C. Marven becoming verger of this church.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred Miller 1, Mary Meynell 2, Violet 1, E. Relf 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, P. Relf 5, P. Barnes 6, A. Corham 7, A. Stanger 8. Conducted jointly by the Misses Relf and Yeo. Rung by a local band in honour of the wedding of Miss Caroline Jane Brocklebank to Rev. Bernard Rex Davis, who were married at this church the previous day. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging.

**WELLS, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,251 Erin Caters: M. J. Horman 1, P. Bridle (first on ten bells) 2, F. A. K. Prime 3, V. G. Roberts 4, G. Salmon 5, J. R. Taylor 6, P. C. Wright 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8, J. Brain (150th quarter) 9, H. A. Usher and M. E. Hayton 10. For Evensong. First of Erin Caters by all except 6 and 9.

**WEST CAMEL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Bailey 1, F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Dorey 3, H. P. Sparks 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on five bells for 1 and 3.

**WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Alison 1, W. Bennett 2, M. Maughan 3, T. Bullerwell 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. R. Patterson 6. For Confirmation service. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jean Gay (first of Stedman) 1, Audrey M. Short 2, R. Short 3, E. Ford 4, M. Stone 5, D. Kent 6. A compliment to Mr. Bevan Willgress and Miss Freda Greaves, married on December 2nd at King's Lynn.

**WRAXALL, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, P. J. Gardner 2, R. Cole (first of Stedman) 3, L. Derrick 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Evered (first of Stedman) 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Evered, to celebrate his 50 years as a ringmaster at All Saints', Wraxall.

**WROXTON, OXON.**—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, R.C.P. Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. J. Davies 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. K. Fortin 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5.

**YATTON, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. S. Baker 1, L. W. Pullin 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, G. Prescott 5, D. E. Vowles 6, W. H. Kingcott (first as cond. in method) 7, J. H. Baker 8. For the wedding of Rosalind M. Darby and Sheridan H. Price, son of the tower captain.



## NORTHANTS RINGERS' WEDDING



Handbells held aloft by the guard of honour for two Northampton ringers after their wedding at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley-Hastings, on September 23rd. The bride, Miss Ann Fowler, learned to ring at Yardley-Hastings, with other choir girls, and made good progress. Mr. Raymond Henman is a ringer at the neighbouring village of Little Houghton. For a number of years the couple have been keen peal ringers as well as being regular Sunday service ringers in their respective parishes.

The bells were rung jointly by ringing friends from both parishes before and after the ceremony, and handbells were brought into use when the couple left for their honeymoon in Derbyshire. They are making their home at Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton.

[Photo: H. Cooper & Son, Northampton.]

## Seeing Mid-Kent in November

November is not usually the best time for a ringing outing, and sure enough it was raining hard when Chelsfield ringers set out on their outing into mid-Kent.

At the first tower, Hollingbourne, we were joined by friends from Beddington and Cranbrook, but despite ringers of widely varying degrees of efficiency, nothing could be made to go really well here. Charing was the next stop, but due to a delay in finding the key we could not stay for very long. A course of London was, however, brought round.

We were met by two local ringers at Egerton, who joined with us in ringing an assortment of methods, up to and including Norwich Surprise. An adjournment was then made for lunch at a nearby hostelry—apparently well used to bands of ringers.

At Hothfield our party became complete on the arrival of two friends from West Wickham, but everyone found the ropes a bit of a handful. High Halden was the next place visited, and ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant six in the most unusual wooden tower.

We were very fortunate in being given permission to visit the restored ring of eight at Tennerden, but unfortunately ringing was delayed for a long time by a christening. Cambridge and Plain were brought round before hastening on to Benenden, where an advance party were already ringing. We would all have liked to have spent longer at these two places.

The last tower of the day was Cranbrook—and what a pity this beautiful sounding octave does not 'go' better. Due to the 'go' of these bells nothing more ambitious than Plain Bob was attempted. Upon finishing ringing here

we were invited to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Legg, who recently moved here from Chelsfield, to find a really sumptuous repast awaiting our attention. When hunger and thirst had been satisfied an unforgettable evening was spent with Philip Laine at the piano, playing anything he was asked, until it was regretfully realised that we still had to get home, a most enjoyable day having come to an end.

We would like to thank all incumbents and local ringers, and also Mr. and Mrs. Legg for rounding off the day in such a grand manner.

D. C. M.

## 'OVERTONES'

The November issue of 'Overtones,' the journal of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, is profusely illustrated with a two colour cover. It has a page of news from England a picture of the handbell ringers of Wickersley Secondary School, Rotherham, in early Victorian costumes.

It also contains the announcement that Air France is considering offering a bellringers' tour of Europe next summer. It would include change ringing in England, carillon concerts in the Low Countries and visits to famous cathedral rings!

We also read this suggestion of a Christmas gift for a favourite ringer: From Aldershot Stores, 25, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, England, you may order for 11s. 4d. a bellringers' tie in brown, green or blue. They also offer neck squares in the same materials at 28s.

'Overtones' is edited by James R. Lawson. The Riverside Church, Riverside Drive, and 122nd Street, New York 27.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

On Saturday, November 11th, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its tenth annual dinner at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock. Despite the inclement weather, visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing on the eight bells of St. Luke's church.

From 6 p.m. onwards the company began to assemble and by 6.30 p.m. the gathering was complete, with 160 present. Already there was an atmosphere of expectancy and conviviality; no one was disappointed, a really first class meal was served.

The Society's president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford, from the chair proposed the toast 'The Queen,' and followed this with a general welcome to the assembly. He said his duties as Archdeacon involved quite a lot of travelling and he was always pleased to meet ringers. He felt they had a tremendous pastoral value.

A local personality, Mr. F. Linford, who is J.P., churchwarden and a builder in Cannock, proposed the toast of 'The Church and State.' He said he was always impressed by the way Church and State combined well together. In his opinion there was no finer sight than to see the judge, sheriff and lawyers attend a full Matins service prior to the opening of the Assizes. A witty reply was forthcoming from the Vicar of Cannock (the Rev. L. H. L. Townshend), who applauded the union of Church and State, although he felt that the State had rather the better of the bargain.

## HIS FIRST SOCIETY

Mr. Frank Perrins, Central Council librarian and president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Society.' The 'Stafford,' he said, was the first of about thirty Societies he had joined during his ringing career, and he was delighted to watch its progress. Attendance at meetings had increased, methods had advanced and the standard of striking improved. He made special mention of the late Herbert Knight, who did so much for the Society throughout his long ringing life.

Mr. B. G. Key, Central Council representative, replied on behalf of the Society, and thanked Mr. Perrins for his kind remarks about the Society and its progress. Mr. Perrins had, he said, spoken at previous dinners held by the Society, and he noted that it was just fifty years since he had first joined the Society.

Mr. Robert J. Warrilow, of Stafford, submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' In a hearty welcome, he said visiting bellringers were persons of importance, acting as liaison officers between towers and societies. Many friends could be made by visiting other towers as was shown by the recent Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival held at Wolverhampton.

Councillor J. M. Sunley, chairman of Cannock Urban District Council, replied on behalf of the visitors and thanked the Society for its hospitality. He was particularly proud of the Cannock bellringers, for they played an important part in the life of the town.

Following the formal proceedings the company retired to a special room for the entertainment. Here Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, members of their family and ringers from Gnosall provided songs and sketches for everyone's enjoyment. Handbell ringers from Penn gave a recital of well known tunes and led the community singing.

Finally, the Archdeacon voiced a vote of thanks to everyone who had taken part in or worked for the success of the evening.

D. J. T.

The jubilee of the first peal of Minor rung in Cornwall was commemorated by a peal on the same bells at Pillaton. Afterwards the band were entertained to supper by Mr. Lucas, churchwarden, to whom they extend their grateful thanks.



## Christmas Greetings

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1962 to all ringing friends—Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and the B.R.S.A. Railwaymen's Guild—from J. ARTHUR HOARE, Swansea.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringing friends, from DENIS MOTTERSHEAD, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

A peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous 1962 to all our ringing friends across the seas.—GEORGE and DIANA PIPE, Melbourne, Australia. 9335

Greetings and best wishes to all ringing friends, far and near, for Christmas and the New Year, from Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 9345

That you may have much joy and much joyous ringing during Christmas and throughout 1962 is the wish of the ringers of Emmanuel, PLYMOUTH, for all old friends and new, both at home and abroad. 9335

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to ringing friends everywhere, from SHIRLEY RYMER, St. Hilda's School, Ootacamund, South India. 9337

Mr. A. E. SELLERS, of 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley, wishes all his ringing friends a very happy Christmas and New Year, especially those of the Beverley and District Society and Yorkshire (Eastern District) Association. 9330

Mr. and Mrs. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD send kindly greetings to all ringing friends, old and new. May you all have a happy Christmas and prosperity and lots of good ringing in 1962.—5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale, Matlock.

## NOTICES

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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### MEETINGS

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Essex, on December 30th, Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in Memorial Hall. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford. Nearest station, Gorge Lane (Central Line) or bus to Gates Corner.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Evening meeting at Wrockwardine (6), 6.30 to 8.30, Saturday, Dec. 30th. 9353

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly, Heanor (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 2nd—this is important.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 9317

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. All visitors welcome. 9279

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 1st to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 9294

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Hersham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. 9342

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 9334

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting will be held at Hitchin, January 6th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, by January 3rd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9341

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 9326

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Hethersett (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice, Hethersett Delight. Names for tea by Wednesday, 3rd, to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42 X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9323

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodford, January 6th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please. Usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 9340

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing at St. Martin's afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 9338

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—Dedication of the recast tenor bell and remainder of the ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson) on Saturday, January 6th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 4.30 to 7 p.m., which will be of short touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, rounds and call changes to enable all visiting ringers to have a ring on the retuned ring by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Buffet tea will be available for those who notify by Wednesday, January 3rd. P.C.s to Claude Tarr, Belle Vue, Milverton Somerset. 9346

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Guild at Ripponden on February 3rd. High tea, price 6s. 6d., at Queen Hotel. Names essential to D. Smith, 9, Bower Road, Elland. 9318

## Quarter Peals

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,259 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters (28 changes of method): J. Schofield (cond.) 1, Jean L. Lavender 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. J. Talbot 4, Jeanette M. Winchester 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber 7, C. A. Tester 8, F. D. Jennings 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

**BELBOURGH, WORCS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vallender 1, P. J. Brown 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. R. Niblett 4, M. J. Fellows 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. By Stourbridge Grammar School Society, as a birthday compliment to M. J. Fellows and his mother.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 5th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Saxton 1, A. B. Cooper 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, K. Rutland 4, A. Keller 5, N. Phipps (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. C. Read 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 2, R. N. Marlow 3, Miss M. R. Page 4, L. A. Page 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5, and as conductor.

**DUNS TEW, OXFORD.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 R.C.P., 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. W. Ivings 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. H. Minncar 3, C. C. Clarke 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. E. Honour, a ringer at this tower who died November 25th.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waterman 1, Frances Smith 2, Gillian Brown 3, Diane Carter (first quarter) 4, U. Wildney (cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. N. D. Thomas, on the occasion of his induction as Vicar.

**HESSLE, EAST YORKS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharpe 1, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 2, D. Johnson 3, G. Pybus 4, J. Singleton 5, J. Rank 6. A welcome to Harvey Bagot, on his visit to the East Riding.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Chester, London and Wells): R. Day 1, K. Price 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, R. Baldwin 4, R. Tiffin (cond.) 5, D. Friend 6. First quarter of Surprise Minor by Nottingham University Society.

**LEIGH, WORCS.**—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda J. Rofe (first away from tenor) 1, Hilary Knight 2, Cathleen S. Heaney 3, R. H. Jones 4, J. E. Whittall (first as cond.) 5, F. R. Barnett 6.

**PAULTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Powell 1, V. Savage 2, F. Savage 3, J. Fray (first of Surprise 'inside') 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

**PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (84 singles): H. Taysom 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, D. J. Barnett 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, I. G. Smith 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian K. Lewis.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): D. Jarrold 1, J. E. Wright 2, E. Daniels 3, E. Nice 4, R. Rose 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Rev. G. E. Jarrold's ministry as Rector.

**SALFORD, LANCs.**—On Nov. 27th, at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Robins (first quarter) 1, Clare Chambers 2, R. J. Johnston 3, David Houlst 4, J. H. Soanes 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Peter Green. By Manchester University Guild.

**SANDRIDGE, HERTS.**—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nicola Pearce 1, Jennifer M. Punyan 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, K. J. Darvill 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 6.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 720 St. Clements, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. V. Hales 2, E. E. Davey (cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, F. Harvey 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

**WHATTON, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. D. Clarke 1, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, W. L. Exton 5. Rung for evening service. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): A. Foster 1, B. M. Buswell 2, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, W. L. Exton 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

**WOOLWICH, S.E.**—On Nov. 26th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: D. J. R. Martin 1, Miss C. G. Williams 2, Miss M. S. Taylor 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, M. P. Barton 5, N. J. Davies 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

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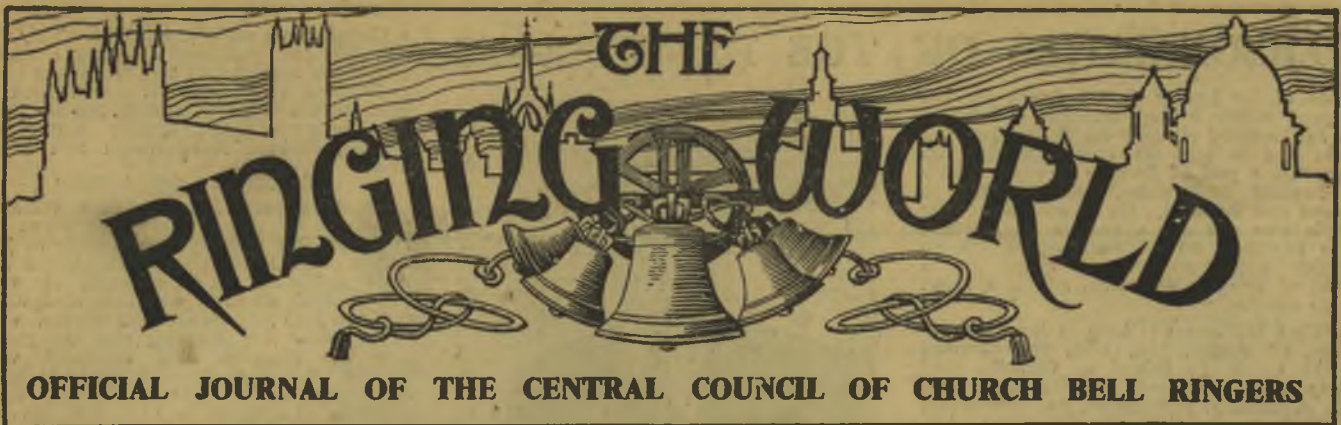
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## COMPOSITIONS OF CATERS AND CINQUES

**T**HE new handbook of compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques, issued by the Central Council this week, makes another valuable contribution to the growing list of useful guides and text books provided by the earnest labours of certain unobtrusive committees. The booklet has been somewhat delayed in its progress towards publication. This has been due to a number of causes, but it may well be that the more leisurely approach to completion has been a gain, in that more time has been available for reflection and selection.

In a Foreword, the Committee modestly informs us that it has tried to present 'a picture of trends in composition of Stedman Caters and Cinques during the last fifty years or so.' It has certainly done this, and more, for the Collection takes us back to Johnson, Haley and Hattersley, and brings us up to date with the genius of C. W. Roberts; and in this pageant of progress are great names like Heywood, Knights, Lindoff, Carter and Law James, all bold pioneers and ingenious manipulators in this tricky method. And with them some of the lesser men, whose fine old names—Daltry, Cornelius Charge, W. T. Elson, J. R. Fardon and William Willson—are attached to compositions that have become standard works and very much in use.

Nearly 60 years ago, when the Central Council put forth its Collection of Grandsire Caters Compositions, it tried to present both an historical survey and a practical handbook. The result was not a happy one, for in the precarious process of balancing upon the two stools there was a nervous anxiety in the selection of the material and a lack of accuracy in the truth of the figures. Eric Critchley and his men have been more cautious. While the new booklet may well be considered as giving a broad survey of composition over the years, this aim has been subordinated to the main object of supplying a good practical work. We shall not, for instance, find here any long lengths; and we may agree, no doubt, that such compositions, like some of Rodney Meadows' rolling stock, are 'not in common use.' Nor shall we find any startling innovations in the placing of the back bells; Tittums and Handstroke Home positions have been considered as providing the best music for Stedman Caters and Cinques, and it is difficult to disagree with this view. Some of us will wish that the Committee had inserted at least one good (and reasonably simple) composition on ten and on 12 with the bells in the Inverted Tittums. These are not very often needed, but when they are required they are not always easy to lay hands on.

The compositions, both of Caters and Cinques, fall into three main classes. There are the all-Tittum peals, represented by the oldmasters of the last century, and among

them George Newson's excellent 5,006 and Hubbard's grand old classic, the notable 5,076, restored for us nearly 60 years ago by J. R. Pritchard. These have the 6th in seconds place. There is a satisfying selection of half-and-half compositions, and among them it is good to see Haley's 5,007 and Heywood's popular peal with its duplicate course ends. The Carter Broadsheet has, of course, supplied indispensable material, and indeed it must have been difficult to decide how much of the work of this clever and prolific composer could safely be omitted.

The third chief plan is the 'two-thirds and a third' type of peal. Among these we are given J. E. Groves' 5,067. We may have preferred Carter's 5,079, which preceded Groves' peal, is on precisely the same plan, and with a much simpler opening course, but none the less the 5,067 is a fine utility peal and is well worth its place in the collection.

Before leaving the Caters section it is worth while to note some of the bolder experiments: No. 35, where Roberts uses four seconds-place bells; David Parsons' 5,009 with no fixed seconds-place bell; the curious double-course 5,055 of Washbrook's, and the strange 5,063 by John Carter, in which all the Handstroke Home course ends are at slow sixes instead of at the customary quick sixes. We feel that these unusual features might well have had some special explanation, for any attempt to prick the course ends of Carter's peal from quick six-ends lands the tyro in a morass of perplexity.

One really notable omission is Stephen Wood's brilliant 5,009, and how all of us who were consulted about the collection managed to let it be neglected is difficult to comprehend. (Perhaps we shall be able to persuade the Editor to reprint it in 'The Ringing World'.)

The Cinques follow broadly the conventional plan, and they, too, provide specimens of all-Tittum, half-and-half, and two-thirds and a third. No. 15 is a prodigy, for it embodies no less than 217 different peals by Carter, an astonishing piece of tabulation that makes amusing study and provides some excellent and moderately easy peals. Roberts and Parsons are represented by peals without a fixed 2nds-place bell, and there is a very remarkable 5,016 by that great genius J. W. Parker, in double courses alternately Tittum and Backstroke Home, and offering intriguing possibilities in the way of variation.

Well, here is a notable little book, offering 55 compositions of Stedman Caters and 35 of Cinques. It is neatly printed and attractive to look at, and for student, collector and conductor it will prove worth having. There is no question that much care and devotion have been exercised in this production; the very proof, alone, of these peals

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—52

One of the leading ringers during the last 30 years is Mr. Wilfred Williams, of London. He has travelled all over the British Isles for peals, and is still the only one who has conducted a peal of Surprise in every county in England and Wales, plus fourteen in Ireland and Scotland. He is one of the few people who can call a peal in any method from any bell, on all numbers, and is an excellent striker wherever he rings. He is proud of being a Welshman, and is a credit to his country.

Wilfred Williams was born in Brecon, Mid-Wales, on August 21st, 1905, and educated at the C. of E. School at Clydach, near Abergavenny. He learnt to ring on the six bells at Llanelly, Breconshire, and was taught by the four talented Rackham brothers. Mr. Sydney Rackham probably helped him most in those early days, by taking him to many meetings with his son, Alfred, who now lives at Tamworth. At one of these meetings he met the late George Popnell, one of the finest companions one could wish to have. He had been taught to ring by William Short before World War I, in the Clent area of Worcester-shire.

In the early twenties George moved to the mining district of Monmouthshire, and from then until 1929 Wilfred and George attended many meetings and lost many peals. There was one black period of thirteen consecutive Saturday attempts, without success! Some of these included Donald G. Clift, just starting to ring peals. Jack Phillips, then living in Cardiff and Albert J. Pitman, of Aberavon. They eventually found their way to Pentre Rhondda, which had the best local band in Wales, and one of the best in the country. They were under the conductorship of Tom Page, assisted by his brother Fred, and the outcome of their visits was some good peals of Siedman Triples, which Wilfred called, and the start of Surprise Major ringing practice. Wilfred's first peal was Grandsire Doubles at Llangatock, Breconshire, on December 10th, 1922, rung with his namesake, who now lives in Carmarthen. His first peal as conductor was Bob Minor at Pipe-cum-Lyde, Herefordshire, in 1923.

### AT BISHOPSGATE

When Wilfred first came to London in 1928, Bishopsgate tower was then as Willesden is now—regular peal ringing nearly every week, with the late James E. Davis in charge. It was there that he met Charles W. Roberts, and he was soon invited to take part in some peals. He is very grateful to him for giving him these early opportunities to ring peals in the higher methods, turn in tenors and conduct Surprise. Like a great many more, Wilfred regrets that such a gifted ringer as Charlie Roberts, surely one of the greatest of all time, now finds it impossible to spend any time in a belfry.

Up to date Wilfred has rung 725 peals, of which he has conducted 336, and many of these peals have been outstanding. Amongst those of which he looks back with justifiable pride are Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral. In both of these Wilfred rang the tenor, with John S. Mason, now a Wing-Commander in America, ably performing as strapper. Frank Haynes called the Cinques from the treble, and rang the same bell for the Maximus, which Wilfred conducted. He also vividly remembers a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, when he rang the 11th, not because of the ringing, but because, owing to the poor 'go' of the bell, many thought he would fail!

During the war he took part in a remarkable performance on handbells at the White-chapel Bell Foundry in 1941. As rationing



MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS,  
Ancient Society of College Youths.

was in progress, the College Youths used to hold an annual lunch, instead of the evening dinner. Immediately after the lunch on November 8th, 1941, four members rang Holt's Original non-conducted, and were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes afterwards. Those taking part were Ernest C. S. Turner 1-2, Wilfred Williams 3-4, John Thomas 5-6, and Donald G. Clift 7-8, and Charles W. Roberts acted as umpire. Wilfred was the first person to call four Spliced Surprise Major from every bell. He has rung peals in 56 different twelve-bell towers, and conducted peals in 45 of them. These have included 34 different tenors to Maximus, and eight behind to Cinques, and, of course, on quite a number of these he has scored both Maximus and Cinques. One of his best performances was calling nine Spliced Surprise Maximus at Cheltenham in June this year.

### HANDBELL RINGING

Wilfred has always been attracted to handbell ringing, and was taught by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hairs, when living in Brighton. He has called Holt's Original several times, and rang a number of peals of Siedman Cinques with the Birmingham band during the ban on ringing, one of which was rung non-conducted. He was one of the four who rang Stedman Triples in St. Paul's Cathedral, at the service prior to the A.S.C.Y. Tercentenary dinner in 1937, the other three being Willie Roughton, Herbert Langdon and Alfred B. Peck. With the first two, plus Edward P. Duffield, they took part in a broadcast over the B.B.C. the same day. Mr. Edwin H. Lewis was the Master, and was interviewed about the Society by Lionel Gamlin. Another happy memory is of going to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher every other week, when they lived at Enfield. They always had an excellent handbell practice, when such talented people as Chris Woolley, Ernest Turner, C. W. Roberts and John Thomas were nearly always present.

During the war, Wilfred was living in Cheltenham, and was fortunate enough to be invited to join a handbell tune ringing party. They used to practise at the houses of Messrs. Charles W. Martin and Walter Rose. After giving several concert turns at local Army and R.A.F. depots, the party had an audition for

a Carroll Levis radio programme. They were accepted, and performed in quite a number of London broadcasting studios. Every broadcast had a celebrity guest, and Wilfred has been on the stage with such famous people as Jimmy Edwards, Charlie Kunz, Jack Warner, Richard Attenborough and Stanley Black.

### PEAL TOUR ORGANISER

Arranging peal tours has given Wilfred a great deal of pleasure. He had taken part in a peal tour with Bill Pye as early as 1931, and as those people who have organised them know it has taken a lot of work. He would like to thank all those who have always been ready to help with advice, and prompt replies to inquiries, thus ensuring that the tourists have an enjoyable and successful week. Wilfred represented the Gloucester and Bristol Association on the Central Council, before returning to London in 1950, and has now had his 6th year as a representative for the A.S.C.Y. He is very proud of being Master of the Society for 1959, which was a memorable year, with the annual dinner a fitting climax.

Wilfred is a great believer that to ring well one must keep oneself physically fit. For this reason active sport has always attracted him, and he plays tennis, squash and badminton, according to season, every week. He often takes a week's holiday to see the Wimbledon championships, and tries to get there two or three days during the tennis fortnight, and also the badminton at Wembley. He has had a number of interesting jobs. When Wilfred first started work, he was employed above ground in a coal mine, and for the last 10 years he has been working for the Ministry of Works at the British Museum, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Clarence House, and is now at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Wilfred's enthusiasm for ringing is insatiable. He has always demanded a high standard of performance, and will not tolerate poor striking. Behind a somewhat stern manner, there lies a genuine desire to get the best possible results. Although an outspoken critic, he is always ready to give credit where it is due, even about someone with whom he disagrees. A really first class ringer and conductor, and an excellent tenor ringer, Wilfred has made a name for himself, which will be joined with the best in the history of our art.

APACE.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### Biggleswade District

For the first time for many years a meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Potton on December 9th.

Tea was provided in the school, and about 15 people were present. At the business meeting it was proposed to hold the A.G.M. for 1962 on January 13th at Biggleswade.

At Compline the Rev. Mr. Longden gave a short address.

There was ringing until tea time and again after the service. The special methods were Hull Surprise and Single Oxford Minor. The Ringing Master was Mr. L. Bywaters.

### Compositions of Caters & Cinques

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has been a task of considerable magnitude, for the Caters method (in particular) is the BELLE DAME SANS MERCI: her many charms are mitigated by her unfortunate propensity for playing you false, and the utmost care and delicacy of manipulation are necessary to avoid being deceived. Mr. Critchley's Committee pays tribute to the help given by Mr. William Barton in the proving of the compositions. He may join with the Committee in being well pleased with the result.

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# BOW BELLS ARE RINGING AGAIN

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GIVES THE SIGNAL

**T**HE moment the City of London had been waiting for after a lapse of more than 20 years occurred at 4 p.m. on December 21st, when H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh tolled the tenor bell of Bow at the dedication service performed by the Bishop of London (the Right Rev. R. W. Stopford).

St. Mary-le-Bow Church was shattered in the blitz of May 10th, 1941. The bells crashed to the ground as the building was enveloped in flames. Broken by the fall, they were recovered from the rubble and the metal of these bells is incorporated in the recast 12, which have a total weight of 8 tons 15 cwt. 10 lb. Justly so, a border of London Pride adorns the bells. Each bell is named and inscribed with a text and the initial letters of these texts make an acrostic spelling—

D. WHITTINGTON.

### ALTERATIONS TO TOWER

It was in 1956 that Bow Bells were recast in the White-chapel Foundry. The long interval between the recasting and dedication was due to the extensive work necessary to the tower to enable the bells to be rung in safety. There have been many alterations in the tower. The ringing room has been brought down much lower in the tower. It is a large, dignified room, panelled waist high and about 25 feet in height. The 12 ropes form a splendid circle, but they are very close to the wall and there is not room for a person to stand behind a ringer. Four of the bells are rung from boxes.

Above the ringing room there is the clock chamber and above that the bells. There is a 70 ft. draught or rope to be handled and one or two of the bells are set a little fine. The new tenor is 42 cwt. in C. Those who heard the bells on Tuesday were favourably impressed by the tone. The full television and radio coverage meant that the new Bow Bells had a world-wide reception. Mr. John Chilcott, who was in charge of the ringing, gave a special broadcast to Canada on Wednesday morning.

### £63,000 REQUIRED

In the church itself the ravages of the blitz have not been tackled. The big sum of £43,000 is required to restore the church and another £20,000 for furnishings. To complete the church will take another two years; but as Bow Bells now ring out so eventually will the main church be built. The crypt has been finished, and in the crypt chapel, with an altar of great beauty, services are held; and there was one there on the evening of the dedication, when the confirmation of the election of three bishops took place.

In view of the ruined state of the church, seating was limited for the ceremony of dedication which took place in the entrance porch. Most of the congregation were associated with the City of London, but there were present the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Wm. T. Cook) and the president of the Central Council (Mr. Frederick Sharpe).

The first of the distinguished guests to arrive was the Lord Mayor, Sir John Hoare, who was accompanied by his sheriffs—Alderman Lionel Denny and Mr. Christopher Rawson. They

were received by the Alderman of the Cordwainer Ward, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, Bt., who was Lord Mayor when the bells were cast and a churchwarden of Bow, the Rector (Rev. Joseph McCulloch) and the Vestry Clerk (Mr. John H. L. Trustram). Shortly afterwards they were joined by the Bishop of London, and they received Prince Philip.

the tower, where Mr. Albert Hughes, the bell-founder, was waiting for them with the churchwardens. The Vestry Clerk conducted his Royal Highness to join them.

The dedication ceremony then took place, the bell-founder handing the bellrope to the wardens. The Vestry Clerk conducted His these bells, which have been restored, that they may once more call God's people to this His House of Prayer and sound forth their Christian summons across the world.

The rope was handed to the Bishop who, after the act of dedication, handed the rope to the Rector, who in turn handed it to His Royal Highness with the request 'to ring this bell, so that its message of good will to all men may once more be heard not only in this City but throughout the world.'

His Royal Highness then tolled the bell six times. The tenor bell was struck with a clock hammer attached to the rope the Duke pulled. Watching by the upturned tenor was Mr. Douglas Hughes, to make certain that all was clear when the bells were rung almost immediately in rounds.

On the treble was Mr. E. G. Fenn, and he was the only member of the band who rang for the well-known time signal of Bow Bells. The College Youth band ringing these opening rounds were E. G. Fenn 1, M. V. Chilcott (conductor) 2, M. P. Moreton 3, James Phillips 4, J. Frank Smallwood 5, D. Randall 6, John Phillips 7, J. A. Waugh 8, C. G. J. Watts 9, J. G. R. Prior 10, J. H. Crampion 11, Wilfrid Williams 12. Of these, seven were past Masters of the Ancient Society.

### 'SONG OF PEACE'

The rounds sounded very sweet in the church. The bellringers' prayers were then offered by the Bishop, and one that seemed apt for the world today:—

'Grant, O Lord, that they, who in their daily tasks hear the sound of these bells, may be called to think on Thee: And that their chimes may bring freedom to the oppressed, strength to the weak, courage to the fearful and joy to all mankind. And finally, let us pray that in their song, we may all find Thy Peace in our hearts. Amen.'

The service concluded with the hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' and the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.

Afterwards His Royal Highness and the Lord Mayor, with the congregation, went to the Court of Arches in the crypt, where tea was served. In the tower above a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, in which Mr. John Chilcott took part. It was during this ringing that the Duke expressed a wish to meet Mr. Chilcott. The Master of the College Youths ascended the tower and took over his rope in an endeavour to complete the touch uninterrupted.

### RINGERS PRESENTED

Presented to the Duke by Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, the chairman of the Bow Bells Appeal Committee, were Mr. Albert Hughes, who had

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### THE TENOR

The service started with a note of thankfulness by the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The singing was led by the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, under the direction of the Principal, Mr. Gordon Thorne.

Prayers followed, said by the Rector, and included one particularly appropriate:—

'O God, great architect of the Universe, who dwellest not in Temples made with hands, we humbly offer Thee thanks and praise for all the Benefactors of this Thine ancient House of Prayer; especially for those who have helped us at this time with the restoration of the tower, the steeple and the bells. And we pray Thee to move the hearts of Thy servants one and all to give according to their means that the remainder of this Church may be restored to the Glory of Thy Name. And grant that they who worship here may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

What might well be regarded as the ringers' psalm followed—Psalm 150, sung by the choir. The lesson from 1 Corinthians xiv was read by Ald. Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, and this was followed by the Advent hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel.'

### THE DEDICATION

During the concluding verses of this hymn the Bishop and Rector proceeded to beneath



## BOW BELLS RING AGAIN—Cont.

previously met: His Royal Highness, Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president of the Central Council) and Mr. John Chilcott.

The problem that exercised the Duke's mind was how the relatively light pulls on the rope in the church could have rung the 42 cwt. tenor. Mr. Hughes explained to him that he was not actually ringing the tenor—the bell was still in its upright position—but the bell was being struck by a clock hammer.

With Mr. Sharpe the conversation related to the activities of the Central Council, which was described as a Commonwealth of bellringers, most of the ringing Societies being members. The British form of change-ringing was explained, and how it was being followed in the great Commonwealths of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and also outside the Commonwealth in Ireland, South Africa and the United States.

Mr. John Chilcott was rather nonplussed by the first question put to him—the name of the bell he was ringing. He had to admit that he did not know. (The 12 bells of Bow are named Katherine, Fabian, Christopher, Margaret, Mildred, Faith, Augustine, John, Timothy, Pancras, Cuthbert and Bow.) However, he was on very familiar grounds as a composer of Siedman when asked the method being rung. The interviews had that happy informality about them so characteristic of the Duke of Edinburgh's approach to people.

### OPEN RINGING MEETING

In conversation with 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John H. L. Trustram, the vestry clerk, said arrangements would be made early in the New Year for an open ringing day to be held at Bow. Another opportunity for the public to hear Bow Bells occurs on New Year's Eve. The midnight service in the crypt chapel is being televised (I.T.V.) and the College Youths will ring for that service.

Bow Bells would be rung for State occasions, he said. He hoped eventually that there would be a Bow Guild of Ringers in the same way as there was a Guild at St. Paul's. For the time being there were no Sunday services. Until their own Guild was formed he was hoping that members of St. Paul's and the College Youths would assist them in their ringing.

The ringers were afterwards the guests of the churchwardens to refreshments at the historic hostelry 'The Watling.'

## YORKSHIRE RINGERS A PLEASURE TO BAKE FOR

When the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District (Yorkshire Association) together with the Selby and District Society met at Goole on December 16th, they were entertained to a Christmas tea by Mrs. J. J. Taylor. Acknowledging the vote of thanks, Mrs. Taylor said it was always a pleasure to bake for the ringers. And there were 50 of them, representing 18 towers.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. E. Sellers, Miss Barbara Cannerask was elected a new member. York was chosen, if possible, for the next meeting on March 31st.

The Vicar conducted the service, during which he gave an interesting address. Acknowledging the vote of thanks passed to him, he said it was a pleasure to have the Association at Goole, and they would be welcome any time whilst he was there.

**NORTON ST. PHILIP, SUMERSET.**—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Palmer 1. F. Phelps 2. A. F. Lee (cond.) 3. D. J. Barnett 4. H. Applegate 5. A. F. Butt 6.

## J. A. TROLLOPE'S RESEARCH INTO ST. MARY-LE-BOW

*An edited extract by W.G.W. from the late J. A. Trollope's MS., history of 'London Ringers and Ringing in the Eighteenth Century.'*

THE Church of Our Lady of the Arches is not only famous for its bells, but also for divers accidents happening there hath been made more famous than any other church of the whole City or suburbs. In 1100 the roof was blown off in a mighty tempest and several persons were killed. In 1106 William FitzOsbert, a seditious tailor, took the steeple of Bow and fortified it with munitions and victuals, but it was assaulted and William and his accomplices were taken, though not without bloodshed, for he was forced by fire and smoke to forego the church; he was hanged with nine of his fellows. (John Stow.)

In 1271, a great part of the steeple fell down and slew many people, men and women. The damaged steeple was slowly restored and Bow bell was one of the four appointed to set the time for the ringing of the curfew. In 1472, John Donne, mercer, in his will left two tenements in Hosier Lane for the maintenance of the bell and the ringing. The curfew was the signal that the day's work was over and because the apprentices thought the parish clerk was late with his ringing they called after him—

*'Clarke of the Bow bell, with the yellow lockes,*

*For thy late ringing thy head shall have knocks.'*

to which the clerk replied—

*'Children of Cheape, hold you all still,*

*For you shall hear Bow bell rung as you will.'*

The steeple was finished in 1512 and afterwards were added the open arches or 'bows' which supported the central lantern. These 'bows' were built of stone from Caen in Normandy, which cost 4s. 8d. a ton, delivered at the Customs quay. The church is said to have derived its name from these features, so they must have been copied from the old steeple. William Copland, a tailor, was churchwarden in 1515, and gave the great bell, making the fifth in the ring and provided that it should be used for the nine o'clock curfew. It was first rung at his burial.

At the time of the Inventory of Edward VI, the church possessed 'ffive greate bells and two sanctus bells.' These were added to until there were twelve, of which ten were a ringing peal and two the sanctus bells. Church, tower and bells were all destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. Wren began the new church in 1671 and finished it in 1680. The church cost £8,071 18s. 1d. and the steeple £7,388 8s. 7½d., the total being greater than that of any other of the City churches. The steeple, 231 feet high, was among the finest work of this great architect. Dame William-son, of Hales Hall, in Norfolk, gave £2,000 towards the rebuilding and the new bells. She also gave £2,620 towards the building of St. Paul's Cathedral.

In 1677, John Hodson, citizen and carpenter of London, and Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, bellfounders, had orders for eight new bells. The tenor was not satisfactory and in 1738 it was recast by Richard Phelps, assisted by Thomas Lester. This new bell, her founders' masterpiece, the famous old

tenor of Bow, weighed 53½ cwt. In 1758, the parish being of opinion that they had one of the best bells in existence determined to have the others recast and two trebles added. This was done by Lester and Pack, and the new ring of ten was rung for the first time on King George's birthday, June 4th, 1762. Samuel Blackwell, who was Member of Parliament for Cirencester, a College Youth and a great patron of ringing, gave £50.

Two trebles, to make twelve, were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1881, and in 1933 the bells were restored and rehung by Gillett and Johnston. Eight were recast, including the tenor, this fine bell having been found to be cracked in the crown.

The first peal in the steeple was Bob Triples by the College Youths on January 12th, 1731. It was conducted by John Cundell, with three men to the tenor and two to the seventh. Bob Major followed in 1734—the heaviest peal of Major to be rung—and eleven men were still required. After the tenor was recast the first peal was Oxford Treble Bob Major, by ten College Youths, in 1761, and three years later came the first peal on the ten—one of Grandsire Caters. Three men were on the tenor and two on the ninth. For the first peal of Royal—in 1782—two good ringers, Samuel Muggeridge and William Lyford, managed the tenor, but five years later 5,111 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung by ten men only, Philip Pilgrim being at the tenor. These performances were all by the College Youths, but in 1803 the Cumberland Youths rang 5,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal single handed, and in 1837 they repeated the performance. On this occasion to prove that they were not exhausted they rang a course of Siedman Caters before setting the bells.

The Cumberlands rang the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells (1808), and the College Youths the first of Cinques (1890) and of Treble Bob Maximus (1907). The College Youths also achieved 6,048 of Kent Maximus, but the longest peal was 7,392 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Middlesex Association, the tenor being rung by William Pye.

Before the war there were tablets in the belfry recording the following peals:

1803	5,200	Treble Bob Royal	(Cumberlands)
1808	5,049	Stedman Caters	(Cumberlands)
1827	5,200	Oxford T.B. Royal	(Cumberlands)
1840	5,079	Stedman Caters	(Cumberlands)
1863	5,081	Stedman Caters	(College Youths).

W. G. W.

## 5,000 STROUD SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by J. R. MAYNE

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Rung at Stroud, November 4th, 1961.

We are asked to state that in connection with the course at Grantley Hall (page 840) ringing will be arranged at Ripon Cathedral and not Durham as stated.

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## LESSONS FROM RINGERS TO CHURCH PEOPLE

At the first meeting of the Eastern District to be held at Great Yarmouth since the restoration of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, held on December 11th, a peal board, recording the first peal on the new bells, was dedicated by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. The board was the joint gift of the respective Masters of the Yarmouth and Gorleston companies—Mr. Arthur G. Wigmore and Mr. A. Bird. Ringing was supervised by the Rev. Giles Galley in the regretted absence through an accident of Miss Doris Lidbetter, the Ringing Master.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who is vice-president of the Central Council, conducted the service and gave the address. Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association, read the lesson.

### THREE LESSONS

In his address Mr. Thurlow said ringers had three things to teach their fellow Christians:

(1) 'You gain as you give. You get out of ringing what you put into it. If you don't take the trouble to learn to handle properly you are a source of worry to yourself and everyone else for evermore. If you take the trouble you are happy, and in whatever methods you take the trouble to learn, you have the pride and pleasure of ringing. What you don't learn you can't ring. Of course, this applies all through life, but it's surprising how many church folk won't apply it to church. If you learn tunes you can sing them. If you are generous with your time, your money, your work, you can have a living church, if not, you help to kill it and irritate yourself. Everyone knows a happy or a quarrelsome congregation: its people make it what it is.'

(2) You gain as you share. Many Christians are so introverted that they think the building they worship in is the only one they could possibly worship in. If they leave the district they can't get used to a new church; if they don't like the Vicar they simply stay away and never think of going away to another church. If their church fails down they can't possibly worship anywhere else. How different ringers are! Though our first loyalty is to our own church, yet we feel just as much at home in any other tower. It's such a joy at Yarmouth to welcome ringers from Land's End to Scotland at holiday times: there's no suspicion, no jealousy, no narrowness, we just fit in wherever we go. If all church-people would do this, the Church would be transformed.

(3) Simple gratitude. How pleased we are when we find a good ring, well kept, well manned. Here for instance we are grateful to Russell Colman for the bells he gave, and we must ever remember this. If all church folk were as grateful for freedom to worship, for lovely welcoming churches, for hard working organists, choirs, churchwardens, sidesmen, Sunday school teachers, clergy, how different the spirit would be.'

The tea and meeting at a nearby hotel were presided over by the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was supported by Association and Branch officers. As if to give authority to the meeting in the way the Mace is laid before Parliament, so was Yarmouth's 153 year old Ringers' Jug placed on

the table before the assembled ringers and friends. The jug was presented by the founders, when the original ten bells were installed in St. Nicholas' in 1808. Now on loan to the Borough Museum the jug was brought out to show to the many ringers who had never before seen it and also to mark the fact that that meeting was the first held in Great Yarmouth since 1940, the minutes for which, incidentally, could not be signed until 1945.

The chairman said they were pleased to welcome to the meeting a visitor from Boston and several from Suffolk, also the organist, Mr. B. Angwin, and the Vicar's warden, Mr. W. Ellett.

Mr. Golden expressed the great pleasure everyone felt at being able to meet at Yarmouth again, and on behalf of those present he thanked the St. Nicholas' company for their kindness in subsidising the cost of the tea.

Members expressed their concern at what were referred to as scurrilous attacks by correspondents in 'The Ringing World' as to the alleged character and habits of ringers; it was therefore resolved that Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow's address to them that afternoon be sent for publication.

The 1962 Branch annual meeting will be held at Loddon on February 10th, subject to the usual permission.

Voices of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens, the organist and the local company for the satisfactory arrangements.

### Gratefully Acknowledged

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### OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers took place in the Old Bursary, New College, on December 5th. The president of the Society, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, took the chair. The president and vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. Stephen J. Ivin was also elected a vice-president.

The following officers were also elected: Master, J. Pusey (New College); secretaries (joint), Miss C. B. Clayton (St. Anne's), B. Wakefield (Pembroke); treasurer, J. Camp (Jesus); steeple-keepers (joint), J. Cawood (Keble) and R. Crawford (Magdalen).

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in 1962

### TWERTON/CORSTON OUTING

A useful afternoon was spent in mid-Somerset by a party of ringers from Twerton and Corston towers on December 16th. At the first tower, Babcar, Mr. W. A. Prescott and a number of youngsters from Barton St. David met us, and very creditably the young people rang for the first time outside their own tower. Mr. W. Hodges, the local captain, joined in some Grandsire, Siedman and Cambridge.

The bells in the second tower—St. Peter's, West Lydford—are a very good toned ring of six, and Mr. G. Culling, the local captain, made us very welcome. Tea had been prepared for the party at the Village Hall, Barton St. David. The Vicar joined us. Appreciation of the tea was shown by a collection for the bell fund. An hour's ringing on the superb five at the village church followed. Unfortunately the fourth is cracked, but there are great hopes of having it recast and a treble added making a ring of six. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. W. Prescott, for their welcome and the tea, and to everyone who made the trip so pleasant.  
A.F.L.

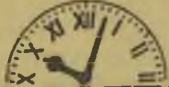
### Mr. Alfred Ballard

Mr. Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote, writes regarding 'Personality of the Exercise'—Mr. Alfred Ballard that he rang his first peal at Witherley not Wetherby as inadvertently published and that Stoney Stanton has still a very good change ringing band, with five members who have rung peals of Surprise Major. He often hears them ringing Grandsire Triples or Bob Major for Evensong as at Stoney Stanton Evensong starts 30 minutes before the Sapcote service. Mr. Ballard is not now chairman and Ringing Master of the Hinckley District, but has held these offices.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Hodnet (page 846) was Michael R. Wycherley and not as submitted.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has, during the past two months, been asked to advise in no fewer than ten cases of split towers.

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# THE SMITHS

## THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

**JOE SMITH**, head ringer of Hexworth Parish Church, was sitting by the kitchen table ostensibly 'doing a bit of paper work' connected with his business. He removed the pencil from between his teeth and tapped them thoughtfully with it, then, considering that his whole attention was apparently riveted on the bill-head in front of him, made the rather surprising announcement!

'Should be able to get young Bill his first 720 o' Cambridge tonight!'

'Yes, if he doesn't miss his 3-4 places again, I suppose.'

This qualification was made by Annie, his wife, who with Phyllis, their daughter, was busy tidying up after tea. Neither of them were deceived by Joe's industrious application to the aforementioned bill-head, for this was Wednesday, and Wednesday night was practice night. Mrs. Smith knew little about the Laws of the Medes and Persians, except that Mr. Greensmith, the Vicar, was frequently referring to them in his conversation (and sermons) as 'unalterable,' but she felt sure that compared with the rigidity of the rules and strictures connected with practice night these Laws would appear as a set of frivolous regulations.

Some surprise might have been occasioned to anyone not quite familiar with the Smith family that the above qualification had been made by Mrs. Smith at all, for she was the only non-ringing member of it. (John, the son, was busy in another room finishing off his homework.) It was seldom, however, that she got her ringing terms wrong; daily contact with them for a quarter of a century had made them as familiar to her as the technical jargon connected with her husband's workshop, not 40 yards from the back door: 'whole turns and 3-4 dodges' were as much part of her speech as 'mortise and tenons' and 'rip-saws and jack-planes.'

Secretly, Joe was rather proud of this peculiar accomplishment of his wife, but he realised that the natural and spontaneous manner with which Annie discussed ringing matters often came as a surprise to others, and she would often talk to non-ringers as though they should be as familiar with bellringing, and bellringing terms, as she herself was.

He smiled to himself as, his thoughts running on these lines, he remembered the time when Mrs. Greensmith, the Vicar's wife, on meeting them both in the street, had asked Annie if last Saturday had been a success. She was, no doubt, referring to the 'beetle drive' held to swell church funds at Mrs. Walsh's, a pillar of the Mothers' Union, but Annie's thoughts had immediately flown to the peal attempt at the local church. Her reply must, therefore, have been somewhat surprising to the good lady.

'No, Phyllis went wrong although her dad warned her to be careful; when he tried to put her right she didn't seem to understand. There are some queer places in London, you know!'

The Vicar's wife may not have known a great deal about ringing, but she was fortunately familiar with her husband's parishioners, and quickly realised that the conversation was at cross-purposes.

Phyllis finished the chores with a flourish. Always efficient in work or in play, Joe had nevertheless been surprised at the rapidity with which she had become a competent ringer. At thirteen years of age she had rung the treble like a veteran, when they had won the contest at Shadow, in the face of fierce opposition, fitting into the team at short notice, when 'Old George' had suddenly been laid low by his old enemy—bronchitis.

'I'll ring the treble, dad!' she had said when the message had arrived from George, ten minutes before they were due to go up to the tower. He had hesitated. Shadow bells were notoriously difficult—a long draught and odd-struck too. Still it would be good practice for her; give him the opportunity, he remembered thinking, of pointing out afterwards some of her shortcomings.

'It's a bit short, dad,' she had said as she tried her bell.

'Shall I let it out for you or will you have a box?' he had asked.

'Oh, I'll have a box, please.'

In fact she had two.

She had looked very young, he remembered, perched up there with her two pigtails tied with red ribbon.

He looked at her now. A fine, handsome girl—not pretty, he reflected, too much like her father for that—but with character and personality. That she liked her work he was well aware, Josiah Bertram, land auctioneer and valuer, was a person of some importance in Hexworth, but the fact that he was also Vicar's warden meant that Phyllis, who was his shorthand typist and confidential secretary rolled into one, was also the channel through which information flowed both ways between the Vicar and his ringers. Joe was pleased, too, with the way things had turned out between Henry and her.

Henry had worked as an apprentice to Joe since he left school at 15, and now, at 23 years of age, he was as fine a craftsman as any in the district. He had started learning to ring about the same time as Phyllis, although he was a couple of years older. They were thrown together a good deal, both in the belfry and out, and it was no surprise to anyone when they started 'walking out' together.

Joe glanced at the clock: it was half-past six. Practice began at seven, but Joe always liked to be in good time. He got up and cleared his things away.

'What time will John be coming down?' he asked.

'Oh, fairly early. He says that he hasn't a lot of homework to do tonight,' answered Phyllis.

Joe grunted his satisfaction. He liked to have John around on practice night: he was such a 'useful' ringer. Destined, Joe had no doubt, for university, he brought a keen brain and sharp intellect into the belfry. Joe enjoyed also the long discussions that often took place at home after the actual ringing was done, when the whole Smith family joined in.

It was not far to the church: about 10 minutes' walk. Joe was the first to arrive. He paused just inside the church door to knock down the main switch, for although it was light enough now it would, in this late September evening, be too dark to see properly in the belfry by the time the practice ended. He unlocked the belfry door and climbed the steps.

At the top Joe opened the ringing chamber door and pushed aside the curtain that was draped on the inside, the purpose of which was to exclude from the belfry the gales which in winter and rough weather howled up, or down, the spiral staircase outside. It is to be remarked that in the performance of this function the curtain was only partially successful and in particularly severe gusts sufficient surplus air whistled under the door and round the edges to cause the curtain to billow out the belfry making ringing on the second bell, which was immediately in its path, a hazardous occupation on these occasions.

The chamber boasted two narrow windows on the south and west sides respectively, with jambs played inwards to ensure a maximum diffusion of the light that filtered through the diaphanous panes. The west window being the one that for ventilation purposes was supposed to open and occasionally did, and by virtue of this being more susceptible to draughts than its partner, had a curtain of similar material, which could be drawn across for the same purpose to that of the door curtain.

In this latter respect it was about as effective.

Seats ran round the north and east sides and the walls were panelled to a height of 5 or 6 feet, above which the stonework was white-washed. Fastened to the north side panelling

was an Ellacombe chiming frame, through which passed a solitary rope: appearing from a hole in the matchboard ceiling above and disappearing through a similar hole in the uncovered floor below (or vice versa, if you like), it was, in fact, a chiming rope for the fifth bell that could be tolled from the church below. Peal boards of various shapes and sizes were displayed on the walls, and two enormous coats of arms, painted on canvas and attached to wooden frames, were incongruous looking relics of a bygone era, of which none now knew the families who were once the proud possessors or ever took the trouble to find out.

In addition to the six normal bells of the tower there was a warning bell in one corner that could be rung from below by pulling a cunningly concealed wire, which made the bell (about 3 inches diameter) dance and wriggle on a coiled spring with a frighteningly diabolic clatter that had caused many a visitor to miss his sally. 'Old George' was fond of telling the story of the time he was ringing in a peal when, in the 6th 720, the bell began to ring. They ignored it. Perhaps it would stop. But no! on it went writhing and twisting, and bobbing and jerking, its terrific clangour making the voice of the conductor almost inaudible.

Still they went on ringing—so did the bell! Doubts began to enter their minds: perhaps someone was ill, perhaps the church was on fire!

They looked at each other and then at the conductor. The striking, which had hitherto been excellent, began to totter, ringers began to make mistakes. It was almost impossible to hear, it was certainly impossible to think. The inevitable happened and the conductor called, 'Stand!'

With muttered oaths and imprecations they dashed down the belfry steps and unlocked the door. There stood the 'new' parson, inducted a few weeks before, staring wonderingly at these wild-looking men pouring through the doorway.

'Good afternoon,' he said. 'I wonder if you would care to come to the Vicarage for a cup of tea when you have finished ringing?'

George doesn't tell us what was said to the parson, nor, in fact, whether they accepted his invitation; what he does say, with a good deal of emphasis, is: 'Parson never made that mistake again!' In another corner the 2 feet diameter earthenware flue of the heating system thrust its way to the top of the tower. There was a towel roller near the door, which had never within living memory served any other purpose than a repository for rags and dusters.

(To be continued)

## MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

Advantage was taken of a joint meeting of the Lancashire Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild, at Ashton-under-Lyne on November 18th, to dedicate a peal board, recording a peal of 5,056 Londonderry Surprise Major rung on February 11th, to commemorate the 50 years as captain of the St. Peter's band of the late Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft; and of his wife's 30 years as a ringing member in the tower.

The dedication was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. David Sudcliffe, after Evensong, in the presence of many who had known Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft. Unfortunately, Mrs. Ida Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, the donor of the board, was unable to be present.

In a tribute the Vicar stated: 'The board will remain in the belfry as a permanent record of appreciation to two very faithful friends and workers of St. Peter's Church who, between them, produced a joint total of no less than eighty "ringing years" at this church, as well as being solid supporters of church, Sunday school and P.C.C.'

The peal board was made by Mr. James Brooks, of Windsor, a ringing friend of the late Mr. Wolstencroft, and the beautiful gilt lettering was executed by Mr. T. A. Gosling, of Windsor, a brother of another old ringing friend, Mr. Ernest Gosling, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.



## OBITUARY

### MR. GEORGE BENNETT

Mr. George Bennett, of Otley, Suffolk, died in the Walnut Tree Hospital, Sudbury, on December 11th, in his 82nd year. Early last year he went to Bures to live with a daughter and son-in-law, and last October, when almost blind, entered Bury St. Edmunds Hospital for the removal of cataracts. One eye was operated on and then another bodily ailment overtook him, for which he was moved to Sudbury Hospital, but became too weak to operate on and soon after passed peacefully away.

The funeral service was at Otley Baptist Church on December 15th, and he was laid to rest in the grave beside his wife and youngest daughter; he was a widower for more than 19 years. George recently expressed a wish that the Rev. G. H. Taylor, Rector of Otley (himself a ringer), would assist at his funeral service. This was readily agreed to and graciously carried out in conjunction with pastors of Otley and Bures, at a beautiful and impressive service. Representing the Suffolk Guild were Mr. L. G. Brett, Ringing Master, and Mr. F. J. Crapnell, of Grundisburgh. The same evening Mr. Brett arranged and conducted a half-muffled memorial peal at Helmingham as a last token of respect.

George was called up for World War I and landed in France after only ten weeks' training, and while on active service was four times wounded and badly gassed; the latter impaired his health and he was never completely rid of it.

Born at Ashbocking on March 21st, 1880, he was taught to ring at the age of 24, on the bells in his native parish, when they were augmented from two to six. Several years later he moved to the adjoining parish of Otley and became one of the Helmingham band, which rang regularly on Sunday mornings and practice nights. He also rang at Otley on Sunday evenings, and was 33 before

ringing his first peal (Treble Bob Major at Helmingham).

Throughout the 1930's the Helmingham Sunday service band (in which G. B. and son were included) helped to make ringing history with peals in new methods. Besides the standard and others, 46 different Surprise methods were rung, the great majority for the first time and several at the first attempt. Thirty years ago this was considered pretty good going. His 200th peal was London Surprise at Helmingham, and this was also his son's 100th and first peal as conductor. His total was 282. Minor, 1 to 7 methods, 39 (conducted 1); Triples in 4 methods, 22; Major in 50 methods, 219; Royal in 2 methods, 2. His last (with a long gap previously) was Minor at Otley on October 31st, 1952. Reluctantly taking part owing to eye strain, he remarked, 'I expect this will be my last peal.' It was so. Rest in peace.

### MRS. T. H. TAFFENDER

We regret to report the death of Mrs. T. H. Taffender, at the age of 75 years. As was reported recently in 'Belfry Gossip,' Mrs. Taffender had undergone an operation in King's College Hospital. She failed to respond to subsequent treatment and passed away on December 10th.

The funeral at Streatham Park Cemetery was attended by her sons and daughters and their families. Mr. H. W. Rogers was present, representing Mrs. Rogers and the London County Association of Ringers. Mr. T. H. Taffender was unable to attend, owing to being in hospital, but photographs were taken in the chapel and during the committal, for showing to him later.

It is now the 49th consecutive year that Mr. Taffender has held office as Master of the London County Association.

### 50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' December 29th, 1911.—

An unusual accident has occurred at the great Bernese penitentiary. Witzwill, a young convict, was charged to ring the bell of the chapel. Suddenly the ringing ceased, the bell had fallen down. The convict was instantly killed, and his mutilated body was completely covered by the fallen bell.

Geese and ringing have been plentiful at Grantham this Christmas. A local gentleman has presented each of the fifteen ringers and probationers of St. Wulfram's Church with a goose, to mark his appreciation of the progress made in change ringing during the past year. We have no doubt there are many other towers where similar treatment would not be discountenanced by the ringers, should it come their way.

'At Croydon, Surrey, three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4. T. Groombridge jun. 5-6-7-8.' Such is one of the miscellaneous performances sent in for publication. It make one begin to wonder what is the limit in method ringing.

### 5,024 BRENTFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

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52436	—	—	3	
52364	1	—		
35426	—	—	3	
35264	1	—		
23456	—	—	3	

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Fifty years ago this month the well known bells of St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bodmin. An anonymous donor gave £400. and the chimes were the gift of Dr. John King, of St. Cyprian's. The net cost of the bells and their erection was about £600.

The ten bells at Ewerby, Lincs. are unringable, owing to the dangerous state of the tower.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, Staffs. rang his 500th peal at Sutterton, during Mr. Geo. E. Fearn's Lincolnshire tour.

It will be noted that Mr. Ralph G. Edwards turned in the tenor of St. George's, Bristol, to a peal of Plain Bob Major. We await our Somerset correspondent's comments.

Stanmore's (Middlesex) youngsters honoured the retirement of Mr. E. J. Leversuch from the Post Office after 47 years' service, with a quarter peal on Stanmore bells. The compliment was much appreciated.

Our Christmas front page article that appeared in our last issue was contributed by the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, Vicar of Lower Halstow, near Sittingbourne. Readers will join with us in expressing our thanks to him, and also to our other front page contributors.

Weobley Church, Herefordshire, held an auction sale and whist drive to raise funds for new bellropes. The Girl Guides organised the event, with Major P. G. Verdin in charge of the sale and whist drive. With donations £41 was raised.

Mr. George E. Symonds was back again ringing Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on December 16th, for the wedding of his grandson. It was his 98th peal of Maximus, and although now 86 years he is looking forward to his 100th. Mr. Les Brett, the popular Guild Ringing Master, has now 'circled the tower': this was his first peal there for 31 years. On the treble was young Neville Whittell, who only started peal ringing this year and rang very well. As a coincidence his elder brother did exactly the same two years ago.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Grafton Regis, Northants, is losing Mr. George Atkins who, on retirement, is leaving the village. During the 15 years he has lived there he has served as captain of the ringers, sidesman and churchwarden, and was a keen supporter of the Tpwcester Branch. He took part in a peal in honour of his 65th birthday at Grafton Regis on December 8th. The band who rang wish him a very happy retirement at Collingtree, near Northampton.

Back again peal ringing is Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming. He stood in a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major at East Meon.

The three quarter peals rung at St. Albans and published in 'The Ringing World' of December 15th were rung at St. Stephen's Church and not St. Peter's.

The band that rang in the peal at Biddenden, Kent, on December 16th, would like to thank Mr. S. G. Waters for having all in readiness and entertaining them to tea after the peal.

The Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, have their own special record. At South Anston, Yorks, on December 9th they each rang their 300th peal and they were all rung together.

Might we make a suggestion? Will those who want a practical method of showing their appreciation of 'The Ringing World' please send their postal subscriptions without delay to Mr. Jeater.

In honour of the dedication of Bow Bells Miss J. S. Armstrong played 'Oranges and Lemons' on the Ellacombe chimes at Morpeth Watch Tower. 'As I played the last line, "The big bell of Bow," I felt that a long dream had come true,' she writes.

A quarter peal is recorded this week that was rung at Hereford to mark the installation of Canon R. P. Price, of Christchurch, Hants, as Dean. Hereford has in its new Dean a sincere friend of ringers, who took part in a number of functions of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

# THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

*NEVILLE F. WHITTELL .. Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS .. 7
†JAMES B. MORLEY .. 2	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 8
LESLIE G. BRETT .. 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 4	JAMES BENNETT .. 10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5	†ERNEST G. PEARCE .. 11
HARRY D. LISTER .. 6	*ALDERMAN LING .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

\* First peal on 12. † First of Maximus in the method. First on 12 as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. E. Symonds' grandson.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*TOM CROSSLEY .. Treble	DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 6
*PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 3	*TREVOR TARBATT .. 8
JOHN F. BRYANT .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 9
J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt.

*BRIDGET HEIGHTON .. Treble	†ANTONY R. KENCH .. 6
*JENNIFER M. GAMBLING .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. 7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 8
*JUDITH M. ATKINSON .. 4	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 5	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

\* First peal on ten bells, and first in the method. † First on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FREDERICK ROSS .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. 7
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 4	BARRIE HENDRY .. 9
CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE .. 7
BRIAN DOWNES .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
ANDREW N. STUBBS .. 4	PETER BORDER .. 9
JOHN D. ROCK .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

JOHN DREWITT .. Treble	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 6
JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	BRIAN R. WHITE .. 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
JOHN H. NAPPER .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial to Albert E. Lock at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
FREDERICK ROSS .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK .. 7
KENNETH ARTHUR .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. 8
DENIS A. BAYLES .. 4	BRYAN PATTISON .. 9
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 5	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1961, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. Treble	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	RONALD C. NOON .. 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

\* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Freda Greaves and Bevan Willgress on their marriage (December 2nd).

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

AND

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

BRO. STEPHEN THOMPSON, M.M. Lorraine 541 .. Treble	
W. BRO. RICHARD A. GOFTON, P.M. Brierdene 5344 .. 2	
BRO. CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB, M.M. St. Aidans 4080 .. 3	
BRO. JOHN A. BROWN, M.M. Finchale Priory 7059 .. 4	
W. BRO. NORMAN ERRINGTON, W.M. Temperance 4115 .. 5	
BRO. KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN, S.D. The Carrville 2497 .. 6	
BRO. CHARLES N. LEA, S.D. Hadrian 1970 .. 7	
W. BRO. NORMAN PARK, P.M. Marquess of Ripon 1379 .. Tenor	

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by BRO. CHARLES N. LEA.

Rung to mark the occasion of W. Bro. Norman Errington being installed Master of his Lodge.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN RYDER .. Treble	VICTOR NEAL .. 5
CHRISTOPHER JONES .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. 6
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 3	MICHAEL THOMSON .. 7
HARRY W. HOWARD .. 4	DENIS MADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Ryder, mother of the treble ringer.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD .. 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
FREDERICK ROSS .. 4	JOHN McDONALD .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID C. GREEN .. Treble	STANLEY HUCKLE .. 5
ROBERT F. GRISDALE .. 2	ERIC EDMONDSON .. 6
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. 7
GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

\* First peal.



RAINHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN W. COLEMAN .. .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 5
MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 2	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. .. 7
MONTY W. GILBERT .. .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.

\* 150th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. Clifford) and his wife; also a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Honour, a local ringer.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ROY K. MOWFORTH .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. .. 5
*MARGARET ESSEN .. .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 6
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. Treble	MALCOLM FOSTER .. .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY .. .. 6
*GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 3	FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 7
*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* 300th peal, all rung together.

Rung in honour of the 86th birthday of Herbert E. Turner, a ringer at South Anston for more than 70 years.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
At the Church of Emmanuel.

**A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In five methods: 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

*CYRIL F. LOW .. .. Treble	*JOHN GROVES .. .. 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. .. 6
*RONALD KENRICK .. .. 3	*PETER COXALL .. .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. .. 4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

\* First peal of 5-Spliced.

Rung for the 60th anniversary of the hanging of the bells.

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In six methods, comprising 1,440 London, 768 each of Ealing and Superlative, 704 Bristol, and 672 each of Cambridge and Rutland; with 134 changes of method.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR .. .. 5
*B. CLARE WEBSTER .. .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
*ALAN J. GRIFFIN .. .. 4	*FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Robin O. Osborne, B.A., inducted as Vicar of Woburn, December 11th, 1961.

WOBBURN GREEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul.

**A PEAL OF 5056 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. Treble	ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. .. 5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. .. 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 7
J. KEITH WARD .. .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Mon., Dec. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad.

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 5
FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN .. .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Treble	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. .. 2	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 6
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. .. 7
CLIFF RICHARDS .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 5
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 2	RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 6
ANNE FELLOWS .. .. 3	DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. 7
†EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

\* 100th peal. † First of Yorkshire.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.  
On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF 5120 PERIVALE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Composed by DENNIS KNOX.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*CYRIL W. HANCOCK .. Treble	MARTIN L. HOWE .. .. 5
OLIVE D. TESTER .. .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Surprise.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Luke.

**A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

CYNTHIA BIBBY .. .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 5
*BARBARA STEPHENS .. .. 2	CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 6
ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. .. 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT .. .. 4	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

\* First peal of Surprise. First in the method in the county, for the Society, and by all the band.

Rung in honour of the first ordination service to be held in this church for 700 years.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Vincent.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JAMES W. RAITHBY .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. 5
MARGARET A. PARKER .. 2	COLIN W. REED .. .. 6
*BERYL N. REED .. .. 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 7
LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. 4	GEOFFREY PAUL .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEOFFREY PAUL.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major. First as conductor.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

E. WINIFRED KEYS .. Treble	DAVID J. TAYLOR .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 6
ROBERT W. WAKE .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH .. .. 4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

PERIVALE SURPRISE MAJOR

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2nds place 1.-c. 13527486. 6ths place bob.

Tipler's A8/7.



## EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Ashead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastbury, Leatherhead, London, Maulden, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire: with 139 changes of method.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. Treble	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	*JACK S. DEAR .. 7
	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
\* 100th peal together. First of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

## GOLDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Superlative and Pudsey and 928 Bristol: with 98 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 25 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
RALPH BIRD .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
*STANLEY JENNER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.  
\* 100th peal. First of 5-Spliced Major as conductor.

## THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

REGINALD W. REX .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall; (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob.

PHILLIP STEVENS .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 4
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. 2	JOHN S. RANK .. 5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3	RONALD A. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD A. WRIGHT.

First peal in eight methods by all except the ringer of the fourth.

## ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 30 methods, being one extent of Stedman Slow Course, two of Westminster and Chesham, Blackburn and Broughton, St. Hilary and Ockham, New Bob and Itchingfield, Huntspill and Oakley, St. Vedast and Chipstead, St. Nicholas and Longford, Winchendon and Thornborough, St. Remigius and Hascombe, St. Simon's and Rugby, St. Martin's and Slapton, St. Osmund and Metton; three of Stedman, All Saints' and Grandsire; four of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

EDWARD F. FOSBERRY .. Treble	*BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 3
*JOHN S. RANK .. 2	*RONALD A. WRIGHT .. 4
	†BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal together. First of Doubles as conductor.

## WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM CROSSLEY .. Treble	DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	ERIC STAINROD .. 5
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

## WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FREDERICK E. WATSON .. Treble	†MICHAEL STIMSON .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
ROLAND H. COOK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* 200th peal for the Guild. † First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham and Surfleet; (3) Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Carlisle. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON .. Treble	*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2	†REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
*WALTER AYRE .. 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 200th peal together. † Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

## CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Sandal Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

TOM CROSSLEY .. Treble	*DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 4
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 5
R. GORDON CORBY .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal in nine methods.

## PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire; repeated twice.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	ROBERT HATCHER .. 3
JOHN HOPE .. 2	FRANK REED .. 4

A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

Rung to welcome home Her Majesty the Queen from her West African tour.

## GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST J. LAMBERT .. Treble	EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 3
GEORGE ATKINS .. 2	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. 4

WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, who is retiring and leaving the village.

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## BOXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Plain Bob and Double Bob. (2) Double Oxford Bob. (3) St. Clement's. (4) Oxford Treble Bob. (5) Kent Treble Bob. (6) Single Oxford Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERICK G. HOGAN .. Treble	†DAVID K. PUTNAM .. 4
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 5
JOHN W. COLEMAN .. 3	BERNARD GROVES .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First peal in eight methods 'inside.' † First in eight methods.

## BURMARSH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 30 methods: (1) Canterbury and Morpeth; (2) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annabel's London and Netherseale; (3) Chester, Munden, Newcastle and Alnwick; (4) Carlisle, Northumberland and Sandiacre; (5) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 145 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 4
RALPH BIRD .. 2	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The most methods rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

## CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) London. (2) York. (3) Durham. (4) Beverley. (5) Surfleet. (6) Ipswich. (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

JAMES L. TOWLER .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTmarsh .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

## GREETHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Court. (2) St. Clement's. (3) Oxford T.B.. (4) Kent T.B.. (5) 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HARRY COOK .. Treble	*ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
ROLAND H. COOK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

\* First peal of Minor in five methods.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Roy Walker and Miss Joyce Parker.

## KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Norwich Surprise. (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise. (5) Kent and Oxford. (6) Oxford. (7) Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JONATHAN D. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	PETER J. COLES .. 4
JOHN G. CULL .. 2	STANLEY HUCKLE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 3	GERALD PENNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

## MARSTON BIGOT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

EUNICE D. OVEREND .. Treble	†RAYMOND E. J. BAKER .. 4
*NIGEL T. ABBOTT .. 2	PETER J. H. WYCHERLEY .. 5
†BERNARD A. PAYNE .. 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

## FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) London Scholars and Kingston T.B.. (2 and 3) Kingston and Sandal T.B.. (4 and 5) Oxford T.B.. (6 and 7) Kent T.B.. Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM CROSSLEY .. Treble	DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	ERIC STAINROD .. 5
GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 3	TREVOR TARBATT .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR TARBATT.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 13, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

FRANK C. PRICE .. Treble	*RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4
*JOHN HILL .. 2	*DAVID J. TAYLOR .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

\* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

## ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES E. BREWER .. Treble	EDWARD H. LANGLEY .. 4
WILLIAM H. TARR .. 2	ARTHUR H. REED .. 5
*VALERIE CHURCHILL .. 3	NIGEL K. MAGGS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

\* First peal.

## STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER .. Treble	†A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 4
*JOHN HOPE .. 2	*ROBERT HATCHER .. 5
GEORGE COUSINS .. 3	FRANK REED .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First 'inside' in seven methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1961, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

AT 5, LIME TREE VILLAS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JANET I. PORTER .. 1-2	CHARLES BARKER .. 3-4
*RONALD DUCKER .. 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter.

## LINCOLN

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

AT 3, HONINGTON CRESCENT.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3-4
*JOHN FREEMAN .. 5-6	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods 'in hand.'

## BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Fri., Dec. 8, 1961, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes.

AT 65, MELTON ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1-2	DAVID F. MOORE .. 3-4
B. STEPMAN PAYNE .. 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEPMAN PAYNE.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 83, COLLEGE ROAD.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of April Day and ten each of Grand-sire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

*TREVOR A. CROSS .. 1-2	BERNARD GROVES .. 3-4
†MARTIN L. HOWE .. 5-6	

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

\* First handbell peal of Doubles. † First peal 'in hand.' First of Doubles in hand as conductor.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ASKERSWELL, DORSET.**—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Roper (first quarter) 1, C. H. Lathey 2, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, J. Davis 5, H. Crabbe 6.

**BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.**—On Nov. 29th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, Dorothy E. Beamish 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, H. C. Summers 4, L. M. Callow 5, P. Stone 6, H. E. Ashley 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary F. D. Thompson 1, Alison S. Murray 2, J. R. Norris 3, Susan J. Bercford 4, P. F. Romney 5, C. K. Stainton 6, K. C. Knight (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Confirmation service.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Nov. 26th, at St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,440 Spliced Major (St. Clement's, Little and Plain Bob): Miss H. Muirhead 1, H. E. Bishop 2, Miss A. Ince 3, J. R. Hough 4, L. R. H. Smith 5, M. L. J. Jordan 6, A. S. Hudson (first of Major as cond.) 7, H. C. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

**CARDIFF.**—On Dec. 14th, at St. John's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. T. Lewis 1, G. Upsdell 2, M. Simon 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, E. Hartley 5, D. Llewellyn 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, J. Pryor 8, T. Yeomans 9, W. Darr 10. A birthday compliment to Seymour Baker, late tower captain, a member of St. John's band for 50 years.

**COWLEY, OXON.**—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Brenda Martin 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, C. Bennett 4, W. Fern 5, P. Grainge 6. For all who were confirmed this day by the Bishop of Dorchester.

**DENHAM, BUCKS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Jennifer Drever 1, Ann Seymour 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, B. C. Collins (cond.) 5, C. Timmis 6, G. Harris 7, D. Seymour 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. Rung for Evensong.

**EAST COKER, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Turner 1, J. T. Barrett 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. D. W. Bishop 4, A. W. Dyer 5, H. E. G. Jeanes 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. P. Selway 8.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 10th, at St. Swithun's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Smithson 1, S. Lewis 2, M. J. Noble 3, J. A. Coates 4, J. Morris 5, R. G. Fanthorpe (first as cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey 1, Betty A. Tester 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, Ann George 5, J. E. Warner 6, S. Jenner 7, N. V. Greenaway 8. For Evensong.

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob): Miss F. Poole 1, Miriam Pettit 2, Marion Clarke 3, R. Huckle 4, R. Law 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Marion Clarke.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Erith 1, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 3, L. Ainger 4, H. Carter 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6. For Confirmation.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. M. Swaby (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, Miss A. Chadwell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, F. Reed 6, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 7, M. Munn 8. A welcome to Canon R. P. Price, of Christchurch, who was installed Dean of Hereford on December 9th.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, A. Grainger 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Matins.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,264 London Surprise Major: C. H. Rogers 1, Mrs. J. Dadds 2, G. Dadds 3, J. Euston 4, J. Pusey 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilkin 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Way (first away from tenor) 1, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 2, C. H. Rogers 3, M. J. Bangham 4, L. C. Way 5, D. Howell 6. Rung on the front six.

**KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Single Court Bob Triples: Mrs. D. Morgan 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, C. Peakman 3, A. E. Morgan 4, R. A. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes 7, F. Preston 8. First quarter of Single Court by all the band.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): A. Gargrave 1, R. Smith 2, F. G. Richardson 3, A. J. Boyack 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, C. E. Wilkington 6. Arranged and rung with the best wishes of the band for the 88th birthday of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, mother of the ringer of the third.

**LOCKING, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: David Booth (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Dances, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ruth Foreman 1, Olive Tester 2, P. Chapman 3, A. Bagworth 4, N. Bagworth 5, R. Abbot 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, C. Tester 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Dances, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Margaret E. Lewis 2, M. Sprackling 3, H. J. Eldred 4, C. Otley 5, C. Hughes 6, F. Ranson 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Rank 10. For Matins.

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,321 Grandsire Cinques: A. M. Tyler (cond.) 1, D. Jewell 2, C. Richards 3, D. Heighton 4, F. E. Hansford 5, P. J. Bird 6, B. Wyde 7, R. J. Bowden 8, J. Phillips 9, D. Randall 10, T. P. Edwards 11, T. Setter 12. First on 12 for 2 and 3. Rung by the A.S.C.Y. for Evensong.

**LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. Atcoy (first in six methods) 1, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, G. W. Rendell 4, R. D. Short 5, A. J. Lewis 6. The ringer of the second has 'circled' the tower as conductor to quarter peals, since the augmentation last April.

**MALMESEURY, WILTS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Tucker 1, J. R. Terry 2, P. Paginon 3, L. K. Grey 4, H. E. Backer (cond.) 5, J. E. Billings 6. In memoriam the Rev. L. W. Bealey.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. D. Deam 1, R. Jones 2, J. Chandler 3, M. Cozier 4, E. Miller 5. Conducted by 1 and 2. Rung for Advent Sunday. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dunkley 1, R. Jones 2, J. Chandler 3, E. Miller 4, N. D. Deam (cond.) 5. Rung for Feast of St. Nicholas, and for the birth of a son to Councillor Mrs. and Mr. Deam, a brother for the conductor.

**MONTFORD, SALOP.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hughes 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, R. Raven 3, G. Wetherhead 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, C. Gregory 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

**NEMPNETT THURBELL, SOMERSET.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,296 Mendip T.B. Minor: Sally Oates 1, Doreen Cox 2, D. E. Cobb 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

**NETHERTON, WORCS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Fellows 1, F. G. Handley 2, Y. Edwards 3, M. D. Fellows 4, H. J. Shuck 5, G. Westwood 6, W. Davies (cond.) 7, R. Chance 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. W. Hill (over 40 years a ringer in this tower), cremated this day. Also in memory of Mrs. Cooper, mother of H. V. and W. H. Cooper, of Stourbridge.

**NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Scott 1, Miss D. A. Yeates 2, C. J. Rees (first quarter) 3, Miss I. Thomson 4, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 5, G. R. Swann 6. Rung for Evensong, and also as a compliment to Robert Swann, who has been a ringer for over 60 years. It is also believed to be the first quarter.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 St. Andrew's Bob Doubles: Cherry Withell 1, M. Hawkes 2, Gay Williams 3, Judith A. Harding 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6. First in the variation by all the band. Rung at the Church of St. Andrew, within the octave of the Feast of St. Andrew.

**GLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pauline Bill (first quarter) 1, C. R. Tandy 2, J. E. Lawley 3, P. L. Bill 4, J. A. Tandy (cond.) 5, J. A. Roden 6.

**OXFORD.**—On Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: Judith A. Harding 1, Gay Williams 2, Cherry Withell 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. Hawkes 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Also on Dec. 10th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Gray 1, J. Venn 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Alls-worth (cond.) 5, A. E. Iving 6. Rung for Evensong, for the christening of Colin Vincent, grandson of the conductor, also for the great success of the Christian Responsibility Campaign which raised £23,000 against £22,000 target.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sadler 3, B. Sadler 4, Miss J. Rowe 5, J. Belcham 6, G. Sandwell 7, R. Tomlin 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, P. Sloman 10. Rung before a special service to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the translation of the Bible.

**PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Gore (first of Minor) 1, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 2, R. C. Hooper 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. Bennett 5, H. Taysom 6. Rung by an all Bristol Rural Branch band.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Coward 1, M. Sinden 2, Miss J. Rowe (first in method) 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Ward 1, G. Sandwell 2, M. Sinden 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,344 Spliced Triples (Grandsire, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's): C. Wright 1, M. Hallett 2, F. Gant 3, M. Sinden 4, G. Sandwell 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, A. Salisbury 8.

**RUSHALL, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Lucy Allen 1, Marlene E. Jones 2, Ann Barr 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong, by members of the Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band, with their good wishes to Miss Jill V. Morgan, of Lichfield, on the occasion of her recent engagement.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Dec. 9th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Atkinson 1, Christine Rimmer 2, Celia Bland 3, Alison Macfarlane 4, D. Fellows 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all and first of Surprise for all except 4. For evening service.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—On Dec. 10th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. Page 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams 2, Rev. R. Keeley 3, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 4, J. E. Daniels 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, E. J. Dool 8. Rung in memory of Rev. E. Farrow and for Evensong.

**SHERBURN-IN-HELMET, YORKS.**—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Edkins 1, P. Coyle 2, K. B. Sissons (cond.) 3, A. Sheppard 4, R. R. Warford 5, J. Potts 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, V. Rigg 4, E. C. Shepherd 5, P. D. Warren (cond.) 6, C. Bragg 7, T. Hayward 8. For Evensong.

**STANMORE, MIDDY.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Richman 1, V. Kant 2, A. Kett 3, S. White 4, B. Matthews (cond.) 5, L. Petchey 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. E. J. Leversuch, after 4½ years with the Post Office.

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Smith 1, F. Cook 2, Mrs. J. Sinfeld 3, J. Scott 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, D. Edwards (first quarter) 8.

**TWYNING, GLOS.**—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Anne M. Broxton 3, E. W. Penn 4, Albert Halling 5, Arthur Halling 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**WARMLEY, GLOS.**—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria M. Newton 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, H. Taysom 3, A. F. Lee 4, I. G. Smith 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R. Pearce.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, R. Bullivant 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, M. Foster (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (one 720 each of '2nd Hunt' and '4th Hunt'): Miss A. C. Rooke (first quarter) 1, F. Cooke 2, M. Foster 3, H. T. Rooke 4, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, G. Challans 6. Rung for Evensong on Advent Sunday. Also on December 10th, 1,320 Bourn Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Truman 1, T. E. Roberts 2, D. Burbidge 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, J. Linnell 5, G. Foddy 6. For Evensong.

**WUOD GREEN, LONDON.**—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Whittaker 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, M. Rowe 3, C. Aldridge 4, A. Spreadbury 5, H. J. Hazel (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of a daughter to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.



# A REVIEW OF MINIMUS

By GEOFFREY DODDS

(Continued from page 859)

## APPENDIX

### 1. PLAIN METHODS—SINGLE HUNT

There are eleven single-hunt, plain Minimus methods possible, eight of which are based on Bob methods and three on Court methods. (C.C.C. Handbook page 25.) Only three methods are Regular (E. Methods, C. (2) page 23) and these are in the first group.

A Plain Bob	B Reverse Bob	C Double Bob
1234	1234	1234
2143	2143	2143
2413	2413	2413
4231	4231	4231
4321	4231	2431
3412	4213	4213
3142	4123	4123
1324	1432	1432
1342	1342	1423

'Plain Bob' can be considered as a contraction of Oxford Bob, 'Reverse Bob' as a contraction of College Bob and 'Double Bob' as a contraction of St. Clement's Bob or Double Oxford Bob.

The remaining Bob methods are all irregular, since they include progressive places (i.e. Kent Places) instead of dodges and so require three blows in succession at lead or lie when the treble is not at the front or back.

D	E	F
1234	1234	1234
2143	2134	2143
2413	2314	2413
2431	3241	2431
4231	3421	4231
4213	4312	4213
4123	4132	4123
1432	1432	1432
1423	1423	1342

G	H
1234	1234
2134	2134
2314	2314
2341	3241
3241	2341
3214	3214
3124	3124
1324	1324
1342	1342

Some of the names of these are open to question, believe it or not. One would have thought that such simple patterns would have been easy to identify correctly. One hopes that the Methods Committee will give an authoritative decision in these cases before any more wrong names are used. These are the names used for the above methods:—

**D St. Martin's.**—Named in a peal at Randwick, Glos. on 3-5-61, this being the name used by P. B.-Knights in his article ('R.W.' October 11th, 1957, page 660). This method is nothing like St. Martin's Double (C.C.C. III(a) 13), in which the 1-2 places are made right. It is surely a contraction of Reverse St. Nicholas' Doubles (C.C.C. III(a) 7), and is in any case the reverse of Method H above. The error can be corrected if the band who rang the peal so wish and the conductor publishes this in a letter to 'The Ringing World'. (Geoffrey K. Dodd did so with two methods in the first peal at Newtown.) So, Mr. Drew, if you agree to this, we await your correction of the name. Until then, as Mr. F. T. Blagrove has informed me, the wrong name must stand. (Incidentally, it is also a contraction of St. Alphege Bob, C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 36.)

**E Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.**—This was originally named Newtown Place in the peal at Newtown, Hants. on 1-10-59, but was soon changed by the conductor, Geoffrey K. Dodd, on the advice of Alan Pink. This is the name used by P. B.-Knights and in the peals at Wapley, Glos. (24-4-61), and Randwick, Glos. (3-5-61). Mr. F. T. Blagrove claims that this is incorrect and should be Shipway's

Place Bob. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure on all numbers is Plain Bob with progressive places in 3-4 instead of dodging. (cf. C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 19.) Shipway's Place on all numbers is plain hunting below the treble and backward hunting above the treble, the linking places being made immediately above the treble. This gives 2nds place at the lead end and three blows behind as the treble approaches or moves from the back. (cf. C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 29.) I do not know which is right, but if the latter, then all three conductors, or at least the first, G. K. Dodd, would have to agree to the alteration.

**F Canterbury Pleasure Bob.**—Names in the peal at Randwick, Glos. (3-5-61). This name is that used by P. B.-Knights and the method is a contraction of C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 14, C.C.C. Minor, 'Plain' No. 12, etc. As with Method E, the name could well be Reverse Shipway's Place Bob and would be a contraction of C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 38, etc.

**G Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob.**—Named in the same peal at Randwick (3-5-61), and also by P. B.-Knights. There are only irregular even-bell extensions of the method. For the same reasons as before, it could be named Double Shipway's Place Bob. It is also a contraction of St. Hilary Bob or St. Gregory Bob, C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 27, 28.

**H St. Nicholas' Bob.**—This was originally named Canterbury Place in the peal at Newtown, Hants. (1-10-59), but, as with Method E, was soon changed on the advice of Alan Pink. This is the name used by P. B.-Knights and in the peals at Wapley (24-4-61) and Randwick (3-5-61). It is a contraction on method C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 17, i.e. dodging in 1-2 with 3rds and up below the treble and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure above. It should be noted that it is also a contraction of Westminster II Bob, C.C.C. Doubles III(a) 25.

Incidentally, it is of interest to note that many methods in the C.C. Doubles Collection do not conform to the Central Council Decision for Regular Methods. E(2) b. and so, presumably, should be excluded in any record length of 6,720 changes and upwards. These are the three Court methods.

I	J	K
1234	1234	1234
2134	2143	2134
2314	2413	2314
3241	2431	2341
3421	2341	2431
4312	2314	2413
4132	2134	2143
1432	1243	1243
1342	1423	1423

**I Single Court.**—Named in the peal at Randwick (3-5-61). This is the same method as P. B.-Knights' 'Court Bob' and it should be noted that it is the same as a conventional Bob course of Grandire.

**J Reverse Court.**—Named in the peal at Randwick (3-5-61).

**K Double Court.**—Named in the peal at Randwick (3-5-61).

These last three have the disadvantage of six blows at lead or lie, as in a touch of the irregular method Grandire Minor or Major. The last two were not mentioned in P. B.-Knights' article.

### 2 LITTLE ALLIANCE & TREBLE BOB METHODS

If the Central Council Decisions on Minor and Doubles are applied to Minimus, the Little and Alliance methods given by P. B.-Knights will be unpealable, as they cannot splice to form single extents. For what they are worth, however, it should be noted that 'New Gainsborough Little Bob' (treble to 3rds, 2nds place lead end) is a contraction of F. T. Blagrove's 'Ashford Little Bob' Doubles, named in a peal, I believe, and 'New Little Bob' should be renamed our old friend, 'Bastow Little Court' (treble to 2nds, far place lead end).

Grouped with these methods, producing 'double extents' are Treble Bob methods. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob are two obvious methods, but variations on these are:—

**Oxford T.B.** with 3rds at the half-lead, 2nds at the lead end, which is called Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.

**Kent T.B.** with 3rds at half-lead, 4ths at lead-end .. 3rds .. .. 2nds .. ..

**Reverse Kent T.B.** with 1sts at half-lead, 2nds at lead-end .. 3rds .. .. 2nds .. ..

**Double Kent T.B.** with 3rds at half-lead, 4ths at lead-end .. 1sts .. .. 2nds .. ..  
.. 3rds .. .. 2nds .. ..

All of these could have each bell in turn in place of the treble.

(To be continued)

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—A.G.M., Newland, Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney. 9373

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Essex, on December 30th, Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting in Memorial Hall. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford. Nearest station, George Lane (Central Line) or bus to Gates Corner.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Jan. 1st, 7 p.m. 9399



**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—K. Prime, High Street, Ashcott. 9368

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Kempston, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Cars will meet buses arriving at King William between 2.45 and 3.15 p.m. Other requests for transport invited.—R. L. Piron, No. 8, Bowhill, Bedford, Tel. 61835. 9364

**COVENTRY GUILD (South)**—Meeting at Wellesbourne, near Warwick, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing 6, followed by social evening 7 p.m. Names for tea and talent to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warks. Phone 8388. All are welcome at Wellesbourne. 9349

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Workington, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Bournemouth, 35, Brighbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington. 9367

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—General quarterly, Heanor (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 2nd—this is important.—B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 9317

**DEVON GUILD**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Babbacombe, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. All visitors welcome. 9279

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing in afternoon from 2.30. Social in evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9357

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9353

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—S.E. District.—Annual meeting, Great Waltham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 1st to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Barnwood (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 9327

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Hersham, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. 9342

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 9334

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Northern District.—Annual meeting will be held at Hitchin, January 6th at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wyomondley Road, Hitchin, by January 3rd.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9341

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m., St. Andrew's, Hertford. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall (St. Andrew's churchyard) 5 p.m. All Saints' open after tea. St. Andrew's also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, if possible, please, to Mr. G. Ditton, 37, North Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9325

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Weobley, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names early, please.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 9371

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Ashford District.—Meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8, recently restored) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H. 9358

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch)**.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. No name—no tea.—W. H. Dobbie, Sec. 9359

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drover's Way, Burton, Carnforth.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 9356

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Pearson, Sec. 9360

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Loughborough Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Fearon Hall. Names by 9th to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive.—C. W. Hall. 9354

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Syston District.—Annual general meeting, Syston, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Red Cross Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by the 3rd to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 9369

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Saturday, Jan. 6th: Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral, 5. Tea, Lyons'. London Bridge, 5.45. Business and 1962 nominations, Vestry, St. George-the-Martyr's, 6.30. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr's, 7.30 p.m.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL, 3921. 9352

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY**—Meeting, Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All ringers welcome.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 9326

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—G. Francis, Ringing Master. 9310

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Hethersett (8), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Method for practice, Hethersett Delight. Names for tea by Wednesday, 3rd, to R. G. Loft, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42 X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9323

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Diss, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 9372

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Emberton, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m.—R. W. Sear, Hon. Sec. 9374

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Long Buckby. Names by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9363

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing at St. Martin's afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 9338

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9372

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Division, Saturday, Jan. 6th, Warnham (8). Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.15. Ringing until 7 p.m., followed by social. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, to E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 9311

#### Guildford Diocesan Guild NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Saviour's Church Hall, off Woodbridge Road, Guildford, on Saturday, January 13th, 1962, at 6 for 6.15 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the Guildford Diocesan Guild/Surrey Association proposed merger. All paid-up members, whether honorary, ringing or junior, can vote. It is your duty to come and indicate your views for the future of your Guild.

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**UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION**.—Will anyone intending to come to the dinner in Manchester on January 6th who has not sent 16s. 6d. (undergraduate 12s. 6d.) write NOW to D. J. Roaf, Exeter College, Oxford. 9362

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th. St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Short business meeting in vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 9355

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**—South West District.—A.G. meeting, Brentwood, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 9361

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Awliscombe, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 10th, to Webb, Millhead Road, Honiton. 3229

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Heckington (8), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Methods: Little Bob, Yorkshire. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Dixon, 11, Kyme Road, Heckington.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 9370

**SUFFOLK GUILD**—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 9324

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 1962. Details later. 9366

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**—Preliminary notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held in Salisbury on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 1962. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 9332

#### NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES

The third Northern Universities' meeting was held on December 9th at Leeds, when the attendance was very good in spite of bad weather. Universities represented were Manchester, Sheffield, Durham, Liverpool and Leeds (hosts). Ringing began at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, at 2 p.m., and ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge and Bristol. This superb eight, with its large ringing room, was very much enjoyed. St. Michael's, Headingley, was open from 3 until 5 p.m. It was rather a squash to get everyone into the ringing room, but some good ringing took place, including Spliced Surprise.

After a short break for tea, we were met by Mr. Dove at the parish church, and good use was made of the 12 until 7 p.m. Touches of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques were rung, as well as rounds for beginners.

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